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Unit Strategic Fire Plan developed for Tehama Glenn Unit

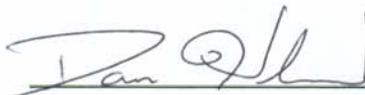
This Plan:

- 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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TEHAMA GLENN UNIT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Tehama Glenn Unit encompasses approximately 2,730,098 acres. CAL FIRE provides direct protection for approximately 1,539,208 of those acres. With the exception of the four incorporated cities of Red Bluff, Corning, Orland and Willows, and small areas of Local Responsibility Area (LRA) lands within Tehama and Glenn Counties; CAL FIRE maintains statutory responsibility for all wildland fires. Of the total county population of both Tehama and Glenn, approximately 22% live within State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Population growth will continue to impact SRA lands because of the build-out character of LRA lands.

The Unit's Administrative Headquarters are located at Red Bluff Headquarters, just east of Red Bluff City off of Highway State Highway 99 East. The complex is home to a Logistics Service Center, Training Center, automotive fleet maintenance shop, Battalion II Headquarters, Antelope Volunteer fire equipment, and radio tech / radio maintenance shop. It also houses the Emergency Command Center, which provides fire, rescue, and medical dispatching services on a contractual basis for most of the County. The Unit's Prevention Bureau includes a Pre-Fire Engineer, fire investigation personnel, Peace Officers, and Fire Prevention Specialist, who also serves as Public Information Officer. The Protection and Planning Bureau consists of the Tehama County Fire Marshal, and two title III grant funded building and safety inspectors.

The assumption used in developing this Pre-Fire Management Unit Plan is that a proposed pre-fire project will reduce costs and losses during periods of severe fire weather, which is when most of California's wildfire costs and losses occur. Once a pre-fire management project is accomplished, a large fire burning in that specific high-risk /high-value area would be contained at a smaller size, burn with lower temperatures and severity, incur significantly reduced suppression costs, and result in substantially lower levels of losses to the environment and human infrastructure.

The overall goal of the Tehama Glenn Unit Fire Plan is to reduce total costs and losses from wildland fires within the Unit by protecting assets at risk through focused pre-fire management prescriptions and increased initial attack success. To make the Unit fire plan a success, several key objectives should be met or strived for during implementation of the plan, including;

- Collection and analysis of data from a variety of resources to evaluate potential projects and determine the levels of benefits provided to the communities and environment within the Unit.
- Development of strong local relationships with stakeholders to cultivate and maintain a more natural fire resilient landscape. These relationships will be instrumental in establishing community buy in to the responsibilities of living in the wildlands.
- Educate the public on why fire prevention techniques and requirement measures are so important in developing safer homes and communities.
- To have a strong fiscal policy in order to focus and monitor the wildland fire protection system in fiscal terms. This will include all public and private expenditures and economic losses.

Before and during implementation of any pre-fire management activity, stakeholders' input is sought in order to:

- Acquaint stakeholders with the process
- Bring their expertise and knowledge to bear on assets-at-risk
- Review the levels of service in these locations
- Identify areas where the stakeholders consider levels of risk unacceptable
- Identify other beneficial results of various fuel management activities

Each area of the Tehama Glenn Unit, to a greater or lesser extent, will need to adapt to the ever-increasing population moving into and recreating in the wildland areas of the counties. The increase in these activities will pose greater risks of fires and even greater expectations for all CAL FIRE response services. Through development, implementation, and ongoing reassessment of this Plan's priorities, the Tehama Glenn Unit will be ready and steadfast in its ability to provide leadership in pre-fire management planning and in protecting the citizens of Tehama and Glenn Counties from destructive wildfires.

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