

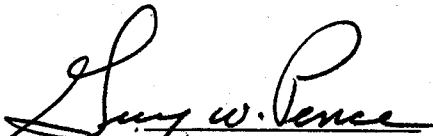
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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
TO IMPROVE FIRE PROTECTION
IN EASTERN ALPINE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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Introduction

Eastern Alpine County has a history of large wildfires. Several large, damaging wildfires have swept through Alpine County's expanding wildland/urban interface. As more and more houses are built in what historically has been only sparsely populated wildlands, the concern generated by these wildfires will not only continue, but will intensify.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Alpine County and the U.S. Forest Service, Toiyabe National Forest, was approved in December, 1987. It directed the formation of a joint Fire Protection Planning Team composed of representatives from Alpine County, the U.S. Forest Service, and any other interested agencies with fire protection responsibilities in the County. This Team was to conduct a "study of fire prevention, presuppression, and fire suppression capability in that portion of Alpine County east of the Sierra Crest. The study identified areas for improvement, as well as areas that were working well. The study utilized information from past fires.

This Implementation Plan lists specific Action Items to fulfill the recommendations made by the "Fire Protection Planning Committee". It shows due dates and individuals or agencies with the lead responsibility for their completion. Those parties listed first have the primary lead. Others listed will be major participants in completion of the task. It has been five years since the implementation of this plan. Numerous action items have been completed and deleted and new action items have been added to the plan. Part I displays these Action items in categories specified in the Memorandum of Understanding as "Items to be Addressed in the Joint Alpine/USFS Study." Part II lists the same Action Items in chronological order to ease tracking of their completion.

PART I

A. Integration of Alpine County Volunteers and other citizens into initial attack and extended attack of wildfires and structure protection.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Continue to seek input from VFD's, Sheriffs Office, Road Dept. and others on how they can best fit into preplanned dispatch system.	on going	USFS BLM Alpine Co. VFDs
2. Conduct a preseason inspection and sign up of heavy equipment annually.	on going	USFS Alpine Co. VFDs
3. Establish dispatch protocol. to include tactical frequencies and develop a communications plan for the county.	ongoing	Alpine Co. Sheriff CDF-Fire Warden USFS, EMS

B. Strengthening the capability of volunteer departments through improved equipment.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Acquire additional fire fighting apparatus.	on going	CDF Woodfords VFD USFS Markleeville VFD
2. Continue to identify what kind of radios should be acquired for VFDs and other county agencies.	on going	County Agencies

C. Strengthening the capability of all fire agencies through improved joint training.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Conduct ongoing structure training for volunteers and wildland fire crews.	(On-going)	Alpine Co. VFDs CDF BLM USFS Mike Warren
2. Conduct CPR and First Aid.	As scheduled	Training Committee

3. Develop a goal-oriented training plan for VFDs. As scheduled Training Committee

D. Personnel and equipment levels needed to provide structural and wildland fire protection.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Planning Team to explore the opportunities for a CCC spike camp around Caples Lake and the use of CCC crews.	on going	Ann Wade
2. Explore ways to get additional comp for injury coverage for VFD	on going	Don Jardine
3. Investigate possibility of constructing a firehouse and establishing a VFD in Woodfords Indian Colony.	(in progress)	BIA Woodfords VFD

E. Incident Command System (ICS) training for Alpine County employees and interested citizens.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Offer I220 (Short Course) Intro. to the Incident Command System to Sheriff's Department, VFDs, Road Department, other County employees, and interested citizens. (See also Item C3.)	Spring 91	USFS

F. Integration of Federal and County systems for ordering resources.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Conduct a Spring area orientation trip for dispatchers from Alpine and Douglas Counties, and East Lake Interagency Dispatch Center.	on going	USFS

G. Improvement of procedures for citizen evacuation.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Update and provide input to the Alpine County Disaster Management Plan currently being developed.	on going	Skip Veatch Leonard Turnbeaugh Ron Watson CDF Lyn Mangiameli
2. Educate the community on evacuation procedures.	On-going	Alpine Co. Sheriff Woodfords VFD (schools) USFS
3. Develop plans for evacuation routes.	On-going	Leonard Turnbeaugh
4. Practice Disaster Plan procedures. (Table top exercise)	annually (need to schedule)	Department Heads

H. Participation of Alpine County in the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. All action items completed	on going	County

I. Mutual Aid agreements for improved fire protection in Alpine County.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Review existing mutual aid agreements and make recommendation for changes.	(on going)	CDF-Fire Warden Alpine Co. VFDs Skip Veatch
2. Fire Warden to represent county when needed on large incidents.	Ongoing	CDF-Fire Warden Alpine County VFDs

J. Recommendations for County ordinances and Federal restrictions to improve managing use of wildlands during high fire danger.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Review County ordinance restricting the use of fires.	done	CDF-Fire Warden
2. Have VFD's included in the review of Building Permits for fire standards.	on going	Leonard Turnbeaugh

K. Consider adoption of fire safe standards for future and existing developments.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Recommend Board of Supervisors declare April Fire Safe Month. Woodfords VFD to coordinate Turtle Rock Park Day.	annually	Don Jardine Woodfords VFD
2. VFDs continue to provide assistance to residents burning debris.	Ongoing	Alpine Co. VFDs USFS

3. Coordinate with HUD on firesafe standards on tribal lands, firehouse, and fire caches. on going Woodfords VFD BIA

L. Improvement of on-incident communications between all responding units.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. All action items completed	on going	All

M. Review of preattack planning for eastern Alpine County.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. <i>How</i> Work on installing acquired fire hydrants from STPUD. Properly mark hydrants with signs.	on going	Leonard Turnbeaugh Alpine Board Member Woodfords VFD CDF-Fire Warden

N. Identification of opportunities for vegetation management to reduce the potential for large fires.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Identify locations for vegetative management projects.	on going	CDF USFS Alpine Co. Public Works BIA BLM
2. Continue with Vegetative Management projects.	on going	CDF USFS BIA BLM Alpine Co. Public Works

O. Evaluation and clarification of existing fire suppression responsibilities established by law and agreements.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
All items completed under this section		

P. Any other items decided on by the Planning Team.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Fire Protection Planning Team and Fire Ad Hoc committee to be called Emergency Services Planning Committee.	On going	All
2. Submit an annual report on Volunteers training.	annually	VFD Chiefs

PART II

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Date Accomplished</u>
1. Alpine County to explore the opportunities for a CCC spike camp around Caples Lake and the use of the CCC crews.	on going	Board Of Sups. John Brissenden CDF	
2. Continue to implement vegetative management projects.	on going	CDF USFS Alpine Co. Public Works BIA BLM	Fritz T.S. & Fuelbreak completed. Mike Warren to look into working on pvt land behind school.
3. Recommend Board of Supervisors declare April Fire Safe Month. 4/1/89 Woodfords VFD to coordinate (annually) Turtle Rock Park Day.		Woodfords VFD Don Jardine	
4. Plan on updating the input to the Alpine County Disaster Management Plan	on going	Skip Veatch Leonard Turnbeaugh Ron Watson, CDF Lyn Mangiameli	
5. Continue providing fire training to VFD's and public.	on going	Mike Warren	
6. Acquire additional fire fighting apparatus.	on going	CDF Woodfords VFD USFS Markleeville VFD	
7. Coordinate fire restrictions with the County.	on going	USFS CDF Board of Supervisors	
8. Continue to seek input from VFD's, Sheriff's Office, Road Dept, and others on how they can best fit into preplanned dispatch system.	on going	USFS BLM Alpine Co. VFDs	

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Date Accomplished</u>
9. Conduct a preseason inspection and sign up of heavy equipment annually.	annually	USFS Alpine Co. VFDs	
10. Review existing mutual aid agreements and make recommendations for changes.	on going	CDF-Fire Warden Alpine Co. VFDs Skip Veatch	
11. Conduct a Spring area orientation trip for dispatchers from Alpine and Douglas Counties, and East Lake Interagency Dispatch Center.	on going	USFS	Accomplished 5-24-88
12. Offer I220 (Short Course) Intro. to the Incident Command System to Sheriff's Department, VFDs, Road Department, other County employees, and interested citizens. (See also Item C3.)	5/31/91	USFS	Accomplished 1-21-91
13. Continue to identify what kind of radios should be acquired for VFDs and other county agencies.	on going	County Agencies	
14. Have VFD's included in the review of Building Permits for fire standards.	on going	Leonard Turnbeaugh	
15. Practice Disaster Plan evacuation procedures. (exercise)	annually	Dept. Heads to set date	
16. Install a fire prevention sign by new fire station.	by completion of new station	Don Jardine	
17. Fire Protection Planning Team and Fire Ad Hoc committee to be called Emergency Services Planning Committee.	on going	ALL	

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Date Accomplished</u>
18. Investigate possibility of constructing a firehouse and establishing a VFD in Woodfords Indian Colony.	ON GOING	BIA Woodfords VFD	in progress
19. Coordinate with HUD on fire safe standards on tribal lands, firehouse, and fire cache.	on going	Woodfords VFD BIA	
20. Explore ways to get additional comp for injury coverage for VFD.	1991	Don Jardine	
21. Establish dispatch protocol. to include tactical frequencies. and a communications plan.	on going	Alpine Co. Sheriff VFD's EMS	
22. VFDs continue to provide assistance to residents burning debris.	Ongoing	Alpine Co. VFDs USFS	
23. Educate the community on evacuation procedures.	On-going	Alpine Co. Sheriff Woodfords VFD (schools) USFS	
24. Develop plans for evacuation.	On-going	Leonard Turnbeaugh	
25. Submit an annual report on Volunteers training.	annually	VFD Chiefs	
26. Conduct ongoing structure training for volunteers and wildland fire crews.	On-going	Alpine Co. VFDs CDF BLM USFS Mike Warren	
27. Conduct CPR and First Aid.	As scheduled	Training Committee	
28. Develop a goal-oriented training plan for VFDs.	As scheduled	Training Committee	
29. Training committee review necessary training for VFD's	on going	Mike Warren CDF USFS BLM	