

PART 4: PLANNING UNIT ACTION PLANS, INTRODUCTION

The Planning Unit Action Plans provide an individual wildfire analysis for each of the fourteen planning units within Humboldt County. The planning unit boundaries were determined based on several considerations, including geographic divisions such as watershed basins, distribution of community groups, and the jurisdictional boundaries of fire protection services. The fourteen Planning Units in Humboldt County are:

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| 1. Redwood Park | 8. Humboldt Bay Area |
| 2. Upper Yurok Reservation | 9. Kneeland—Maple Creek |
| 3. Mid Klamath | 10. Eel |
| 4. Hoopa | 11. Mad—Van Duzen |
| 5. Trinidad | 12. Mattole—Lost Coast |
| 6. Redwood Creek | 13. Southern Humboldt |
| 7. Willow Creek Area | 14. Avenue of the Giants |

The purpose of the following chapters is to inspire and guide action towards community wildfire preparedness and adaptation. They are intended for use by community members, organizations, and agencies working and living within each unit. They are not meant, however, to serve as regulatory or management plans. Instead, they provide an overview of the wildfire environment, examine various factors contributing to wildfire risks, and assess the level of emergency preparedness and fire protection capabilities within each planning unit. Community values and concerns, expressed during a series of public workshops, are reflected and incorporated into every chapter.

Each Planning Unit Action Plan concludes with a list of action recommendations tailored to the needs of each unit, taking into account existing capacity for implementation and level of preparedness. The **priority action recommendations** are based on a review and evaluation of community-identified fire planning features, other relevant plans, and the findings of the Humboldt County risk assessment. Based on this analysis and a growing understanding of local capacity and potential supporting resources, actions determined to have the greatest potential impact were selected as priorities while potential actions, organized by countywide CWPP goal category, are included in an *Action Catalogue*.

The unit action plans follow the same format and in many cases, share similar content given the common risks and challenges faced by various communities across the county. They are designed as stand-alone documents that can be used, for the most part, independent of the countywide CWPP or the other unit-specific plans. Each of the following unit action plans contain the following sections:

1. **UNIT DESCRIPTION:** PROVIDES A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE UNIT AREA.
2. **ASSETS AND VALUES AT RISK:** INCLUDES ASSETS AND VALUES AT RISK, INCLUDING THOSE IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT CWPP WORKSHOPS.
3. **WILDFIRE ENVIRONMENT:** DESCRIBES THE FACTORS AFFECTING WILDFIRE HAZARD SEVERITY IN THE UNIT, INCLUDING FIRE HISTORY, RISK OF STRUCTURAL IGNITION, AND AVAILABLE WATER RESOURCES.
4. **FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITIES:** LISTS LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION RESOURCES AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION. CHALLENGES FACED BY LOCAL FIRE SERVICE ARE DISCUSSED.
5. **EVACUATION:** PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ON EVACUATION PLANNING IN THE UNIT.
6. **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS:** DESCRIBES LOCAL FIRE PLANNING GROUPS AND EFFORTS, WHERE THEY EXIST.
7. **LOCAL WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLANS:** SUMMARIZES EXISTING PLANS AND DOCUMENTS DEVELOPED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS OR OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES.
8. **COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL PROJECTS:** DISCUSSES THE THIRD ITERATION OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CWPP AND LISTS PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THAT PROCESS.
9. **ACTION PLAN:** PROVIDES A LIST OF PRIORITY ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE FIRE SAFETY WITHIN THE PLANNING UNIT.