

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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A Simplified Template

Objectives of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

- Comprehensive Forest planning and prioritization
- Mechanism for federal agencies to give meaningful considerations to community priorities
- Open community debate regarding management options
- Provide maximum flexibility for communities to determine the substance and detail of their plans
- Merge the goals and objectives of the landowners with the needs and expectations of the community regarding fire risk reduction
- Coordinate fire protection strategies across property boundaries
- Coordinate the grant funding and federal program budgets to achieve the most effective results with limited funding

Resource Materials:

Available at the California Fire Alliance website (*insert hotlink*)

- Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003
 - Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, A Handbook for Wildland-Urban Interface Communities, (NACo, NASF, SAF, WGA) March 2004.
 - Field Guidance by National Association of State Foresters, June 27, 2003
 - Leaders Guide Supplement, International Association of Fire Chiefs
 - Fire Planning and Mapping Tools
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This document shall be known as the (name, for example: ABC county or XYZ communities) Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Step1 – Convene Decisionmakers

The decisionmakers for this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are:

- Local Government: (names of Board of Supervisors or city leaders)
- Local Fire Chief: (names of local fire chiefs)
- CDF Unit Chief: (name of local CDF unit chief)

These decisionmakers were notified on (date) and invited to participate in the development of this plan.

Step 2 – Involve Federal Agencies

The representatives of the federal agencies managing land in the vicinity of the communities are:

Agency	Representative	Date Invited to Participate
Forest Service	(name representative)	date
Bureau of Land Management	(name representative)	date
Park Service	(name representative)	date
Fish and Wildlife Service	(name representative)	date
Bureau of Indian Affairs	(name representative)	date
Tribal Governments	(name representative)	date
Bureau of Reclamation	(name representative)	date
Natural Resource Conservation Service	(name representative)	date
Other	(name representative)	date

Step 3a – Involve State/Local Agencies

The representatives of the state/local agencies that have jurisdictional responsibilities in the vicinity of the communities are:

Agency	Representative	Date Invited to Participate
State Parks and Recreation	(name representative)	date
California Department of Fish and Game	(name representative)	date
(Name) Resource Conservation District	(name representative)	date
Department of Transportation	(name representative)	date
Emergency management agencies	(name representative)	date
(Name) Water Districts	(name representative)	date
Other	(name representative)	date

Step 3b – Engage Interested Parties

The parties from our community that have shown interest in forest/fire management or may be interested in this CWPP are:

Interested Parties	Date Invited to Participate
Fire Safe Councils	date

Landowners	date
Recreation organizations	date
Environmental organizations	date
Forest products interests	date
Chamber of Commerce	date
Watershed councils	date
Resource Advisory Committees	date
City Council members	date
Homeowners associations	date
Utilities	date
Other	date

Step 4 – Establish a Community Base Map

Attached is a base map of the community(s) and adjacent landscapes of interest. Highlighted on the map are:

- The inhabited areas at potential risk to wildland fire and include:
 - (name specific locations that are of concern).
- Areas containing critical human infrastructure, such as escape routes, municipal water supplies, power or communication structures, including:
 - (name specific escape routes, municipal watersheds, utility corridors, etc).
- Areas of Community importance, including:
 - (name significant recreation and scenic areas)
 - (name the landscapes of historical, economic or cultural value)
 - (name landscapes designated as critical habitat)

After considering the location of the inhabited areas, the critical human infrastructure, and the risk of wildfire, the community has identified on the map, a wildland-urban interface (WUI) zone around the community assets, which in general includes the area within (designate a distance, such as 1.5, 5, 10 or 15) miles from the community or structure. Natural/man-made barriers have been used to define the boundary of the community base map (e.g. highways, ridgelines, rivers, etc.).

Step 5a – Develop a Community Risk Assessment

As designated on the base map, the following table lists the associated wildfire risk, as viewed by this (these) community(s).

Community, structure or area at risk	Fuel Hazard	Risk of Wildfire Occurrence	Structural Ignitability	Firefighting capability	Overall Risk
	High	High	High	High	High
	High	High	High	High	High
	High	High	High	High	High

	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes

The community intends to assess the progress annually and invite Agencies and landowners to submit projects that provide community protection. Additional projects will be displayed in an update appendix to this plan.

Step 8 – Finalize the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The (name of this CWPP) Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

- Was collaboratively developed. Interested parties and federal land management agencies managing land in the vicinity of [insert community(s) name here] have been consulted.
- Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect [insert community(s) name here].
- Recommends measures to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.

The following entities mutually agree with the contents of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

[insert a name and identify the applicable local government here– add as many lines as necessary]

[insert a name and identify the applicable local fire department here – add as many lines as necessary]

[insert Unit Chief's name here], Unit Chief
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Appendix Updated Project List 2007

Federal agencies and private landowners of the vegetation surrounding the identified communities, structure or areas of concern were invited to submit projects that provide protection and reduce risk. The following table displays a list of projects submitted and the community recommendations. (The community may also consider and add projects of its own development.)

Community, structure or area at risk	Project	Agency/ Landowner	Funding Needs	Time Table	Community Recommendation
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
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	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes
	(name)		Agency budget	2006	Yes

The following entities mutually agree with the contents of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan update:

[insert a name and identify the applicable local government here– add as many lines as necessary]

[insert a name and identify the applicable local fire department here – add as many lines as necessary]

[insert Unit Chief's name here], Unit Chief
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