

Community Wildfire Preparedness

Assessment Worksheet



Team Name: _____

Section 1. Describe your community

Key Term: The **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)** is a term that describes areas where there are homes or buildings next to large areas of wild land such as forests, fields, or shrub covered hills. Due to being close to areas with more natural vegetation, homes next to the WUI are at higher risk of wildfire.

Describe the WUI in your community. Looking at maps, such as Google Maps, with satellite imagery can be helpful for identifying WUI areas. More information on the WUI for adult leaders or older students can be found in this webinar. bit.ly/WhatIsTheWUI

What does your community already do well for wildfire preparedness? You may need to take some time to walk around areas where you live to look at your community with a focus on wildfire preparedness. This is a great time to ask a firefighter.

What are areas where your community could improve its wildfire preparedness?

Discuss who lives in your community. What could make it easier or harder for them to be prepared for wildfire?

Section 2. Figure out your community's needs

What parts of your community are already the most prepared for wildfire?

What parts of your community could improve their preparedness for wildfire?

Are there parts of your community that might need help preparing for wildfire?

Section 3. Plan possible actions

Brainstorm a list of specific actions that your group could take to improve wildfire preparedness in your community. For each action(s), try to describe how it would make sense to do those actions. Try to create a long list of 10 different ideas.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

Review the ideas you have come up with and pick the ones that your group will do.

When reviewing these ideas consider the following:

- What is likely to have the most helpful impact in your community?
- What action(s) do you have the time and permission to safely complete?

Answer the following questions about your planned action(s).

1) What will you do for your project?

2) What equipment will you need for your project?

3) What permission will you need for this project?

4) What evidence, such as before and after photos, of your project to submit for judging?
