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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*

Thank you for doing your part in protecting your community against wildfire. When possible, please seek guidance from your local fire official or your Firewise USA Regional Coordinator when completing this document, this inclusion can provide you and your community with peace of mind that experienced recommendations are focusing your community's time and efforts. Goals for this plan **must** include the "Recommendations" located on page 9 for the Firewise USA Risk Assessment document.

Also, as part of the annual renewal process communities must host one outreach event per year and work with neighbors on addressing items within the action plan as required by Firewise USA.

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. Double click in the page 2 header area and enter the name of your Firewise Community and enter the 3-year span this action plan will apply to.
2. Community description. Enter a brief description of your community. An example has been provided for you, but please replace with your own community description.
3. In the Year banner, enter the year that will apply to the Year 1 efforts. Repeat this step for years 2 and 3, entering the consecutive years.
4. 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.
5. To add additional goals under each category, simply use the last, pre-identified numbered point, to add as necessary.
6. The document will auto format and expand as information is entered.
7. 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, "Find examples of activities that count towards your investment" ([Here](#))

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

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](#))

California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfire Information ([Here](#))

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*Please enter a brief description of your community and delete the example below*

Alleghany is a small historical gold mining town located in the steep terrain of Kanaka Creek in the Tahoe National Forest. The 2020 Census recorded 56 full-time residents. Additionally, there are approximately 26 part-time residents with second homes here. There are 42 residential structures and 9 commercial structures in the town. Most structures are wooden and over 60 years old. The area is in a wildland intermix zone surrounded by wildland of mixed conifer and oaks with manzanita. The town is overgrown with non-native Himalayan blackberries and perennial sweet peas. Scotch-broom is also present. The population is mostly low-income. The town has a spring-fed water system with a 150,000 gallon water tank above town. There are 13 fire hydrants, two fire stations, a small park, an operating gold mine plus an AT&T and a PG&E substation. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make the town surrounding area more fire resilient.”

### Year 1 – 2024

#### Education and Outreach Goals

1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.
2. Continue to Keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current.
3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Alleghany FireWise Community | Facebook](#)
4. Participation in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.
5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.
6. Train at least 2 residents as defensible space advisors (we have had trouble getting this done)

#### Home Hardening Goals

1. Repair the town’s water tank which is leaking, work is scheduled to begin in early 2024. This feeds the fire hydrants.
2. 30% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes.
3. 30% compliance with installation of 1/8” mesh screens over all vents.

#### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to prioritize the widening of all potential evacuation routes. This includes working with the appropriate landowners and the Sierra County Road Department.
2. Determine the availability of, and assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Apply for a planning grant to eventually make grants available to landowners who need help. A LIST OF INTERESTED RESIDENTS FOR BOTH ALLEGHANY AND PIKE WAS COMPILED IN 2023 and sent to the Sierra



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COUNTY FIRESAFE COUNCIL

**3. Continue to provide access to the firesafe trailer for hauling vegetation to the dump.**

### Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

**1. Phone tree maintained by the water district, updated regularly. We need to work on the “buddy system” more. Additionally, Sierra County OES is supposed to be working on evacuation plans.**

**2. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Everbridge the county’s evacuation notification system (It has changed 3 times in as many years) [Wildfire preparedness resources - Pliocene Ridge Community Services District](#)**

**3. Install a second siren in Alleghany.** A considerable amount of work was done with Sierra County OES in 2020 through 2022 to apply for funding for the second siren in Alleghany. This included getting two estimates, conducting a sound test and providing information for the historical building registry. Then the funding (homeland security grant) was directed to a different project. Additionally, Sierra County OES has recently been restructured, this basically has put us back at “square one”.

## Year 2 - 2025

### Education and Outreach Goals

**1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.**

**2. Continue to keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current.**

**3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Alleghany FireWise Community | Facebook](#)**

**4. Participate in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.**

**5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.**

**6. Post defensible space illustration in at least two public places.**

### Home Hardening Goals

**1. 50% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes**

**2. 50% compliance with installation of 1/8” mesh screens over all vents**

**3. 80% compliance with fire resistant roofing (most houses have metal roofs).**

### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals



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1. Continue to prioritize the widening of all potential evacuation routes. This includes working with the appropriate landowners and the Sierra County Road Department
2. Continue to assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Apply for grants with the assistance of Cal Fire and Sierra County Firesafe Council and OES.
3. **Continue to work with PG&E our local utility to remove dangerous trees and excess vegetation from around power lines.**

### Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. In addition to keeping the phone tree updated, implement a “buddy system” Go over evacuation plan when/if completed.
2. Encourage all residents to get radio scanners.
3. **Conduct annual siren test & evacuation drill.**

### Year 3 - 2026

#### Education and Outreach Goals

1. Annual mail-out to all residents that includes firewise information plus instructions for how to participate and where to find resources.
2. Continue to Keep website <https://www.plioceneridge.org/firewise> current
3. Continue to interact with residents via facebook page [\(20+\) Alleghany FireWise Community | Facebook](#)
4. Participation in at least one “Town Hall” meeting with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Cal Fire, USFS, The local fire dept. and Sierra County OES invited.
5. Continue to offer defensible space inspections.
6. Encourage residents to get reflective address signs.

#### Home Hardening Goals

1. **60% compliance with 5 foot no vegetation and 100 foot reduced vegetation around homes.**



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2. 60% compliance with installation of 1/8" mesh screens over all vents.
3. 10% homes with fire-proof siding, assuming all roofs are metal.

### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to reduce fuel load within Alleghany proper as much as possible. Much of the common land is owned by the 16 to 1 Mine. They want help and are on the list for the planning grant.
2. Continue to work with the Sierra County Road Crew to clear vegetation from potential evacuation routes.
3. Continue to work with PG&E our local utility to remove dangerous trees and excess vegetation from around power lines.

### Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Continue to work with the Sierra County Road Crew to clear vegetation from potential evacuation routes.
2. Get Sierra County OES to assist with an evacuation plan.
3. Conduct an annual siren test and evacuation drill.