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How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan

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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

The Crest Northeast community with approximately 31 households is located within the wildland urban interface of the unincorporated area of San Diego County. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received from the 2024 Firewise Risk Assessment performed by San Miguel Fire and Rescue. The goal of the Plan is in line with the Crest Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and is to incrementally expand Firewise outreach and education throughout our community, and implement efforts to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient.

Year 1 – 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Utilizing our partnership with Crest Fire Safe Council, San Miguel Fire & Rescue and CalFire, ensure distribution of up-to-date information on defensible space and home hardening guidance for community events.
2. Provide Firewise-related literature for residents at all community events and include in the “welcome packets” for new residents.
3. Conduct 2 community meetings for outreach and education on available grants and programs to residents to improve their defensible space and harden their homes.
4. Conduct 2 community meetings where San Miguel Fire & Rescue and CalFire personnel provide education to residents on the 3 Zones and the importance of the removal of combustibles within those Zones.
5. Create messaging on the Crest Fire Safe Council website, specifically dedicated towards Crest Northeast Firewise Community strategies
6. Educate the Crest community on FireWise designation and assist in organizing other residents to become FireWise Community

Home Hardening Goals

1. Have community lead for Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants present information at 2 community meetings regarding grant eligibility for installation of ember resistant vent upgrades
2. Per risk assessment, 50-74% of residents had no wooden attachments. Increase compliance by 5% by identifying projects that could benefit from grant funding for fire rated materials.
3. Per risk assessment, greater than 75% of homes were clear of debris in their gutters. Increase by 5% to boost compliance by implementing focused outreach to encourage clearing debris from roofs and gutters regularly.
4. Explore home hardening initiatives and grant funding to assist elderly/low-income/disabled residents to

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meet home hardening goals.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Apply for community grants to perform chipping and clean-up events to assist residents to create defensible space and reduce fuels.
2. Work with Subregional Planning Group for Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Dehesa to address fuels reduction in the Stoneridge County Preserve
3. Per risk assessment, between 25-50% of the homes have taken proactive measures to reduce fuels in the 3 Zones. The goal is to boost compliance by 5% by becoming a FireWise community in order to provide incentives to residents for prioritizing treatment of defensible space zones.
4. Coordinate and document volunteer efforts and expenses to fulfill the requirements for Firewise “good standing” recognition to support incentives for residents to clear Immediate to Extended Zones.
5. Hold a minimum of 2 chipping and clean-up events, including curbside chipping.
6. Provide information to residents on the importance of eliminating vegetation in the Immediate Zone (0-5 foot) to create proper defensible space.

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

1. Educate the community on Ready, Set, Go
2. Educate the community on the Crest PACE map and ensure all residents have access or knowledge of where they can obtain this information
3. Monitor progress of San Diego County to establish and maintain fuel breaks along the following key evacuation roads: • La Cresta Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Suncrest Truck Trail: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Mountain View Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides.
4. Apply for grant for an additional 200 reflective house number signs for free distribution to residents.
5. Apply for grant for official street signs for private roads for free distribution to residents
6. Inform residents on the importance of providing Knox gate switches for automatic gates for first responder access
7. Work with San Diego County Animal Response Team (SDCART) to create a procedure/protocol to assist residents with large animals during an evacuation.

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Year 2 - 2026

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold 2 community meetings with local fire agencies to discuss risk assessments and the importance of replacing wooden attachments with noncombustible materials and removing combustible foliage and materials with noncombustible alternatives in the 3 Zones.
2. Enhance messaging on the Crest Fire Safe Council website, specifically dedicated towards Crest Northeast Firewise Community strategies.
3. Provide Firewise-related literature for residents at 4 community meetings
4. Conduct 3 outreach and education meetings regarding grants and programs available to residents for improvement of their defensible space and hardening of their homes.
5. Continue to educate the Crest community on FireWise designation and assist in organizing other residents to become FireWise Community
6. Establish the neighborhood ambassador initiative, to spread word in the community about Crest Northeast Firewise Community.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Per risk assessment, greater than 75% of homes were clear of debris in their gutters. Increase by 5% to boost compliance by implementing focused outreach to encourage clearing debris from roofs and gutters regularly.
2. Offer home inspections for residents to ensure code compliance and possible vulnerabilities and/or defensible features
3. Implement 1 home hardening initiative to assist elderly/low-income/disabled residents to meet home hardening goals.
4. Through community outreach, increase by 5% the number of residents applying for the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants for ember resistant vent upgrades
5. Per the risk assessment, 50-74% of homes had no wooden attachments. Increase by 5% through community education events outlining risks of wooden attachments, and options for replacement reimbursement through local grants.
6. Provide 1 event for one-on-one assistance to residents to apply for Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation grants for home hardening.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

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1. Apply for community grants for chipping and clean-up events to assist residents to create defensible space and reduce fuels.
2. Hold a minimum of 3 chipping and clean-up events, including curbside chipping events
3. Per risk assessment, between 25-50% of the homes have taken proactive measures to reduce fuels in the 3 Zones. The goal is to boost compliance by an additional 5% in each Zone by exploring incentives for residents to prioritize treatment of defensible space zones.
4. Per risk assessment, 25-50% of the residents had combustibile free area in the 3 Zones. Increase by 5% by providing information to residents on the 3 Zones being a priority for selectively removing and thinning of vegetation, eliminating ladder fuels, limbing trees up to a minimum of up to 6' and removing trees away from chimneys.
5. Increase by 5% the number of residents applying for the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants for defensible space and fuels reduction
6. Provide information to residents on the importance of reducing vegetation 20' along their driveways to create proper defensible space.
7. Monitor via Subregional Planning Group for Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Dehesa to ensure progress on fuels reduction in the Stoneridge County Preserve

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

1. Work with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to create a procedure/protocol to assist non-ambulatory residents during an evacuation.
2. Provide education at 2 community meetings on the Crest Primary/Alternate/Contingency/Emergency (PACE) Evacuation map and ensure all residents have access or knowledge of where they can obtain this information.
3. Develop flyer of cellphone applications and websites for residents to access during emergencies.
4. Monitor progress of San Diego County to establish and maintain fuel breaks along the following key evacuation roads: • La Cresta Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Suncrest Truck Trail: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Mountain View Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides.
5. Submit request to San Diego County to improve and upgrade Suncrest Truck Trail (STT) to qualify as an alternative evacuation route for westbound evacuation of affected residents in the event of wildfire.

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Year 3 - 2027

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Work with Crest Fire Safe Council, San Miguel Fire & Rescue and CalFire to provide educational fire prevention information/videos to the community via the CFSC website on defensible space and home hardening guidance.
2. Conduct 3 outreach and education meetings regarding grants and programs available to residents for improvement of their defensible space and hardening of their homes
3. Establish dialogue with other FireWise communities and/or Fire Safe Councils to share best practices for program advancement.
4. Expand the neighborhood ambassador initiative, to spread word in the community about Crest Northeast Firewise Community.
5. Work with local county library to display/distribute Firewise-related educational literature
6. Hold 2 community meetings with local fire agencies to review community progress in increasing defensible space and review areas of concern to reduce fuels reduction in the 3 Zones.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Increase the number of home inspections for residents by 5% to identify code compliance, possible vulnerabilities and/or defensible features
2. Provide to residents at a minimum of 2 community events one-on-one assistance in applying for Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation grants for home hardening.
3. Expand by 5% increase home hardening initiatives based on grant funding to assist elderly/low-income/disabled residents to meet home hardening goals
4. Per risk assessment, greater than 75% of homes were clear of debris in their gutters. Increase by an additional 5% to boost compliance by implementing focused outreach to encourage clearing debris from roofs and gutters regularly.
5. Through community outreach, increase by an additional 5% the number of residents applying for the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants for ember resistant vent upgrades
6. Per the risk assessment, 50-74% of homes had no wooden attachments. Increase by an additional 5% through community education events outlining risks of wooden attachments, and options for replacement

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reimbursement through local grants

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Identify/apply for additional community grants for future chipping and clean-up events to assist residents in creating defensible space and reducing fuels.
2. Hold a minimum of 4 chipping and clean-up events, including curbside chipping events
3. Per risk assessment, between 25-50% of the homes have taken proactive measures to reduce fuels in the 3 Zones. The goal is to boost compliance by an additional 5% in each Zone by providing incentives for residents to prioritize treatment of defensible space zones.
4. Perform community survey to determine progress of Zone 0 progress and vegetation 20' along the driveways to create proper defensible space.
5. Per risk assessment, 25-50% of the residents had combustible free area in the 3 Zones. Increase by an additional 5% by providing information to residents on the 3 Zones being a priority for selectively removing and thinning of vegetation, eliminating ladder fuels, limbing trees up to a minimum of up to 6' and removing trees away from chimneys
6. Increase by an additional 5% the number of residents applying for the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grants for defensible space and fuels reduction by providing them one-on-one assistance on grant applications.

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

1. Have San Diego County provide updates and a timeline for maintaining fuel breaks along the following key evacuation roads: • La Cresta Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Suncrest Truck Trail: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides. • Mountain View Road: Clear 50-100 feet of vegetation on both sides.
2. Provide updated educational material at 2 community meetings on the Crest Primary/Alternate/Contingency/Emergency (PACE) Evacuation map and ensure all residents have access or knowledge of where they can obtain this information.
3. Monitor progress of San Diego County on the improvements and upgrades to Suncrest Truck Trail (STT) to qualify as an alternative evacuation route for westbound evacuation of affected residents in the event of wildfire.
4. With assistance from first responders/Sheriff Dept, install proper signage to designate evacuation routes.

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