

Assets at Risk:

The primary goal of wildland fire protection in Kern County is to preserve the variety of assets found within the county. The assets at risk are both public and private and interplay with one another to provide the quality of life we experience within the county. These assets include:

- Structures – residential and commercial
- Air Quality – degradation due to smoke from fires
- Rangelands – loss of grazing
- Timber – loss of timber resources
- Scenic – viewscape
- Recreation – loss of recreational facilities or open areas
- Wildlife – loss of critical habitat or game
- Hydroelectric power – damage to watersheds that support plants

The value of the assets at risk determines the commitment of resources and the prioritization of program funds and projects.

B: COMMUNITIES AT RISK

There are currently 25 communities in Kern County registered as Communities at Risk by the California Fire Alliance. The threat to these communities varies from slight to extreme. Those, such as Arvin, and California City, which have an interface with SRA land in mostly uninhabited areas of the incorporated city, are slightly threatened. Others such as Bear Valley Springs, and Wofford Heights, which have most of their inhabited areas that are interface or intermix with SRA land, have an extreme risk. Other communities such as Pine Mountain Club, which is an intermix community within the Los Padres Forest are at high risk but are not officially on the California Fire Alliance list of communities at risk.

Ca Fire Alliance Communities at Risk in Kern County:

	<u>Place Name</u>	<u>County Name</u>	<u>Federal Threat</u>	<u>Federally Regulated</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Arvin	Kern			2001
2	Bakersfield	Kern		✓	2001
3	Bear Valley Springs	Kern			2001
4	Bodfish	Kern	✓	✓	2001
5	California City	Kern	✓	✓	2001
6	Edwards Air Force Base	Kern	✓	✓	2001
7	Frazier Park	Kern	✓	✓	2001
8	Golden Hills	Kern		✓	2001

9	Keene	Kern			2001
10	Kernville	Kern	✓		2001
11	Lake Isabella	Kern	✓	✓	2001
12	Lebec	Kern			2001
13	Mountain Mesa	Kern	✓	✓	2001
14	North Edwards	Kern	✓	✓	2001
15	Onyx	Kern	✓	✓	2001
16	Randsburg	Kern	✓	✓	2001
17	Ridgecrest	Kern	✓	✓	2001
18	Rosamond	Kern		✓	2001
19	South Lake	Kern	✓	✓	2001
20	South Taft	Kern	✓		2001
21	Taft	Kern	✓		2001
22	Taft Heights	Kern	✓	✓	2001
23	Tehachapi	Kern		✓	2001
24	Weldon	Kern	✓	✓	2001
25	Wofford Heights	Kern	✓	✓	2001

SECTION IV: PRE FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

A: FIRE PREVENTION

Kern County has adopted the International Wildland Urban Interface Code and has a robust Hazard Reduction program to educate the public and enforce defensible space requirements. Beginning in April our Public Information Office begins a series of media campaigns in both print and visual media to remind the public of their responsibility to ensure defensible space on their property. Also in April, postcards are mailed to all property owners in the SRA to remind them of our requirements. Properties not in compliance by June 15th are assessed an administrative penalty. Subsequent administrative penalties are assessed for every 30 days that properties remain out of compliance.