

A: ASSETS AT RISK

Assets susceptible to fire damage are identified in the Fire Plan as air quality, rangelands, recreation, agriculture, structures, timber, water and watersheds, wildlife and habitat, and other resources (cultural, historical and scenic). The focus of this plan and relative importance of each Asset has been determined by reviewing input from local stakeholders and CAL FIRE managers. The San Benito-Monterey Unit Fire Plan has been engineered with these issues in mind.

The priority Assets at Risk in the San Benito – Monterey Unit are tourism, recreation and rangelands. The Pinnacles National Monument is split on the border of Monterey and San Benito County attracting visitors all year long. The Monterey Peninsula thrives on tourism all year long as home of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Pebble Beach's 17-Mile Drive and many world famous golf courses. The Big Sur area is another popular attraction bordering the Los Padres National Forest (LPF) that was heavily impacted during the Basin Complex Fires in 2008. Laguna Seca is a popular recreational facility playing host to several large events throughout the year.

Agriculture is a big industry in the Unit. Cattle ranches encompass hundreds of thousands of acres of rangelands in the Unit while most of the floor of the Salinas Valley is crops of various produce. Vineyards line the foothills of the valley while the wine industry brings tourists to wineries throughout the Salinas Valley as well as Carmel Valley and the Monterey Peninsula.

Communications such as repeater sites, cell towers, radio towers, FAA communications and the Big Sur VOR are among the highest priorities to protect from wildfires. The unit maintains access roads to all the repeater towers and removes vegetation buildup protecting these towers in the event of a fire.

B: COMMUNITIES AT RISK

Monterey County:

Aromas *
Big Sur *
Bryson-Hysperia
Cachagua
Carmel-by-the-Sea *
Carmel Highlands
Carmel Valley *
Carmel Valley Village *
Corral de Tierra
Del Monte Forest *
Del Rey Oaks *
Elkhorn *
Fort Ord *
Gonzales *
Greenfield *
Jamesburg
King City *
Las Lomas *
Lucia *
Marina *
Monterey *
Pacific Grove *
Pajaro *
Pinnacles National Monument *
Prunedale *
San Benancio
Soledad *
Sand City *
Salinas *
Seaside *

San Benito County:

Antelope Valley
Bitterwater
Cienega Canyon
Hollister *
Paicines
Panoche Valley
Ridgemark
San Juan Bautista *
San Juan Canyon
Tres Pinos

For more information on Communities at Risk and the California Fire Alliance go to http://www.cafirealliance.org/communities_at_risk/communities_at_risk_list

* Communities listed as Communities at Risk on the California Fire Alliance website