FIREWISE RUSSELL ACTION PLAN
2027-2029

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Community Description

Our community consists of 25 adjacent parcels, all facing Russell Road or Kilham Road in the Census Designated Area of North Auburn, California. It is comprised of all single family homes, built between 1910 and 2021. It is adjacent to the Auburn Area Recreation Area, which represents a Wildland-Urban Interface area of Placer County.

The community is suffering from loss of property insurance. Its members are aware of the risks associated with being adjacent to wild-land. We desire to improve both resident education as well as creation of an action plan to encourage and develop community engagement.

Members have been contacted in door-to-door visits by Martin Neft. A risk assessment survey was done by Martin Neft and Tim Monroe on July 14, 2026.

This is our first risk assessment and action plan. With much work yet to be done we propose the following action plan:

Year 1 – 2027

Education and Outreach Goals

1. We have held an organizaton meeting on July 27, 2026 to initiate the Firewise process for our community.

2.Once we obtain Firewise certification, we will hold a meeting to :

- **Inform residents of the community's Firewise certification and clarify the mission of a Firewise community.**
- **Be sure all members understand the purpose of a Firewise Community.**
- **Answer any questions regarding Firewise and participation.**
- **Schedule a guest speaker to discuss how to reduce the risk of wildfire in the community**
- **Members will indicate their specific home protection plans for the coming year. Discussion will be held about these plans.**

3. Establish a website for communication between members, and to distribute fire safety information.

4. Have one of our group members attend an OES Fire Alliance or Fire Safe Council event and report back to the community.

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Home Hardening Goals

1. Provide an easy-to-understand home hardening retrofit brochure as used by Cal-Fire at a community meeting to all that attend. Distribute this brochure on the Firewise Russell e-mail group.

2. Through meetings, brochures, e-mail, and neighborhood tours, accomplish the following:

·Encourage members to clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.

·Encourage members to replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.

·Encourage members to reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening.

·Advise members to clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers.

· Advise members to repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows

·Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.

· Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors – mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles – anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks or

· Encourage the use of non-combustible leaf gutter guards.

We will evaluate ongoing progress towards these goals through intermittent meetings and online reports from members.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Focus on Zone Zero and the progress to Zone 1 and Zone 2.

2. Work to prune trees, abate larger areas and ingress egress areas.

3. Use Placer RCD chipper program to help maintain larger area, open spaces with dead or dying trees. brush.

4. Contact PG&E and Placer County regarding removing risky growth on Russell Road and Kilham Road.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Invite Placer County Sherriff's office to attend a community meeting to discuss evacuation and encourage GO-BAGS.

2. Implement updated smoke sensors.

3. Encourage Readyplacer alert sign-up.

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Year 2 - 2028

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold a Firewise Wildfire Risk Reduction meeting during the winter to get motivated for vegetation reduction in the spring.

2. At this meeting, evaluate progress towards achieving the goals outlined in Year 1.

3. Maintain a community database/document for homeowners to record each owner's fire prevention mitigation efforts (time/task).

4. Increase membership within the safety committee to better inform neighbors.

5. Have a safety committee leader attend a Fire Safe Council meeting at least once per year.

6. Assist another neighborhood in becoming a Firewise Community

Home Hardening Goals

1. Provide an easy-to-understand home hardening retrofit brochure as used by Cal-Fire at a community meeting to all that attend.

2. Encourage owners to continue home hardening activities, such as roof cleaning and vegetation clearing.

3. Encourage the use of non-combustible leaf gutter guards.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. **Ask owners to verify they have a 0–5-foot combustible-free zone around their home.**
2. **Develop a plan to remove 1,500 cubic yards of vegetation.**
3. **Work with and encourage the use of the Placer RCD chipper program.**
4. **Work with appropriate agencies to remove fuel from public land in our area.**

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparednes

1. Provide a community-wide presentation that details the need for and importance of individual wildfire preparedness and

2. Evaluate conditions and update community-wide action plan which identifies areas of vegetation overgrowth and debris.

3. Evaluate neighborhood address lighting and consider economically feasible enhancements including highly visible address signs that illuminate at night.

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Year 3 - 2029

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Provide a community-wide presentation on building an emergency preparedness kit.

2. Update and review community progress via the community-wide database.

3. Update Wildfire Risk Reduction brochures in the community portal.

4. Work to form volunteer group to assist during RED FLAG critical fire weather conditions when there's a high risk of wildfire ignition and rapid spread due to a combination of warm temperatures, low relative humidity, strong winds, and very dry vegetation.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Repair or replace any damaged roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.

2. Repair or replace old or damaged windows and screens. Encourage the use of dual pane windows.

3. Screen or box in areas under decks, patios, steps with 1/8" mesh

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Remove 2,000 cubic yards of vegetation.

2. Create spaces between trees and brush to reduce ladder fuels

3. Replace bark with hardscape like gravel, pavers or concrete.

4. Replace flammable shrubs with fire resistant foliage

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Encourage signing up with Placer Alert.

2. Have a guest speaker discuss GO-Bags and their contents.

3. Remind the community to only work on vegetation reduction with machinery or striking tools before 10:00AM on high wind RED Flag days or during the hot season.