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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

## ***How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan***

*Template designed for PC and may have minor formatting issues on Mac*

Thank you for doing your part in protecting your community against wildfire. When possible, please seek guidance from your local fire official or your Firewise USA Regional Coordinator when completing this document, this inclusion can provide you and your community with peace of mind that experienced recommendations are focusing your community's time and efforts. Goals for this plan **must** include the "Recommendations" located on page 9 for the Firewise USA Risk Assessment document.

Also, as part of the annual renewal process communities must host one outreach event per year and work with neighbors on addressing items within the action plan as required by Firewise USA.

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, "Find examples of activities that count towards your investment" ([Here](#))

CAL FIRE Defensible Space ([Here](#))

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](#))

California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfire Information ([Here](#))

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

Pike is a sprawling rural community with approximately 110 residences situated on lots with a typical size of 5 to 20+ acres. The population is around 150. The area is in a wildland intermix zone surrounded by wildland of mixed conifer, madrones, oaks and manzanita. There is no hydrant system in the area, houses are on individual wells. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make the town and surrounding area more fire resilient.”

**Year 1 – 2024**

**Education and Outreach Goals**

1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.
2. Continue to Keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current.
3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Pike City FireWise Community | Facebook](#)
4. Participation in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.
5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.
6. Train at least 2 residents as defensible space advisors (we have had trouble getting this done)

**Home Hardening Goals**

1. 30% enclosure of porches and decks.
2. 30% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes.
3. 30% compliance with installation of 1/8” mesh screens over all vents.

**Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals**

1. Continue to encourage residents with large parcels (including SPI and USFS) to work on boundary areas and roadways especially potential evacuation routes.
2. Determine the availability of, and assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Apply for a planning grant to eventually make grants available to landowners who need help. A LIST OF INTERESTED RESIDENTS FOR BOTH ALLEGHANY AND PIKE WAS COMPILED IN 2023 and sent to the Sierra COUNTY FIRESAFE COUNCIL
3. Continue to work with PG&E our local utility to remove dangerous trees and excess vegetation from around power lines.

**Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness**



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1. Include evacuation resources in educational information sent to residents under “educational outreach”.
2. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Everbridge the county’s evacuation notification system (It has changed 3 times in as many years) [Wildfire preparedness resources - Pliocene Ridge Community Services District](#)
3. Work with Sierra County Sheriff’s Office and OES to put together an evacuation plan. Sierra County OES was recently reorganized.

### Year 2 - 2025

#### Education and Outreach Goals

1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.
2. Continue to keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current.
3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Pike City FireWise Community | Facebook](#)
4. Participate in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.
5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.
6. Utilize electronic sign at firehouse to alert residents of firewise events.

#### Home Hardening Goals

1. 50% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes
2. 50% compliance with installation of 1/8” mesh screens over all vents
3. 80% compliance with fire resistant roofing (most houses have metal roofs).

#### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to encourage residents with large parcels (including SPI and USFS) to work on boundary areas and roadways.
2. Continue to assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Apply for grants with the assistance of Cal Fire and Sierra County Firesafe Council and OES.
3. Continue to work with PG&E our local utility to remove dangerous trees and excess vegetation from around power lines.



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**Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness**

1. Implement a “buddy system” for neighbors. Go over evacuation plan with residents when/if completed.
2. Encourage all residents to get radio scanners.
3. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Everbridge the county’s evacuation notification system with both a cell phone and a landline if possible. [Wildfire preparedness resources - Pliocene Ridge Community Services District.](#)

**Year 3 - 2026**

**Education and Outreach Goals**

1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.
2. Continue to Keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current
3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Pike City FireWise Community | Facebook](#)
4. Participation in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.
5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.
6. Encourage residents to get reflective address signs.

**Home Hardening Goals**

1. 60% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes.
2. 60% compliance with installation of 1/8” mesh screens over all vents.
3. 60% enclosure of porches and decks.

**Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals**

1. Continue to encourage residents with large parcels (including SPI and USFS) to work on boundary areas and roadways.



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2. Continue to work with the Sierra County Road Crew to clear vegetation from potential evacuation routes.
3. Continue to work with PG&E our local utility to remove dangerous trees and excess vegetation from around power lines.

**Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness**

1. Continue to work with the Sierra County Road Crew and property owners to clear vegetation from potential evacuation routes.
2. Continue to make residents aware of everbridge and encourage them to get scanners.
3. Conduct an annual evacuation drill.