

WILLOW CREEK
FIREWISE ACTION PLAN



The Willow Creek Community Assessment update was reviewed and accepted by the Willow Creek Firewise Board/FSC on June 5, 2014. Subsequently, the following action plan was updated and agreed-upon by the Board/FSC. Firefighters with the Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department provided guidance for the development of the assessment as well as the action plan.

Given the strengths and capacity of the local fire protection and prevention community and existing and potential supporting budgets, it was determined that the fire safety of the community can best be served by implementing the following short term actions. Community members and organizations will also continue to coordinate with the Six Rivers National Forest on planning vegetation management projects in the federally owned wildlands. The following action plan specifically focuses on actions that address what can be done within the home ignition zone and within high risk community areas.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIME-LINE
Update and revise Willow Creek Community Assessment and Firewise Action Plan.	The Willow Creek Fire Safe Council (FSC)/Firewise Board - with assistance from the Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department (WCVFD), Willow Creek Community Services District (WCCSD), Cal Fire, and the U.S. Forest Service, Lower Trinity Ranger District Staff.	May 2014
Host the “Willow Creek Fire Safe Fair & Youth Firewise Day”; Willow Creek’s annual Firewise event. The fair frontlines fire preparedness and fire prevention techniques, attracting 15 to 20 information booths each year. This Firewise event is a great way for the community to kick off the fire season.	The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board and all community and fire service partners.	Annually in May

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<p>Host “Skycrest Lake Youth Fish Derby and Firewise Day” in Burnt Ranch. This is Burnt Ranch’s annual Firewise event. This event frontlines fire preparedness and fire prevention techniques, and attracts 10 to 12 informational booths each year. This Firewise event kicks off the community’s fire season.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board, Trinity County FSC, community members, and fire service partners.</p>	<p>June 2014</p>
<p>Assist Cal Fire and California Conservation Corps with their Fuel Reduction Projects (California SRA Fee Grants) in the Willow Creek Greater Area (Brannan Mtn. Rd./Hwy 96 behind medical center, low housing apartments, and Trinity Valley School; Southside of Downtown Willow Creek and east side of Bigfoot Subdivision), by way of being the Community Liaison, contacting landowners and obtaining permission for fuel work, assisting with mapping and flagging work areas, and assisting with removal of brush. Approximately 18 acres will be treated to break up the continuity of wildfire fuels and make the neighborhood less vulnerable to damage from wildfire.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board, Cal Fire, CCC, and participating landowners.</p>	<p>December 2014</p>
<p>Hold twelve Neighborhood Cleanup Days. Assist property owners with the task of removing the byproduct debris from reducing flammable vegetation on their lots. Grants make it possible to offer the use of a dump trailer to haul the debris to a biomass facility and a Cal Fire chipper will be used where possible to chip material on location. These days will also be used as an opportunity to hand out educational materials and offer free home risk assessments.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board and participating property owners with support from past PG&E Grants and Cal Fire.</p>	<p>December 2014</p>

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<p>Hold ten Sheriff Work Alternative Program (SWAP) Work Days. Thin the buildup of flammable vegetation along community roads and public properties to reduce the wildfire hazard.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board, and the SWAP.</p>	<p>December 2014</p>
<p><u>Completed action item:</u> Create and publish the “Living with Fire in the Lower Trinity” brochure. This publication will contain Firewise educational material with community residents as the intended audience. Information covered in the publication will include community wildland fire/emergency preparedness, home ignition prevention, evacuation and access issues, domestic and wild animal rescue, and wildland Urban Interface issues. It will address many of the issues brought up in the Community Assessment.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board - with articles submitted by and/or support received from local residents, fire service personnel, the Mendocino County FSC, and local, state and federal agency staff.</p>	<p>Completed 2011</p>
<p><u>Completed action item:</u> Complete planned neighborhood fuels reduction projects. Funding has been secured from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service to reduce flammable vegetation in four Willow Creek neighborhoods. Work is being planned for areas near Camp Kimtu, the Bigfoot Subdivision, Hodgson Hill, and between Brannan Mt Road and Highway 96 near Trinity Valley Elementary School. Approximately 38 acres will be treated to break up the continuity of wildfire fuels and make the neighborhoods less vulnerable to damage from wildfire.</p>	<p>The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board - with assistance from U.S. Forest Service, Lower Trinity Ranger District Staff and a contractor.</p>	<p>Completed 2011</p>

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIME-LINE
<p><u>Completed action item:</u> Ten property owners complete wildfire hazard reduction work funded through the Humboldt County Fire-adapted Landscapes and Safe Homes (FLASH) program. A home risk assessment is provided with this program and mitigation recommendations are made for reducing fire hazards in the home ignition zone. The County received funds for this program from the U.S.D.A Forest Service.</p>	<p>Property owners with assistance from FLASH Technicians, The Willow Creek FSC/Firewise Board, County of Humboldt Grant Administration Staff, and the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council as fiscal sponsor.</p>	<p>Completed 2012-2013</p>