



Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan Community Outreach Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF), Pacific Southwest Region

The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (FSC) oversaw production of the Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan (MFPP), with a “Consultant’s Draft” produced in 2004. In an effort to bring the Plan’s proposals—as well as general fire safety education—to Humboldt citizens, County Planning staff undertook an extensive Community Outreach Project. The project received partial funding from the Economic Action Program via SRNF. Under the guidance of the FSC, the County and its consultants visited the following 24 locations between September 2004 and March 2005, beginning in the most rural areas of Humboldt County:

Locations of Humboldt County Community Fire Planning Meetings

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| 1. Shelter Cove | 9. Redwood Valley | 17. Arcata |
| 2. Garberville | 10. Orick | 18. Fieldbrook |
| 3. Benbow | 11. Willow Creek | 19. Samoa Peninsula |
| 4. Alderpoint | 12. Ferndale | 20. Blue Lake |
| 5. Briceland | 13. Petrolia | 21. Kneeland |
| 6. Bridgeville | 14. Orleans | 22. Trinidad |
| 7. Miranda | 15. Bayside | 23. Greater Eureka Area |
| 8. Palo Verde | 16. McKinleyville | 24. Rio Dell |

These meetings were usually cosponsored by the local fire department and/or local FSC. Together with CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection, and where adjacent, SRNF and Bureau of Land Management staff, residents were informed of: 1) The Humboldt Master Fire Protection Plan, 2) Local Fire Protection Services, 3) Fire Safe Councils, and 4) Fire Safety and Defensible Space.



Equally important, residents informed the FSC (via County planning staff) on local issues and priorities related to wildfires. A mapping exercise was conducted where residents colored in different issues on large-format maps of their area. These issues included: values at risk, wildfire risk and hazard areas, existing fuel reduction efforts, fire protection resources (especially water), and projects for reducing wildfire risks. The projects were then prioritized by those present to result in a list of priority projects for each community. The priority projects and GIS mapping data are being incorporated into the final MFPP. The MFPP will be integrated into the County’s Updated General Plan, to reduce fire risks to future developments.



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