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How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan

Template designed for PC and may have minor formatting issues on Mac

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. 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.
2. To add additional goals under each category, simply use the last, pre-identified numbered point, to add as necessary.
3. The document will auto format and expand as information is entered.
4. 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, Time and Expanse Investment Examples ([Here](#))

CAL FIRE Defensible Space ([Here](#))

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](#))



Boulders Truckee Firewise Community Community Wildfire Action Plan 2025-2027



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Community Description

The Boulders community located in Truckee, California has 220 condominiums and six single family homes. This proposed Firewise USA Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received from local Truckee Fire representative, Maria Marsh and the Boulders Firewise Committee. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to ensure all residents in the Boulders participate in home hardening and increase their defensible space to reduce wildfire risk. Additional work will be done to educate the HOA and residents on the updated Zone 0-5 feet regulations and how to use the Code Red system to be able to receive communication during an emergency/ including wildfire.

Year 1 – 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Inform residents of defensible space work occurring
2. Encourage all residents to sign up for an account with Town Square so they can receive Boulders email communications.
3. Offer opportunity to schedule Firewise speakers to speak to the HOA board.
4. Develop plan for April-September Firewise community newsletter that will be distributed through the email system that will include community education.
5. Work with HOA board during annual budget development to include Firewise projects.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Begin upgrade of vents by changing 50% of vents with 1/4" screening to 1/8" screening
2. Make sure all residents clear space under their decks of debris.
3. Get bids for home hardening work that will include replacing mulch in the 5 foot zone with gravel.
4. Screen decks or install metal flashing or hardiboard on the south facing exterior units.
5. Advise HOA board to use Fire Safe materials list for any improvements to roofs, siding, decks.



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Fuel Reduction Goals

1. HOA Board with assistance from Firewise Committee will hire tree trimmers to cut tree branches to a minimum of 6 feet from ground & 10 feet from homes and above the roof line.
2. HOA Board to hire Firewise educated landscape company to expand defensible space in common areas.
3. Recommend clearing and cleaning rain gutters and roofs.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Share evacuation plan with mapped routes on the website.
2. Include evacuation information in resident email communication.
3. Post on website signup information for Nevada county alert systems

Year 2 - 2026

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Review at an HOA board meeting accomplishments and progress on home hardening.
2. Work with landscape contractor and HOA board to continue focus on fire resistant landscaping.
3. Send new residents links to key Firewise information on website.
4. Continue plan for April-September Firewise community newsletter that will be distributed through email system that will include community education.
5. Work with HOA board during annual budget development to include Firewise projects.

Home Hardening Goals



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1. Continue upgrade of vents by changing remaining 50% of vents with ¼” screening to ⅛” screening.
2. Educate on eave and soffit enclosures.
3. Educate about use of Fire Safe decking.
4. Begin installing metal flashing or hardy board on vulnerable units located around exterior of complex.
5. Recommend clearing and cleaning rain gutters and roofs.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Maintain and improve Zone 0 maintenance & defensible space.
2. Maintain and Improve mitigation in Zones 1 & 2.
3. Maintain ladder fuels on trees to 6 feet from ground around homes & in common area.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Review and test evacuation routes and maps
2. Remind residents during fire season to have grab-n-go bags ready
3. Remind residents about clearing decks of flammable materials prior to evacuation.



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Year 3 - 2027

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Present during an HOA Board Meeting progress and goals for the year. Possibly have Truckee Fire or an insurance person speak to Board.
2. Continue education by sharing Firewise links through HOA emails and posting on website.
3. Send new residents Firewise information including Firewise zone and home hardening and defensible space, evacuation, & grab n go bag info.
4. Work with HOA board during annual budget development to include Firewise projects.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Review status of prior year home hardening goals..
2. Continue installation of metal flashing or hardy board on vulnerable units that weren't addressed in 2026.
3. Recommend clearing and cleaning rain gutters and roofs.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue maintenance and improvement of defensible space in Zones 0-2.
2. Get bids for defensible space work on the southern boundary.
3. Tree trimmers and landscape contractors to continue work on combustible fuel reduction and plant spacing in common areas.



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Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparation

1. Review and test evacuation routes and maps.
2. Develop a plan to streamline communication between owners and their renters in an emergency.
3. Remind residents about clearing decks of flammable materials prior to evacuation.
4. Remind residents during fire season to have grab-n-go bags prepared.