

## Upper Jacoby Creek Firewise Action Plan



The Upper Jacoby Creek Community Assessment was reviewed and accepted by the Upper Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee on December 21, 2012, and it was decided to seek Firewise recognition. The following action plan was created and agreed to by the Committee. Firefighters with CAL FIRE provided guidance for the development of the assessment and the action plan and the nearby Arcata Fire Department was consulted.

Given the capacity of the local community and potential supporting resources, it was determined that the fire safety of the community can best be served by implementing the following short-term actions. Progress will be directly proportional to the community's ability to access funding and other supporting resources. The following action plan specifically focuses on actions that address what can be done within the home ignition zone, within high risk community areas, and throughout the community in general.

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| <b>Host an Annual Firewise Event.</b> This event showcases strategies that residents can use to reduce their risk to loss from wildfire and highlights community Firewise projects and accomplishments.  | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, CAL FIRE, local residents, Jacoby Creek Land Trust</b> | <b>Spring 2013</b> |
| <b>Maintain Defensible Space Throughout Entire Community.</b> Encourage residents to assist and collaborate with their neighbors to keep home ignition zones free of fuels. Maintain defensible space on properties of absentee landowners and elderly or disabled persons, who may be unable to meet the physical demands required of fuels reduction; and prevent build up of hazardous fuels on abandoned properties as well. | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, property owners and local residents</b>                | <b>Ongoing</b>     |
| <b>Make Fire-Safety Information Available to Community Members.</b> Utilize the Bayside Grange as an informational resource. Create a bulletin board containing fire-safety materials and notices about upcoming community events. Use the venue for community meetings and workshops.   | <b>Bayside Grange, Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, CAL FIRE, local residents</b>          | <b>Spring 2013</b> |
| <b>Enhance Fire Protection Water in the Community.</b> Seek funding to update the  | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee,</b>  | <b>Fall 2013</b>   |

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| community water system. Replace 5 antiquated water tanks with newer models. Create “Fire Water” labels and affix blue reflective dots to 12 unmarked tanks in the community. Community members will collaborate to compile a map or diagram of water sources in the area for firefighter use.   | <b>Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, property owners</b>   |                    |
| <b>Create Highly Visible Road and Address Signs.</b> Post green, reflective signs for at least 10 currently unmarked locations.   | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, Road Association, property owners</b>   | <b>Summer 2013</b> |
| <b>Improve Road Conditions for Emergency Access.</b> Work with the local Road Association to make repairs on Garden Lane and associated side roads and driveways where they are in poor condition and could inhibit firefighting apparatuses.   | <b>Road Association, Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee</b>  | <b>Fall 2013</b>   |
| <b>Reduce Hazardous Fuels Along Roads and Near Power Lines.</b> Conduct roadside vegetation clearance along Garden Lane and associated side roads and driveways as needed and coordinate with PG&E to remove hazardous fuels under the power lines throughout the community.  | <b>Road Association, Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, PG&amp;E</b>  | <b>Fall 2013</b>   |
| <b>Evacuation Planning.</b> Conduct evacuation preparedness outreach in the community and identify several options for evacuation sites such as “Ron’s Flat”.   | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee</b>  | <b>Summer 2013</b> |
| <b>Disaster Planning.</b> Develop a Phone Tree List containing contact information for residents within the community, as well as contacts outside of the area. This contact list can be used to spread and share information throughout the community and request help in emergency situations. Explore options for installing a local emergency alarm system such as a bell or siren. | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee</b>  | <b>Summer 2013</b> |
| <b>Preventing Home Fires.</b> Provide home fire safety information. Such information will include brochures about the importance of chimney inspections along with a list of local cleaning services. Also provide information about the proper use and maintenance of fire extinguishers.  | <b>Jacoby Creek Firewise Committee, Northcoast Chimney Sweep and other reputable cleaning services, Arcata Fire Department, local residents</b> | <b>Ongoing</b>     |