

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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 (http://www.cafirealliance.org)

- 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

This document shall be known as the	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan.	

Step1 – Convene Decisionmakers

The decisionmakers for this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are:

•	Local Government:
•	Local Fire Chief:
	CDF Unit Chief:

These decisionmakers were notified on _____ 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

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

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

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:
- Areas containing critical human infrastructure, such as escape routes, municipal water supplies, power or communication structures, including:
- Areas of Community importance, including:

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

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

Step 5b – Develop the overall community priority

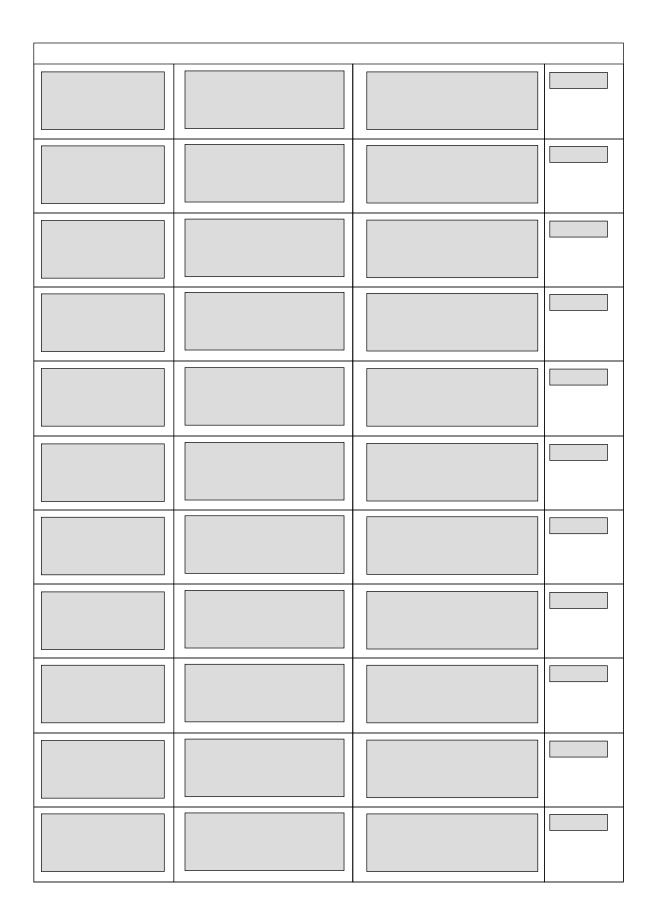
The priority rating reflects the overall risk and the community values.

Community, structure or area at risk	Overall Risk	Community Value	Cultural Value	Overall Priority

Step 6a - Community hazard Reduction Priorities

Based on the results of the community risk assessment, priority ratings have been selected for the communities and areas of community importance. The community recommendations for the type and method of treatment for the surrounding vegetation are listed in the following table.

Community, structure or area at risk	Type of Treatment	Method of Treatment	Overall Priority



Step 6b – Recommendations to Reduce Structural Ignitability.

Individuals and the community can reduce structural ignitability throughout the community by taking the following measures.

Step 7 – Develop an Action Plan and assessment Strategy

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

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	Community Wildfire Protection Plan:
•	Was collaboratively developed. Interested parties and federal land management agencies managing land in the vicinity of have been notified
•	Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect
•	Recommends measures to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.
The follow Protection	ving entities mutually agree with the contents of this Community Wildfire n Plan:
	, Unit Chief
California	Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Appendix Updated Project List

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

The following entities mutually agree with the contents of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan update:
, Unit Chief California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection