

B. Community Mapping Exercise

Community Assets (Values) at Risk (Green Highlighter)

- Where are the places and things you most value and want to see protected from wildfire? Examples include:
 - Hospitals and health care facilities
 - Businesses
 - Schools, churches, and stores
 - Community centers
 - Rare and endangered species habitat; ecologically significant areas
 - Recreation areas
 - Culturally or historically significant areas
- What critical infrastructure needs to be protected from wildfire? Examples include:
 - Power substations and corridors
 - Communication sites and facilities, including cell phone towers
 - Landfills and treatment facilities

Wildfires Causes, Risk, and Hazards (Orange Highlighter, Red Marker, Pink Highlighter)

- What kinds of conditions have started wildfires in the past? Where have they started?
- What are the causes of wildfire in your community?
- Where do you think a wildfire would start in your community and why?
- What are other wildfire risks and hazards in your community?
 - Dead vegetation (insect, disease, fire, drought)
 - Fuel storage
 - Abandoned wooden structures, abandoned lots and/or absentee parcels.
 - Power lines
 - Road systems: blocked, heavily vegetated, or dead-end roads
 - Party spots
- What kind of road or structural conditions might increase fire risk? (Red Marker)
 - Road maintenance needs (outages, slides, etc.)
 - Bridges and/or locked gates, especially bridges too small or weak to carry a fire truck

Fire Safety (Pink Highlighter)

- Where have fuel reduction projects already occurred? Identify defensible space and fuel-reduction treatments.

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Protection Capabilities (Blue Highlighter and Marker, Black Marker)

- Are there any resources for fighting fires, and where are they located?
 - Water storage: tanks, ponds, pools (Blue marker dot w/# for 1,000 gallons (e.g. 5 =5,000))
 - Equipment (Black Marker)
- What information needs updating?
 - Updated road conditions: roads that do not exist on the maps, or are on the maps and do not exist on the ground. (Black Marker)
- What evacuation plans are in place?
 - Access routes/evacuation: Where are the safe routes to get out quickly?
 - Safe Zones: If you can't evacuate, where can you safely wait out a fire?

Priorities for Action (Yellow Highlighter)

If you were king or queen for a day, what would you do to make your community fire safe? How can you be part of the solution? Don't be concerned at this point about who owns the land or what it would cost.

- Starting from the house out, what can we do to make our neighborhood and/or community safe?
 - Hardened homes
 - Neighborhood projects
 - Education
 - Demonstration gardens/fire-safe landscaping demonstration projects
 - Senior/disabled/low-income home ignition zone assistance projects
 - Fire-safe assessment training and workshops
- Where would community fuel treatments be most effective? What types of treatments?
 - Hazardous vegetation removal or reduction
 - Hazard tree management
 - Shaded fuelbreaks
 - Roadside fuels reduction
 - Others?
- What other wildfire protection activities would you like to see implemented?
 - Create or strengthen Fire Safe Councils
 - Improve access routes/evacuation routes
 - Education
 - Equipment
 - Ignition reduction
 - Water storage: tanks, ponds, pools (Blue dot w/yellow circle ●)

- Which projects are your highest priority and why?

Now think about ownership, cost, effectiveness, etc. What do you want to see happen soonest?

The prioritization method is to take the total number of identified projects, divide it by 3, and give each participant that number of sticky dots. Instruct participants to place one dot (only one vote per item) on each of their priority projects. Tally "votes," and number on flip chart in red. Then ID the top three to five vote-getters as the top priorities for the group. The result will be a J-curve of the group's prioritization preferences.