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FIREWISE ACTION PLAN



On December 19, 2011, The Orleans Community Assessment was reviewed and accepted by the Orleans Firewise Board, also known as the Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council (OSB FSC), and an agreement was made to seek Firewise recognition. Subsequently, the following action plan was created and agreed upon. Firefighters with the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) providing guidance for the development of the assessment as well as the action plan.

Given the strengths and capacity of the local fire protection and prevention community, and existing and potential supporting budgets, it was determined that the fire safety of the community can best be served by implementing the following short-term actions. The following action plan specifically focuses on actions that address what can be done within the home ignition zone and within high risk community areas.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIME-LINE
Post road or driveway signs on at least ten currently unmarked locations.	OVFD, OSB FSC, CAL FIRE, Humboldt County	<i>Summer</i> 2012
Mechanical fuels reduction , including brushing and pile burning and mowing on 50 acres of private property. Controlled burning for fuels reduction will also be accomplished on 10 acres of private property.	OSB FSC	<i>Spring</i> 2012
Five property owners complete wildfire hazard reduction work funded through the Humboldt County Fire-adapted Landscapes and Safe Homes (FLASH) program. A home risk assessment is provided with this program and mitigation recommendations are made for reducing fire hazards in the home ignition zone. The County received funds for this program from the U.S.D.A Forest Service.	MKWC (administers the FLASH program in Orleans)	<i>Winter</i> 2012
Host an annual Firewise event .	OVFD and OSB FSC	2012
Construct a Fire Information Sign that will also act as a display of Firewise Certification.	OSB FSC and OVFD	<i>Summer</i> 2012

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIME-LINE
Encourage five landowners to participate in the Blue Dot program . Place blue dots on draw sites and on home owner's driveways and water sources.	OVFD and OSB FSC with aid from Humboldt County Staff	<i>January/February 2012</i>
Update the Emergency Response booklet	OVFD and OSBFSC	<i>January/February 2012</i>
Host two additional outreach events in which Firewise materials will be available for the public.	OVFD and OSBFSC	<i>Late Spring 2012</i>