

Central, Brookside, Veyo, Gunlock, Wildfire Preparedness Plan

PART III: RISK REDUCTION GOALS/ ACTIONS

Goals of Plan: Provide a brief statement under the Prevention, Preparedness, Mitigation and Maintenance goals. These should align with the pillars of the National Cohesive Strategy and the Utah Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy (1. Resilient Landscapes 2. Fire Adapted Communities 3. Wildfire Response).

Identification of Actions: Provide detailed project information. These projects/actions can be mapped/tracked in the Utah WRA portal and should be consistent with a Cooperative Agreement in compliance with the Wildfire Policy if applicable.

GOAL A: PREVENTION – Activities directed at reducing the occurrence of fires, including public education, law enforcement, personal contact.

Goal A.1 – Community will develop and implement a comprehensive <u>emergency response plan.</u>			
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
<p>1. GOAL: To develop a Community Evacuation Plan</p> <p>Objective: To provide direction to the residents of the communities within the NW District for Fire Planning on local and general evacuation steps in case of wildland fires by 5/10/2014</p> <p>Method: The fire department in charge will determine the need to evacuate and will help control of the evacuation process. Any such evacuation will be coordinated with the County Emergency Services. Each community within this jurisdiction will develop a map showing evacuation routes and assembly areas. It is intended that emergencies will be dealt with the lowest level affected and which is capable of coping with the emergency. Local officials of the affected area will contact the County Emergency management Director to evaluate the emergency and determine what action and recourses are required. Initiate local or general evacuation as appropriate.</p> <p>Community: Designate a community evacuation route. Designate a fire safety assembly area, i.e., open field, parking lot, etc. When necessary, report to the assembly area to await further instructions from the evacuation coordinator. (Sheriff's Department.)</p>	<p>To be completed by 1-1-2019 to be followed up and reviewed yearly</p>	<p>Northwestern Special Service District</p> <p>Fire council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">High</p>

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<p>2. GOAL: To use emergency notification system. The Everbridge system (reverse 911)</p> <p>Objective: Promote the community members to register their cell phones.</p> <p>Method: If the cell phone is not registered, emergency alerts will not be received. Register at: http://911register.com</p> <p>Responsibilities: CERT Block Captains, and Residents will pass information by word of mouth and telephone, and assist the physically impaired residents when required.</p>	<p>[Evaluated each year]</p>	<p>[Northwestern Special Service District Fire Council]</p>	<p>[High]</p>
<p>3. Goal: Check on the extension of the Mountain View Lane for egress (Emergency escape route). Check with Nick Gliden, Dixie National Forest, for the lock on the gate.</p>	<p>[]</p>	<p>[]</p>	<p>[]</p>
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<p><i>Notes, updates ,and monitoring</i></p> <p>[An appendix of an evacuation process with the call down list needed for the area has been added. Any resident with a land line and those that have registered their cell phones (911register.com) will be notified by the Everbridge system, other residents will be contacted by the Sheriff's office in the event of evacuation. It has been predetermined that residences asked to evacuate will shelter in Veyo at the LDS church. CERT block captains will coordinate with the fire personnel to assist when activated.]</p>			

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GOAL B: PREPAREDNESS – Activities that lead to a state of response readiness to contain the effects of wildfire to minimize loss of life, injury, and damage to property. Including access to home/community, combustibility of homes/structures and creating survivable space.

Goal B.1 – Evaluate, upgrade and maintain community wildfire preparation			
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
Form and maintain a Wildfire Preparedness Council a. Chairman b. Vice Chairman c. In-kind Coordinator d. Grant Coordinator e. Secretary f. Fuels Project coordinator	[October 2018 On-going]	[Fire council]	[High]
Organize events to attract individuals to become members of the wildfire committee (BBQ, dinners, fairs, etc.)	[Each year]	[Fire Council]	[High]
<i>Notes, updates, and monitoring</i> []			

Goal B.2 – Educate community members to prepare for and respond to wildfire.			
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
1. Participate in public meetings including: 2. Use model or demonstration projects to show homeowners and developers how to accomplish a particular fire-wise idea, i.e., how to construct a defensible space that is visually pleasing and will protect the home from a wildland fire 3. Develop Internet Website to include: (see Resources column) (possibly involving older youth to volunteer)	[Twice a year]	[Presentations by the Forest Service, Presentations by the Bureau of land Management, Northwestern Special Service District, Fire Council]	[High]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps with area high risk zones labeled • Information on creating defensible space and other firewise tips • Include event calendar to show education events/demonstrations, community meetings, community workdays with related details • Resources for Community Fire Planning materials lists, i.e., available videos for community use 	[Yearly]	[Northwestern Special Service District, Fire Council, Washington County Emergency Services]	[High]

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from Community Fire Council members presented, i.e., fuel management, evacuation planning, etc. • Provide information on how to become involved in local volunteer program • Highlight community successes, i.e., “Before/After” photographs of a particular home/lot defensible space project, and other spotlights on projects accomplished. • Self-protection measures • Fire prevention messages • Information on prescribed burns and related first aid info listed • Community guest book for commentary <p>Initial PR regarding new website and other education programs to be distributed in community water bills. Establish a video library resource for community</p>		<p>Forestry Fire and State Lands FMO</p> <p>Homeowners’ Associations</p>	
Hold open houses in each area to help educate community about the hazards of fire, and introduce the ready set go program.	Every Spring	Northwestern Special Service District, Fire Council	Med
Veyo BBQ – present firewise information, set up booth.	Every Sept?	Fire Council, USFS, Washco Emergency Services	Med
Chipper day at Central Fire station or the refuge station.	Every year	Fire Council, Fire Warden	High
<p><i>Notes, updates, and monitoring</i></p> <p>Maps of water sheds, hydrant locations, and evacuation routes are attached in Appendix B.</p>			

Goal B.3 – Address identified regulative issues impacting community wildfire prevention and response needs.			
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
Ensure that contractors and new home owners incorporate firewise factors in new construction.	On going	Property owners Builders, Northwestern Special Service District, Washington County Building Department, Fire Council	Med
Fire council will encourage residents in the community to clean up around lots	On going	Fire Council	Med

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3. GOAL: To develop plans and guidelines for the provision of temporary l

Encourage potential Eagle Scout projects to update address identification on residences, lots. a. Reflective numbers larger than 3".	2019	Fire Council Eagle Scout	Med
<i>Notes, updates, and monitoring</i> 			

Goal B.4 – Evaluate response facilities and equipment.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
1. Seek input from the Volunteer Fire Department about equipment needs.	Ongoing	Northwestern Special Service District. Fire Council	Med
2. NWSSD will improve and expand the Emergency Notification System, Community Alert System with utilization of emergency audible sirens.	Ongoing	Washington County Emergency Services Northwestern Special Service District.	High
3. Increase number of volunteer firemen serving at Central and Brookside, Veyo, and Gunlock Fire Stations. <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize this recruitment for volunteers willing to be available during 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Ongoing	Northwestern Special Service District. Homeowners' Associations, Fire council	Low
3. Residents will be encouraged to register their cell phones with register911.com	On going	Northwestern Special Service District, Fire Council	Med
<i>Notes, updates, and monitoring</i> Register911.com is the way for Everbridge and County Dispatchers to notify residents that have cell phones of emergency notifications.			

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GOAL C: MITIGATION – Actions that are implemented to reduce or eliminate risks to persons, property or natural resources including fuel treatments and reduction.

Goal C.1 – Decrease fuels within the community to reduce wildfire impact in and around the community.			
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
<p>1. This commitment is to deplete flammable fuels and ladder fuel within the community for the sole purpose of protecting lives and properties.</p> <p>These aims will be achieved by creating defensible spaces, “clumping” retained trees and shrubs, and eliminating all flammable vegetation and materials from the ground fuel chain.</p> <p>Steps involved to accomplish these goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect and assess, by lot/property, the necessary work needed to comply with protective standards. • Evaluate and communicate results and communicate recommendations to owners. • Prioritize lot/property risks to most expeditiously reduce community wildfire spread conditions. • Recruit and assist each and every owner in working within the plan. <p>Additionally, we will address such items as firewood storage, heater maintenance, fire resistant plants, and storage of any flammable liquids</p>	Ongoing	Fire Council	High
Encourage property owners to mark above-ground propane tanks	Ongoing	Fire Council	Med
<p>Identify road access problems and implement improvements, particularly on Stagecoach Dr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with the land owners to decrease the fuel load. b. Remove vegetation that has encroached over the road and made passing vehicles almost impossible. Possible widening of the road. 	Ongoing	Fire Council, Northwest Special Service District	Med
Areas of interest: Canal area, Dominion Energy area, NFS piles	End on 2018	Fire Council	High
<p><i>Notes, updates, and monitoring</i></p> <p>The fuel break project on Forest Service Land needs to be updated and maintained. The current fuel break is just over 90 acres and is rapidly filling in with new growth that is compromising the effectiveness of the fuel break. Experience has shown that it is very difficult to defend fuel breaks with 90 degree corners, and the invasion of cheat grass into the existing fuel break needs to be reversed. A new, wider fuel break, and an authorization</p>			

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for the use of herbicides to maintain the fuel break into the future is needed to help safeguard the community. The new improved fuel break should employ “green stripping” which makes use of less fire-prone vegetation, such as forage kochia, within the fuel break as an added protection. Another safe-guard to consider is employing a fire break. This is a 12-18 inch wide area that is devoid of vegetation. The mineral soil fire line should run the length of the fuel break, enabling suppression resources more options (including back-firing) with which to fight the fire. |

Goal C.2 – Work with local, state and federal fire officials to decrease fuels on private and adjacent public lands to reduce wildfire intensity and impact in and around the community.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
The Northwest Fire Service District will assist the County Fire Warden with the Hwy 18 corridor mitigation project.	On going	Northwest Fire Service District, Washington County Fire Warden, Fire Council	High
Work with the Forest Service to help maintain the existing fire-break.	On going	Northwest Fire Service District, Washington County Fire Warden, Fire Council	High
<i>Notes, updates ,and monitoring</i> 			

GOAL D: MAINTENANCE – the process of preserving actions that have occurred including fuel treatments and reduction.

Goal D.1 - Regularly evaluate, update and maintain project commitments.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:
Evaluate wildfire plan twice a year.	Ongoing	Northwestern Fire Service District	High
Reach out to the community and recruit member into the fire Council	Ongoing	Fire Council	High
<i>Notes and updates</i> 			