

SIGNATURES

Unit Strategic Fire Plan developed for Humboldt – Del Norte Unit:

This Plan:

- Was collaboratively developed. Interested parties, Federal, State, City, and County agencies within the Unit have been consulted and are listed in the plan.
- Identifies and prioritizes pre fire and post fire management strategies and tactics meant to reduce the loss of values at risk within the Unit.
- Is intended for use as a planning and assessment tool only. It is the responsibility of those implementing the projects to ensure that all environmental compliance and permitting processes are met as necessary.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Humboldt-Del Norte Unit (HUU) is located along the California coastline and includes Humboldt, Del Norte, and portions of Trinity counties. The Unit extends north to south approximately 180 miles and inland approximately 50 miles. This encompasses 1,928,267 acres of state responsibility lands and 1,927,410 of direct protection area. Approximately 70% of these lands are zoned for timber production and another 10% are recreation areas. Watersheds within the Unit include the Smith, Klamath, Mad, Trinity, Van Duzen, Mattole and Eel Rivers. Humboldt and Del Norte counties are home to not only the world's tallest living trees, but also the largest remaining stands of old growth coast redwood. Many of these stands are protected in parks and recreational areas. The livelihood of these counties is dependent on the resources the land itself has to offer both in the form of timber production and recreation.

A significant portion of HUU is held by federal cooperators. The Six Rivers, Rogue - Siskiyou, and Klamath National Forests, Redwood National Park, scattered Bureau of Land Management, combine with tribal trust areas for 1,300,000 acres of federal lands. The Bureau of Indian Affairs supports twelve tribal agencies, and the Hoopa tribe provides fire protection on its' reservation.

The HUU 2011 Strategic Fire Plan is developed by the Planning Battalion through a collaborative process that includes CALFIRE field battalions, fire prevention and administration staff, county and local Fire Safe Councils, and cooperating agencies. The Unit Chief provides direction on how the Unit endeavors to meet the key goals of the Strategic Fire Plan for California. The field and administrative battalions provide localized and program plans towards meeting those objectives. Implementation is directed by the field battalion chiefs and camp chiefs for daily operations.

COLLABORATION

This plan is a compilation of efforts from various groups and agencies from throughout the Unit to address the mitigation of the hazardous fuel loading within the Unit and around the communities at risk within it. The plan addresses the priorities put forth by the Unit based on the key issues gathered from cooperators: 1) assets at risk, 2) level of service, 3) fuels, 4) fire weather, and 5) fire history.

PRIORITIZED FUEL REDUCTION

This plan identifies and prioritizes areas of hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the type and methods of treatments that will be used by the Humboldt-Del Norte Unit to protect one or more of the Communities at Risk and their essential infrastructure within the Unit boundaries. This includes some efforts of local cooperators and their accomplishments.

TREATMENT OF STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY

This plan recommends measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the Unit. Information drawn from a variety of sources were included in this plan to help educate the public as to what they can do to help mitigate potential problems associated with living in the Wildland Urban Interface. (WUI)

2010 Strategic Fire Plan for California – Goals and Unit Objectives.

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has defined the strategic fire plan goals for California. The Humboldt – Del Norte Unit takes these actions locally as noted in response to those goals.

- A. Improved availability and use of information on hazard and risk assessment*
CALFIRE is to work with community groups and cooperating agencies to provide information about wildland fire hazards and risks, and facilitate mitigating these to the extent feasible.
- B. Land use planning: including general plans, new development, and existing developments*
Maintain an active involvement with Humboldt and Del Norte county planning agencies. This includes participation in project reviews as an advisory agency, providing comment on proposed new development. Effects of existing development will be considered in assessing wildland fire risks and needs for improved infrastructure. Trinity County project reviews are administered through the Shasta-Trinity Unit office.
- C. Shared vision among communities and the multiple fire protection jurisdictions, including county-based plans and community-based plans such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)*
Working with communities, fire safe councils, tribal members, and fire companies, CALFIRE will participate with and consult on the development of CWPPs.
- D. Establishing fire resistance in assets at risk, such as homes and neighborhoods*
Encourage the reduction of property damage from wildland fire by providing fire safe inspections and review of proposed project development. Fire resistive construction is the standard in wildland areas of the Unit. A consistent and effective standard for ingress / egress, water sources, and vegetation treatment in the wildland shall be an objective of project comments. Fuel modification treatment shall be encouraged where it is cost effective and feasible.
- E. Shared vision among multiple fire protection jurisdictions and agencies*
The Unit will be active in local fire and emergency services organizations. We will facilitate a shared vision for local fire services through training support and leadership. CALFIRE recognizes jurisdictional responsibility and will encourage participation commensurate with that responsibility, providing mentoring as appropriate.
- F. Levels of fire suppression and related services*
Daily operations shall be guided by CALFIRE's policy of successful initial attack on 95% of wildland fires in our jurisdiction, informed by firefighter and public safety considerations. We shall support active involvement of local fire companies, acknowledging them as first-line defense in fire control. Dispatching

and other contract services shall be professional, effective, and cost-appropriate.

G. *Post fire recovery*

Professional staff will be engaged on mitigating fire suppression damage. Where extensive fire damages, or impacts to sensitive resources, have occurred, options for mitigation shall be considered. Reforestation of damaged timberlands will be encouraged.