

How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan

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Please note that defensible space is required at all times for 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 page 2 header area and enter the name of your Firewise Community and enter the 3-year span this action plan will apply to.
- 2. Community description. Enter a brief description of your community. An example has been provided for you, but please replace with your own community description.
- 3. In the Year banner, 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 points, enter the tasks that have been identified by your community. You can add additional numbered tasks you have identified for your community; however, the Program Topics must be utilized.
- 5. To add additional goals under each category, simply use the last, pre-identified numbered point, to add as necessary.
- 6. The document will auto format and expand as information is entered.
- 7. 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 (<u>Here</u>)

CAL FIRE Defensible Space (<u>Here</u>)

Ready for Wildfire (<u>Here</u>)



Please enter a brief description of your community and delete the example below

Our local community with approximately 140 households is located within the wildland urban interface and intermix in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received during the Summer 2022 Firewise Assessment and an after-action review of the Tamarack Fire that affected the community. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient.

Year 1 - 2023

Education and Outreach Goals

- 1. Increase resident awareness of wildland fire danger through public meetings including the distribution of Defensible Space & Firewise literature.
- 2. Expand Community contacts and contact information
- 3. Work with the Alpine Fire Safe Council to create Firewise section to the Alpine Fire Safe Council website for information pertinent to the Marklee Village / Carson Ridge Community
- 4. Continue to inform the community members establishment of the firewise community, participation and its benefits
- 5. Continue to provide updates on fireside activities at HOA meetings

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Home Hardening Goals

- 1. Review educational materials and public outreach materials from the Alpine Fire Safe Council for specifics on home hardening techniques and provide recommendations for improvement.
- 2. Make individual homeowners aware of home hardening techniques through HOA meetings and literature 3.

Fuel Reduction Goals

- 1. Pursue maintenance of vegetation management adjacent to inhabited structures & vacant lots adjacent to inhabited structures within the boundary's of the community
- 2. Ensure members of the community are aware of and can access the community green waste voucher program available from the Alpine Fire Safe Council or Alpine County
- 3. Assess the fuels on vacant lots within the community



Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

- 1. Distribution of the Alpine County Evacuation Plan to ensure residents understand the importance of the "ready-set-go' planning
- 2. Conduct Firewise assessments of parcels within the community with Eastern Alpine Fire Department and CAL FIRE, to determine work necessary to be done
- 3. Expand, through advertisement, the Alpine Fire Safe Council Home reflective sign program

Year 2 - 2024

Education and Outreach Goals

- 1. Continue wildland fire awareness focusing on home ignition zones through distribution of literature
- 2. Reassess year one accomplishments review goals
- 3. Coordinate with local CALFIRE Unit Headquarters on an annual site visit with recommendations
- 4. Provide a hard copy information packet on Firewise to new members of the community, and continue to update the Firewise page on the Alpine Fire Safe Council website.
- 5. Continue to provide updates on fireside activities at HOA meetings

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Home Hardening Goals

- 1. Community meeting on specifically focused on home hardening techniques using CALFIRE literature from their public outreach page
- 2. Advocate for defensible space inspections by CALFIRE through the Alpine Fire Safe Council

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Fuel Reduction Goals

- 1. Expand pursuit of fuels treatment on unattended vacant lots in the neighborhood
- 2. Plan and schedule fuels reduction work around the community with the Alpine Fire Safe Council

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Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Conduct with the Fire Department & Sheriff neighborhood evacuation awareness and exercises



- 2. Develop and assign 'block captains'
- 3. Conduct FireWise assessments of parcels within the community with Eastern Alpine Fire Department and CAL FIRE, to determine work needed to be done

Year 3 - 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

- 1. Review and evaluate the effectiveness of the 2023 & 2024 education efforts. Pursue expanded awareness of wildland fire by incorporating results of evaluation and the CAL FIRE Hazard Threat Zone Map
- 2. Reassess year two accomplishments and review goals
- 3. Annual community outreach involving local fire agencies
- 4. Update community risk assessment
- 5. Continue to provide updates on fireside activities at HOA meetings

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Home Hardening Goals

- 1. Assess and review the Carson Ridge CCRs to ensure they include appropriate home hardening techniques
- 2. Encourage homeowners to keep the 0-30-foot zone free of most vegetation.

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Fuel Reduction Goals

- 1. Assess necessity for rework in neighborhoods previously fuels treated
- 2. Schedule and track community work days
- 3. Coordinate with Alpine County on enforcement of vacant lot ordinance

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

- 1. Conduct Firewise assessments of parcels within the community with Eastern Alpine Fire Department and CAL FIRE, to determine work needed to be done, and note accomplishments in the previous 3 years.
- 2. Encourage residents to have a personal evacuation plan, and practice it
- 3. Encourage residents to sign up reverse 911 notifications.





