

# 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 it is important for homes next to the WUI to be well prepared for wildfire.

**Describe the WUI in your community.** Where are there places where there are homes next to wildlands such as forests, fields or shrub covered hills? You can look at a map such as Google Maps for more information.

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**What is one thing your community already does well for wildfire preparedness?** Examples could be having fire hydrants, knowing where to go if there is a wildfire evacuation, or removing dead plants that are flammable. 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.

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

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## Section 2. 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?

Pick one or more actions from the list above you will complete for this project.

### Section 3. Make your plan

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

1) What will you do for your project?

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2) What equipment will you need for your project?

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3) What permission will you need for this project?

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

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