

Milford Firewise® Community Action Plan

Upon the development and subsequent adoption of the Milford Community Assessment document on August 21, 2014, discussion was held regarding the need to develop a “Community Action Plan”. The Community Action Plan is a list of actions the community can take in order to systematically address the recommendations presented in the Assessment.

An Action Plan was drafted and was approved by the Milford Firewise® Board on September 18, 2014. The list of actions that are reasonably achievable by the community are listed below. This Action Plan may be reviewed annually and amended as the Milford Firewise® Board feels is necessary.

The Milford Community Action Plan consists of the following:

- 1.) **Work to on local roads to maintenance and improve evacuation routes** – Work to improve local the private road system throughout the community. Many of these roads are property owner owned and issues have arisen when maintenance of these roads is needed. The community will work towards resolving these issues with these home/property owners by any means possible to ensure that all roads are accessible should evacuations from wildfire be required.
- 2.) **Annual Firewise® Activity Days** – Conduct annual “Firewise® Activity Days”. These annual events are activities provided to bring attention to the community of the need to create and maintain the individual homeowner and property owners’ defensible space, evacuation routes, etc. These events may be educational or actual laborious activity to remove vegetation from around homes and buildings, improve the roads within the community, etc. or both.
- 3.) **5 Year Review of Community Action Plan** – This is an opportunity to review the Community Action Plan update the plan and make any additions to the plan that would be relevant to the overall community safety from wildland fires.

With the funding assistance from the Lassen County Board of Supervisors by providing SRSA, Title III funds to conduct a fuel treatment project and educate the community on the Firewise® Communities/USA Program, we have addressed our annual requirement to conduct a Firewise® day activity within the community by providing an opportunity on June 26, 2014 for residents to learn about the Firewise® Communities program as well as the hazardous fuels removal project.

Work on action item number 1 will require significant funding to provide for road improvements sufficient enough to allow for passenger vehicles to exit the community should a wildfire event occur. Due to the fact that this will require that private property owners allow and work with the community to make road improvements and regular maintenance on these roads agreements will need to be negotiated that would allow this activity. These discussions may take several years to accomplish.