

*The following is a brief summary of the information contained in each of the CWPP documents to help in your review of the Public Draft. Comments are due Sept. 15.*

## **Executive Summary**

**Living with Wildfire: Santa Monica Mountains CWPP Overview and Summary** is an abridged version of the entire CWPP, including risk assessment results and the action plan.

## **Part I: Chapters**

**Chapter 1 – Introduction to the Santa Monica Mountains Community Wildfire Protection Plan** is an introduction to the document and to the Santa Monica Mountains. Parts of this chapter are intended for readers unfamiliar with the Santa Monica Mountains.

**Chapter 2 – Santa Monica Mountains Fire-Safe Planning Process** summarizes this CWPP’s public process, outlining the steps taken to meet the collaboration requirements of a CWPP.

**Chapter 3 – Wildfire: Current Environment and Behavior** introduces and summarizes wildfire concepts and issues in the Santa Monica Mountains. A basic introduction to fire science is provided for residents who want to better understand it.

**Chapter 4 – Community Fire Safety Starts at Home** describes the *home ignition zone* and what local residents can do to help ensure that their families, homes, and properties are best prepared to survive wildfire.

**Chapter 5 – Fire Ecology and Management of Santa Monica Mountains Vegetation Types** summarizes the common types of plant communities found in the Santa Monica Mountains, their *fire ecology*, and conservation and fuel management considerations.

**Chapter 6 – Santa Monica Mountains Community Context** describes the social, political, and community-planning context in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, including a discussion of land ownership and management. This chapter also introduces fire protection resources and issues. It was written to facilitate better integration of wildfire safety efforts with the area’s existing planning and land management.

**Chapter 7 – Risk Assessment: Identifying and Evaluating Assets at Risk** summarizes human and natural assets at risk from wildfire, and the community risk assessment process and results.

**Chapter 8 – Santa Monica Mountains CWPP: Action Plan** identifies activities to reduce risks and hazards from wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains, allowing residents to more safely coexist with the frequent wildfires in this area and reducing the number of fires that start here.

**Chapter 9 – Facilitating Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safety in the Long Term** discusses monitoring and ongoing steps to maintain and update this CWPP.

## **Part II: Community Fire Safety Action Plans**

The 17 Community Fire Safety Action Plans, which are specific to the neighborhood planning units listed below, contain a summary of the data and the maps gathered from community meetings. These documents include a short description of the issues in each unit and a list of priority actions.

**Plan 1–4 - Malibu Beaches** includes the beach communities of Malibu and Point Dume. The four planning units that make up this area are grouped together in one document.

**Plan 5 - Decker Canyon – Encinal Canyon**

**Plan 13 - Corral Canyon – Pepperdine University**

**Plan 6 - West Malibu**

**Plan 14 - Upper Rambla/Las Flores – Tuna Canyon**

**Plan 7 - Zumirez Canyon – Puerco Canyon**

**Plan 8 - Malibu Civic Center**

**Plan 9 - Cross Creek – Carbon Canyon**

**Plan 10 - La Costa – Peña Canyon**

**Plan 11 - Ventura: Rancho Guadalupe –  
Yerba Buena Cyn.**

**Plan 12 - Sycamore Canyon – Upper Latigo Canyon**

**Plan 15 - Topanga Canyon**

**Plan 16 - Las Virgenes Canyon Corridor**

**Plan 17 - Cornell**

**Plan 18 - Liberty Canyon – Lost Hills**

**Plan 19 - Calabasas Interface**

**Plan 20 - Ventura: Hidden Valley – Lake Sherwood**

### **Part III: Appendices**

**Appendix A – Community Meeting Participants** is a list of residents who attended the 2009–2010 community meetings.

**Appendix B – Mapping Exercise Instructions** outlines the directions given to community members to carry out the mapping exercise, both in the meetings as well as online.

**Appendix C – Outreach Efforts Table** summarizes the outreach activities carried out to publicize the CWPP process, including communication via local newspapers, radio, and Internet.

**Appendix D – Community Review Committee and Internal Reviewers** lists members of the community and agency partners who participated in the Internal Review of draft CWPP documents.

**Appendix E – Fire History Data** contains the information on which the fire history maps in Chapter 3 are based.

**Appendix F – Threatened and Endangered Species Tables** summarizes the federally threatened and endangered species that inhabit the CWPP Planning Area.

**Appendix G – Environmental Compliance Information** includes best management practices and instructions on how to comply with environmental and archeological regulations when undertaking fuel-reduction activities.

**Appendix H – Fire Safety Information** is a set of relevant Internet links and other background documents.

**Appendix I – Local Fire Safety Regulations** includes Los Angeles and Ventura counties’ fire safety codes and regulations as they pertain to defensible space and fire-safe building standards.

**Appendix J – Fire-Resistant Plants of the Santa Monica Mountains** lists native and non-native plants to favor or avoid for fire-safe landscaping.

**Appendix K – Water Tank and Hydrant Diagrams (Ventura County)** consists of diagrams depicting water supply guidelines and requirements for water tanks.

**Appendix L – Home Ignition Zone Structure Assessment Guide** is a form to assess the vulnerability of structures during wildfire and to recommend actions for increasing the chances of wildfire survival.

**Appendix M – GIS Metadata** contains a list of data used to create the maps for this CWPP.

### **Part IV: References**

**Reference I – Glossary** defines the terms used in this Plan. Upon first appearance within the text, glossary terms are italicized (as with the term “*Fire Safe Council*” on page 1).

**Reference II – Reference Documents and Internet Resources** provides references for documents, books, and other sources cited in these pages, as well as online sources for more detail on topics discussed throughout this Plan.