***How to utilize the California Specific Three-Year Action Plan***

Please note that defensible space is required at all timesfor all buildings or structures within California’s State Responsibility Area under Public Resource Code 4291 and for Local Governments with designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones under Government Code 51182. Consult your local fire authority for local defensible space requirements if your community is outside of the land classifications above.

1. Double click in the header area and enter the name of your Firewise Community and enter the three-year span that this action plan will apply to.
2. Community description. Enter a brief description of your community, an example has been provided for you that you can delete.
3. Enter the year that will apply to the Year 1 efforts. Repeat this step for years 2 and 3, entering the consecutive years.
4. Utilizing the numbered bullet points enter the tasks that have been identified by your community. You can add or delete the number of tasks you have identified for your community; however, the Program Topics must be utilized.
5. The document will auto format as information is entered.
6. Once the document is completed it can be submitted through the Firewise Portal.

Helpful links for creating a three-year action plan.

NPFA Firewise USA, Time and Expanse Investment Examples ([Here](https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Firewise/Get-started/FirewiseTimeExpenseInvestmentExamples.ashx/))

CAL FIRE Defensible Space ([Here](https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/communications/defensible-space-prc-4291/?msclkid=60bae8b7c01b11ecb72096aeb8e2dbef))

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/?msclkid=250d5e8cc01c11ecaf542ff4f49f3e4f))

The Community of Whispering Woods Estates is in Shingletown, California. The Firewise boundary includes 43 parcels with 31 dwellings which are located within the wildland urban interface of the Cascade Mountain range. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received during the Fall 2022 Firewise Assessment. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally perform outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make the community fire resilient.

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| **Timeline** | **Program** | **Description/Mitigation** |
| **Year 1**  **(2023)** | Education & Outreach | 1. Host a Firewise Community wildfire preparedness event in October 2022 with educational materials that communicate defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation planning 2. Perform Risk Assessment with Wildfire experts. Complete, and submit Firewise application 3. Complete homeowner information spreadsheet to include unimproved property owners facilitating communication with land and homeowners 4. Established Firewise committee and held two meetings 5. Established method of storing, accessing, modifying, and sharing data. Established Firewise Committee email account for communication with the community 6. Provided information and encouraged community members to submit application for participation in the Lassen Fire Safe Council Shingletown WUI Fuel Treatment Project |
| Home Hardening | 1. Coordinate with residents to identify cost effective home hardening efforts 2. Identify potential Grant opportunities for home hardening and retrofit 3. Distribute education pamphlets provided by Cal Fire, Shasta Fire Safe Council, CA Fire Safe Council, and Firewise |
| Fuel Reduction | 1. Encourage residents to improve the non-flammable Immediate Zone (Zone 0) - including attached fencing 2. Identify ways to improve 30’-100’ zone defensible space 3. Lassen Fire Safe Council utilized PGE Resilience grant and has performed thinning fuel reduction for 6.5 acres of unimproved properties 4. Encourage absent landowners of unimproved lots to thin and remove Ladder fuels 5. Help to organize prioritization of private fuel reduction projects through outreach with Lassen Fire Safe Council, Shingletown Fire Safe Council, Shasta Fire Safe Council 6. Organize and document the volunteer expense and investments to satisfy the Firewise recognition requirement 7. Work with Shasta County for fuel reduction within 30’ of community water supply towers, electrical infrastructure, community well and wastewater areas 8. Share information with community regarding The Lassen Fire Safe Council efforts to develop a “fire break” on the Northern boundary and fuel reduction on the Northwest boundary |
| Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness | 1. Distributed Wildfire Action Plan Pamphlets provided by Cal Fire 2. Identified egress evacuation route needs improvement |

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| **Year 2**  **(2024)** | Education & Outreach | 1. Host the annual Firewise Community wildfire preparedness event with education materials that communicate defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation planning. Use the event to update the Firewise Community members on the Action Plan implementation progress and achievements 2. Host a Fire-Resilient Landscaping workshop 3. Host a Home Hardening and defensible space workshop 4. Develop Firewise information webpage with links to resources and potentially automate and document the volunteer expense and investments to satisfy the Firewise annual recognition 5. Create Facebook Page Group and utilize available social media for outreach (Next door app) 6. Educate community regarding available emergency alerting notifications including: CodeRed, Alert FM, community Facebook Emergency groups, Shingletown Emergency Radio Network (SER Net). |
| Home Hardening | 1. Encourage residents to improve the non-combustible Immediate Zone (Zone 0) 2. Identify options and encourage installation of skirting under decking, or porches attached to homes 3. Identify options and encourage replacement with non-combustible attachments to homes (fencing, decking, or porches) 4. Work with residents to identify cost effective home hardening efforts, including eave enclosures and/or screening 5. Identify potential Grant opportunities for home hardening and retrofit |
| Fuel Reduction | 1. Continue defensible space clearance Zone 0-100’ and document volunteer expense and investment forms to satisfy Firewise renewal 2. Encourage residents to improve vegetation management in the extended zones 30’-60’ and 60’-100’ 3. Work with absent landowners of unimproved lots to thin and remove Ladder fuels 4. Provide details to property owners regarding the existing Chipper program and community free slash deposit days |
| Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness | 1. Promote installation of reflective address signs by homeowners 2. Work with Shasta County Road Department to improve Emigrant trail egress route |

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| **Timeline** | **Program** | **Description/Mitigation** |
| **Year 3**  **(2025)** | Education & Outreach | 1. Host the annual Firewise Community wildfire preparedness event with education materials that communicate defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation planning. Use the event to update the Firewise Community members on the Action Plan implementation progress and achievements 2. Host a Home Hardening workshop 3. Host a Defensible Space workshop 4. Continue communication outreach via Firewise webpage with links to resources, Facebook Page group, and Next Door App 5. Continue Education regarding available emergency alerting notifications including: CodeRed, Alert FM, Community Facebook Emergency groups, Shingletown Emergency Radio Network (SER Net) |
| Home Hardening | 1. Encourage skirting installation under decking, or porches attached to homes 2. Encourage replacement with non-flammable attachments to homes (fencing, decking, or porches) 3. Encourage effective home hardening efforts, including eave enclosures and/or screening 4. Continue to work with absent landowners of unimproved lots to thin and remove Ladder fuels 5. Identify potential Grant opportunities for home hardening and retrofit 6. 10. |
| Fuel Reduction | 11. Continue to encourage residents to improve the non-flammable Immediate Zone (Zone 0)   1. Continue Defensible space clearance Zone 30’ – 100’ and document the volunteer expense and investments to satisfy the Firewise requirement 2. 12. |
| Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness | 1. Continue to educate residents about evacuation priorities and routes 2. Promote installation of reflective address signs by homeowners |