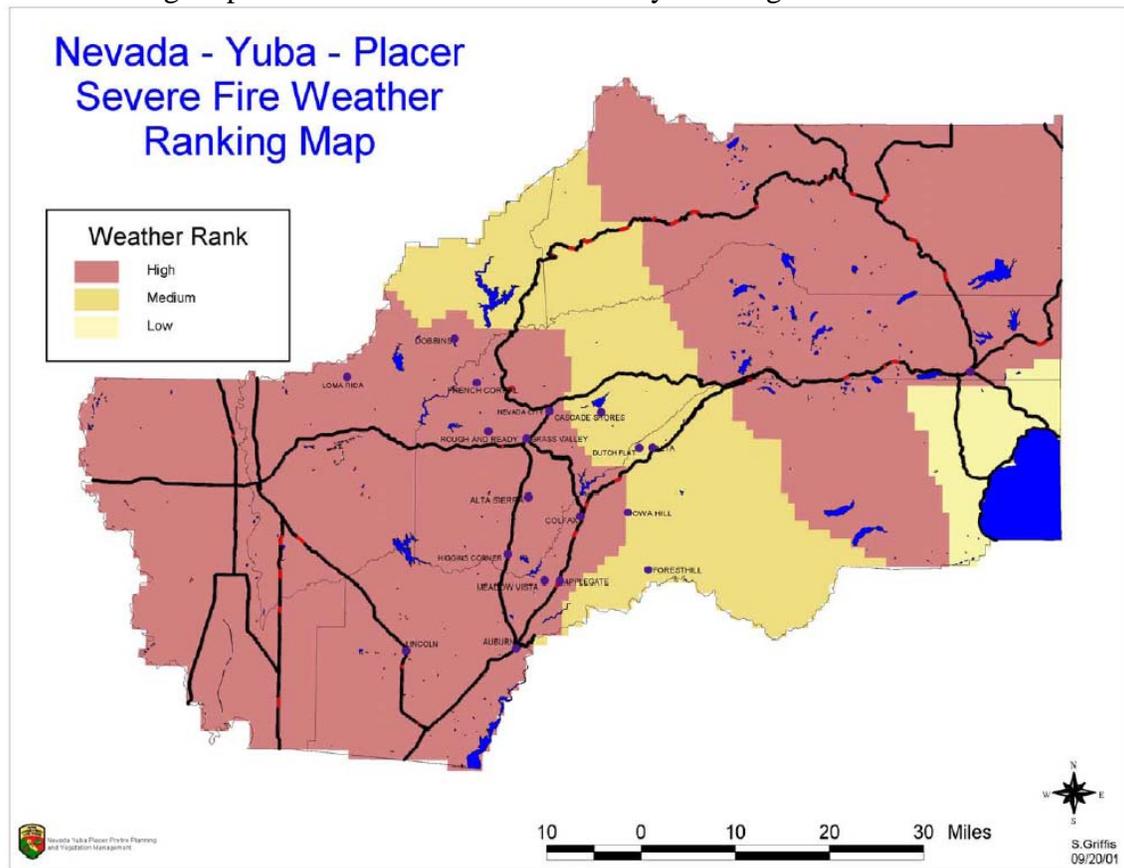


2. Chris Fontana, a fire weather meteorologist with the US Weather Service, was contacted for input as to the fire weather severity of the geographic areas represented by the WIMS fire weather stations.
3. Local CDF Battalion Chiefs gave input as to the fire weather severity of these geographic areas.
4. Each geographic area was assigned a Fire Weather Severity Rank, low, medium, or high, based on the above input.

The unit will revise the fire weather severity ranking once the aforementioned program becomes available and the results it generates are determined to be reasonable.

The following map shows the Fire Weather Severity Rankings for the unit.



8 Priority Areas

Utilizing the Fire Plan analysis methodology, a number of priority areas were identified. To further prioritize those areas, areas with the highest number of ignitions were then also identified. Unit personnel then contacted stakeholders in the priority areas to determine their level of interest in developing and implementing programs to reduce the areas potential to damage by a costly and damaging fire. The areas identified as the highest priority by county are:

Unit Wide

1. Fire Planners in each of the County's Building Departments.
2. Unit Wide Chipper Programs.
3. RAWs relocation and addition

Placer County

1. Auburn Area Fuel Break
2. Foresthill Pre-fire Project (Portions Moved to Completed Projects)
3. Meadow/Vista Applegate (Portions Moved to Completed Projects)
4. Stakeholder Projects

Nevada County

1. Nevada County Fire Mitigation Framework
2. Nevada County Fire Marshal's Office
3. Lake Vera/Purdon/Cement Hill (Portions Moved to Completed Projects)
4. Alta Sierra (Portions Moved to Completed Projects)
5. Columbia Hill Shaded Fuel Break (Portions Moved to Completed Projects)
6. Graniteville Townsite Project
7. Snowtent Springs Project
8. Senior Assistance Program
9. Defensible Space Dropoff Program
10. Owl Creek Neighborhood Fuels Reduction (Maintenance – Moved to Completed Projects)
11. Red Dog – You Bet Neighborhood Fuels Reduction Project

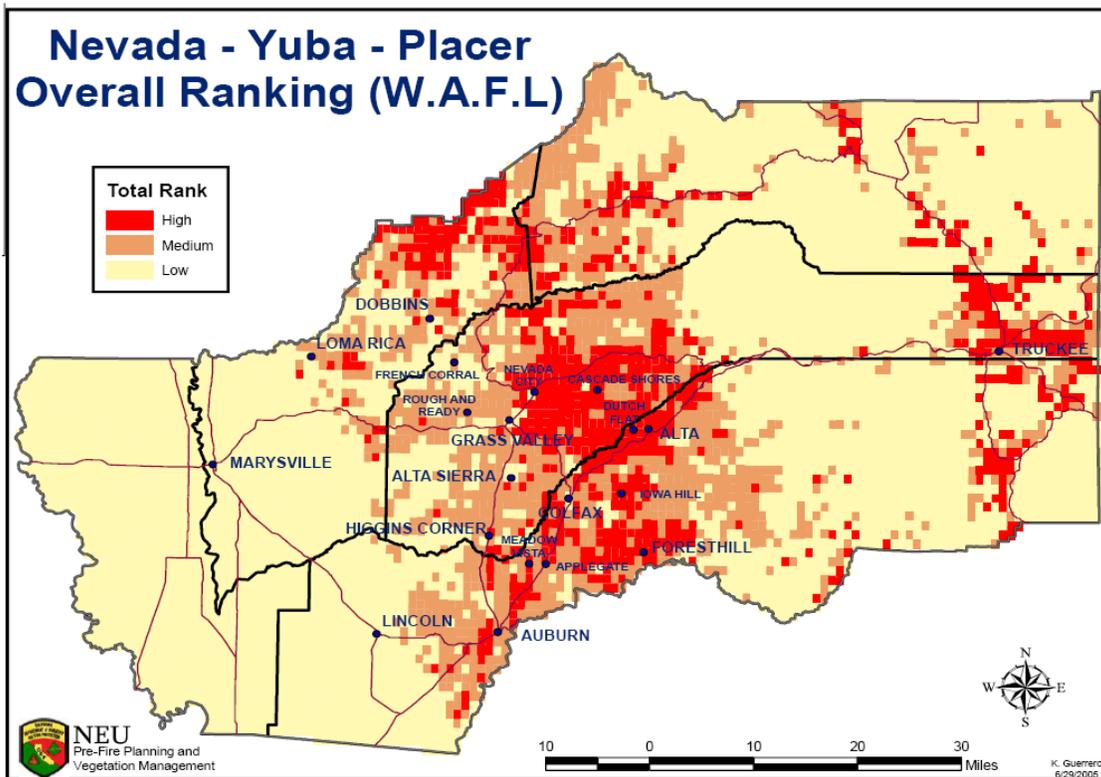
Yuba County

1. Yuba County Foothills Water Storage Project
2. Oregon Ridge Fuel Break. (Maintenance – Moved to Completed Projects)
3. Yuba County Public Works Roadside Clearance Project
4. Ure Mountain Roadside Fuel Modification (Maintenance – Moved to Completed Projects)

Currently, the project areas are focused around communities that primarily consist of single-family residences on one to five acre parcels. There are also a number of homes on parcels over ten acres scattered throughout each community. This combination of homes scattered across the landscape and the desire for privacy, results in a classic Rural-Urban Interface/Intermix. Each of these areas has a group of stakeholders that have demonstrated a strong interest in working towards reducing the threat of a costly and damaging fire within their area of concern. There are many other areas identified throughout the unit for pre-fire management projects (see map pg 9-3). These areas were selected in part because there is already work underway in the area, but also due to their potential for a major fire based primarily on fuels and topography. Many of these areas

were not immediately identified by the fire plan assessment system due to the low accumulation of assets; however, the fire risk remains very high and response times can be extended.

Along with the areas identified as high priority, the Unit also identified the need for personnel to work directly with the county Planning Departments to ensure that all new development meets fire safe standards. Due to the rate of growth in each of the counties, this was determined to be the most important proposal in the NYP Pre-Fire Management Plan to implement. Whereas the other projects would affect specific areas of the counties, a Pre-Fire Planner could affect change on a countywide basis and result in the greatest overall benefit to the public.



9 NEVADA YUBA PLACER UNIT PRE-FIRE PROTECTION PLANNER PROJECT PROPOSAL (# 1 Priority Project)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Fund 3 PYs at the Fire Captain level to be utilized in Nevada, Yuba, and Placer Counties as Pre-Fire Protection Planners. These personnel will work directly with the County Planning Departments at the review stage of proposed building projects and developments.

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