

Spalding Firewise® Community Action Plan

Upon the development and subsequent adoption of the Spalding Community Assessment document 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.

A meeting was held on August 27, 2014 to develop and approve the list of actions that are reasonably achievable by the community.

The Spalding Community Action Plan consists of the following:

- 1.) **Establish an alternative evacuation route** – Due to the fact that there is only one improved evacuation route for the use of the community, the Spalding Firewise® Board would like to look into the creation of an alternate route. This project consists of the identification of an alternative evacuation route within the community, as well as planning, development, improvements, and funding source(s) necessary to improve and provide for the use of the evacuation route for passenger vehicular evacuation from the community should the primary route become unusable/compromised.
- 2.) **Annual Firewise Activity Days** – Conduct annual “Firewise® Activity Day(s)”. 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. At a minimum, Spalding will conduct at least one Green Waste Day event per year, as well as any educational or actual laborious activity to remove vegetation from around homes, buildings and access route, etc.
- 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 our annual Green Waste Day event, we have addressed our annual requirement to conduct a Firewise® Day Activity within the community by providing an opportunity for residents to dispose of their accumulated green waste from around their homes and property. Our Firewise® activity was conducted during the period of June 28th through July 3, 2014.

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 require the evacuation of the community, and the primary evacuation route becomes compromised. Due to the fact that this alternative route would traverse through USFS lands, successful talks with the USFS will have to be conducted and agreed upon in order for this project to have the hope of moving forward.