

CALFIRE County Coordinator Grant Program Fire Mitigation Project Profiles 2024











Project CWPP-1: M5 Roadside Hazard Project/M10 Roadside Hazard Project

County Planning Unit- Mendocino National Forest

Lead Agency:

Mendocino
National Forest

Development Date:

2019

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

CCRCD,USFS, Mendocino National Forest Personnel

Overview of the Project:

The marking guidelines established for this effort address live and dead trees that may impact roads and infrastructure. The goal of these projects is to allow the Mendocino National Forest an ability to continue providing safe ingress/egress of the National Forest's transportation system to the public, local in-holders as well as USFS employees. Implementation of project work include the removal of sawtimber and biomass size classes of trees.

- NEPA has been completed
- There's a need for piles to be removed and/or utilized along M10 and M5 after hazard tree removal
- Currently the CCRCD and the Mendocino NF are in the final stages of Implementation.
 Project is projected to be completed by Spring of 2025.











Project CWPP-2: Project Upper Stony Creek Project

County Planning
Unit- Upper Stony
Creek

Lead Agency:

Mendocino National Forest, NEPA

Development Date:

2019

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Current

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

The Upper Stony Project is currently under Mendocino National Forest NEPA environmental analysis. Project work entails removal of salvage saw timber and biomass along with site preparation and reforestation efforts within a 4,200 acre project of the Upper Stony Creek watershed. Removing saw timber and biomass within the project area will provide site preparation for future restoration efforts as the removal of dead overstory trees facilitates the creation of safe working environments. Logging operations will facilitate soil overstory trees facilitates the creation of safe working environments. logging operations will facilitate soil scarification, slash removal and micro-siting that are critical for the survival of seedlings that will be planted. In addition, project work will result in reforestation within roadside areas that are a part of the MNF's current road maintenance program. It is anticipated that project work will provide sites where strategic shaded fuel breaks can be created in the future.











Project CWPP-3: Processing Fuels Around Cabins Within the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area

County Planning Unit- Snow Mountain Wilderness

Lead Agency: **

Development Date: NA

Project Start Date:NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners: (proposed) CCRCD, GCRCD

Overview of the Project:

At the present time, large volumes of trees and cut bush have been cut and stacked around cabins located within the Snow Mountain Wilderness. It is recommended that this material be treated or removed as soon as possible by responsible entities.

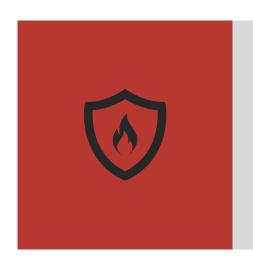
- Currently, there are no new updates on if this material has been treated or removed. The CCRCD will work on figuring out what options are available for treatments.
- Bonneview cabins-potential project with Colusa RCD in partnership with Glenn RCD











Project CWPP-4: CCRCD and Colusa County Fire Districts Development of a Countywide Outreach and Education Program

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County

Development Date:

Colusa County Fire Districts

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Colusa County Fire Districts, CAL FIRE

Overview of the Project:

Working in collaboration with CAL FIRE's Napa-Lake-Sonoma Unit's outreach and education personnel, it is suggested that the RCD of Colusa County and Colusa County Fire Districts develop a local program of public education materials and events to better inform landowners and other residents in maintaining their properties in a fire safe condition. To accomplish this, the CCRCD and County Fire Districts could utilize materials and programs available through CAL FIRE along with those of the "Ready for Wildfire" Program.











Project CWPP-5: CCRCD, CalFire, CC Fire Districts Develop FireWise Communities Within Western Colusa County

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

National Fire
Protection District

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) CCRCD, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

In addition to local education and outreach efforts, a recommendation was made for the Colusa County RCD, CAL FIRE and other County fire entities to pursue development of numerous Firewise Communities through a formal process established by the National Fire Protection association's Firewise USA program. The goal of this initiative is to educate landowners and other members of the public about adapting to and living with wildfire. The program also encourages neighbors to work together and take action that will prevent future fire losses. Through recognition as a Firewise community, property owners are sometimes offered a reduced rate for homeowner or fire related insurance coverage depending on the insurance carrier.

There are wildland urban intermixed homes that would not be enough to create a Firewise community yet need resources provided to FWC

- Leesville Rd
- Cortina Reservation











Project CWPP-6: Investment by Local Water Provider to Install Improved Fire Water Delivery System Within and Around the Stonyford Area

County Planning Unit- Stonyford Community

Lead Agency:

Stonyford Residents

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Colusa County Department of Public works, Colusa County Board of Supervisors

Overview of the Project:

At the present time insufficient fire water delivery systems in and around the Stonyford Community result in local residents having an inadequate water supply during wildfire events. Recommended improvements to the current delivery system are described below: Stonyford's water provider seek loans or other sources of funding to replace these undersized and poorly operating lines thus improving water delivery during wildfire events.

Recommendations include:

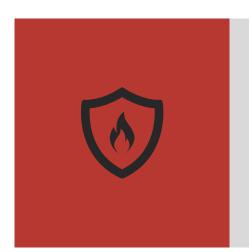
- Hydrant needs to be replaced across the Catholic Church.
- Overhead Fill Station
- Bigger Water Tender's
- Tanks at Century Ranch and other residential areas.











Project CWPP-7: Development and/or Improvement of Roadside Fuel Breaks

County Planning

Unit- Western Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD, CalFire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

Colusa County, CCRCD, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

Some Colusa County maintained roads are considered high ignition zones due to adjacent flammable vegetation, traffic volumes and population within the area. At the present time a number of these routes have had no vegetation treatments and those where treatments have occurred are in need of maintenance.

- Maxwell-Sites Rd, Sites Lodoga Rd, Stonyford-Lodoga Rd, East Park Reservoir Rd, Indian Springs Rd, Fouts Springs Rd, Lake View Loop, Goat Mountain Rd, Rail Canyon Rd, Lodoga-Leesville Rd, Bear Valley Rd, Brim Rd, Wilbur Springs Rd, Walker Ridge Rd, Leesville Rd, King Rd, Spring Valley Rd/Manzanita Rd, Sand Creek Rd.
- Additionally, the USFS would like to add roadside breaks incorporate the following ridge breaks
 - Lovelady Ridge, Pacific Ridge, spanish Ridge,
 Solvang Ridge











Project CWPP-8: Creation of Green Road as An Auxiliary/Emergency Rd

County Planning Unit-

Green Road

Lead Agency:

Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) CAL FIRE

Overview of the Project:

Green Road is an abandoned, unpaved County road with gates and locks across the road prism as it passes through private parcels. Recommendation was made for CAL FIRE, the Colusa County Road Department or other appropriate entity to develop an emergency use agreement for an ingress/egress by members of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation. Such an agreement would require road repair and maintenance in order for low clearance and four-wheel vehicles to pass.

 This road has historically been looked at as a possible secondary route for ingress and egress for tribal members and first responders in the case of an emergency. if this would not be feasible, it would be beneficial to investigate another option for the County to create a new road or enhance an exicisting one that has not yet been noted.















Project CWPP-9: Creation of Fire Safety Plan for Lands Under Control of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

Development Date:

2023

Project Status:

Completed

Partners:

CAL FIRE, CCRCD, Nation Members

Overview of the Project:

Representatives from the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation recommended that a fire safety plan be created in cooperation between Nation members, CAL FIRE, the local fire district and the Colusa County RCD.

 An Emergency Response Plan was developed in 2023 and is currently available to members of the tribe.















Project CWPP-10: Upgrading of Emergency Water Infrastructure Within Land Under Control of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

County Planning Unit-

Land under Kletsel
Dehe Wintun Nation

Lead Agency:

Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

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Overview of the Project:

A recommendation was made for improvements and upgrades to be made on the fire/emergency water systems within lands under control of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation in order to increase member protection during wildfire events.

 Planning efforts are currently underway for implementing improvements.





Kletseldehe.org











Project CWPP-11: Establishment of A Colusa County Sheriff's Department Liaison with the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

County Planning Unit-

Land under Kletsel
Dehe Wintun Nation

Lead Agency:

Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed)Colusa County Sheriff Department

Overview of the Project:

Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation representatives recommended that the Colusa County Sheriff's Department create a formal County Liaison with that community who could meet and coordinate outreach with Nation members and become its designated contact with County Government.





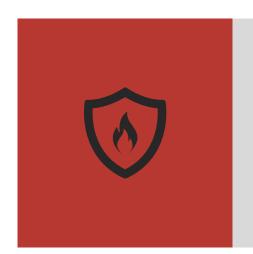
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Project CWPP-12: Improved Enforcement of State Defensible Space Requirements Through Increased CalFire/Colusa County Fire Districts Inspection

County Planning
Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD, Calfire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) CalFire

Overview of the Project:

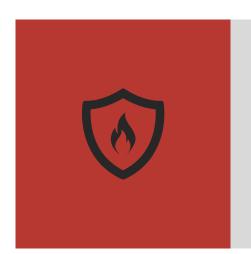
Adjacent to a number of county-maintained roads and state highways within the three CCWPP planning units are properties, some under absentee ownership, that are in need of fuel treatments. CalFire Units currently have inspections and enforcement personnel assigned to enforce state defensible space regulations within SRA lands. These inspections assure that all property owners are either in compliance or are remediating conditions that are in violation of state law. It is recommended that the CCRCD collaborate with appropriate CAL FIRE personnel and Colusa County fire districts to develop strategies and initiatives that result in increased inspections and enforcement of vegetation clearance requirements by both on-site and absentee landowners within SRA and LRA lands.











Project CWPP-13: Defensible Space Assistance and Community Chipping Program for Elderly, Disabled and Low-Income Property Owners

County Planning
Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) Property Owners

Overview of the Project:

Based upon input at community meetings conducted in connection with the Colusa County CWPP fire planning effort, it was noted that numerous elderly, disabled and low-income persons live within rural communities and outlying areas of Colusa County such as the Lake View Loop area and the Century Ranch Development near Stonyford. A recommendation was made for the CCRCD or another local entity to develop a work program and seek funding for wildfire education efforts and fuels management assistance. This assistance program would be directed towards community members who are unable to treat vegetation in order to obtain compliance with State Defensible Space regulations. As proposed, this effort would entail conducting various communityspecific fire safety workshops which showcase the principles of defensible space. The program could also sponsor a number of chipping days in which residents located in fire-prone areas could cut and stack vegetation along roadways with this material processed using a professional chipper and blown back onto treatment sites.











Project CWPP-14: Establishment, Development and Maintenance of a Multi-Parcel Fuel Break Surrounding the Communities of Stonyford and Lodoga

County Planning Unit- Stonyford, Lodoga

Lead Agency:

CCRCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

CCRCD, CalFire, Local Fire agencies, landowners

Overview of the Project:

In order to better protect the Stonyford and Lodoga communities along with surrounding developed and wildland areas from fire, it is recommended that the Colusa County RCD, CAL FIRE, local fire agencies and landowners create a collaborative public/private group to establish routes and boundaries for a series of fuel breaks that protect these developed areas. in creating such a landscape feature, multiple landowners over whose property the fuel break would be developed and continuously maintained would need to be contacted to obtain a signed access agreement allowing initial entry onto treatment parcels. An agreement that would allow future access by project personnel or commitment by landowners to personally maintain vegetation would be needed to sustain the viability of these vegetation treatments. Local or other sources of funding would need to be secured to initially develop the fuel break and continuously retreat the project area on those parcels in which landowners didn't provide maintenance treatments.











Project CWPP-15: Ridge Top Fuel Break East of East Park Reservoir

County Planning Unit-

East of East Park Reservoir

Lead Agency:

Colusa County

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) BLM, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

Several miles east of the East Park Reservoir between the Sites-Lodoga Rd and the reservoir is a north/south trending ridge located within a large Bureau of Land Management parcel. High traffic from lake-goers could cause roadside or human started ignitions.













Project CWPP-16: Watershed Assessments

County Planning Unit-

Mendocino National Forest

Lead Agency:

USFS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

CCRCD, Colusa County

Overview of the Project:

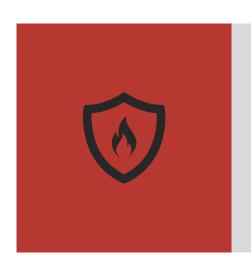
Watershed analysis is required prior to the implementation of watershed treatments within National Forest riparian reserves and other watershed lands. The recommendation was made that such analysis be completed of unassessed watersheds within that portion of the Mendocino National Forest located in Colusa County. Assessments could be completed by USFS personnel or other appropriate entity's staff according to U.S. Forest Service Region 5 protocols and format. With such analysis completed, Mendocino National Forest Resource personnel would be able to develop and implement project work that improves current conditions once specific work scopes and NEPA environmental analysis had been completed. This analysis could be used by the Mendocino National Forest. CCRCD and other implementing entities when developing project proposals to federally funded duels work outside but adjacent to MNF lands. Such analysis could also be used to identify issues and implement successful watershed protection/implementation efforts using State or private foundation dollars.











Project CWPP-17: Upper Watershed Vegetation/Fuels Management Actions That Protect the Watersheds CCCWPP-21 and Water Quality of Those Streams Within the Mendocino National Forest that are Significant Water Sources for Western Colusa County.

County Planning Unit-

Big Stony Creek, Little Stony Creek, Mill Creek

Lead Agency:

USFS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) CCRCD, County stakeholders

Overview of the Project:

Recommendations were made for the Colusa County RCD and other County stakeholders to collaborate with Mendocino National Forest personnel in the development of projects that would protect water quality and habitat conditions within those major watersheds located on National Forest lands that provide significant amounts of stream flow and groundwater to Western Colusa County. Among these important watersheds are Big Stony Creek, Little Stony Creek and Mill Creek among others having issues that are identified through formal watershed assessment practices.











Project CWPP-18: Ridge-Top Fuel Breaks and Large-Sale Prescribed Burns

County Planning Unit-

Mendocino National Forest's eastern boundary west of the Stonyford-Lodoga Road

Lead Agency:

USFS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed)CCRCD, Calfire, MNF administrative staff

Overview of the Project:

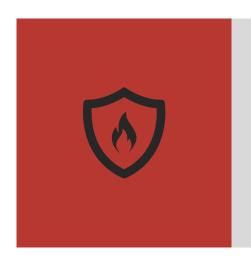
In addition to roadside fuel breaks, other fire/fuels management techniques are available with which to control wildfire and wildland fuels, as well as their impacts on communities and landscapes. Significant among these are ridge-top fuel breaks and large prescribed burns such as those sponsored and conducted by Cal Fire through their Vegetation Treatment Program described above. It is also recommended that CCRCD personnel discuss with MNF administrative staff, development of collaborative ridge-top and prescribed burn projects that entail treatments on public and private lands including inholding parcels and those adjacent to the Mendocino National Forest's eastern boundary west of the Stonyford-Lodoga Road. Similar discussion should also be had with BLM personnel located at the agency's Ukiah office.











Project CWPP-19: Fuels Reduction on Private Lands Adjacent to Mendocino National Forest Boundaries Utilizing Wyden Amendment Legislation

County Planning Unit-

Mendocino National Forest System Lands

Lead Agency:

USFS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed)Federal, Tribal, and State governments, landowners.

Overview of the Project:

The Wyden Amendment (Public Law 109-54, Section 434) authorizes the USFS to enter into cooperative agreements in order to benefit resources within watersheds on National Forest System lands.

Agreements must be with willing federal, tribal, state and local governments, private and non-profit entities, and landowners in order to conduct activities on private lands adjacent to National Forests for the following purposes:

- Protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other resources.
- Reduction of risk for natural disaster where public safety is threatened; or
- A combination of both.

A recommendation was made by local stakeholders for MNF administration to collaborate with local FSC's the CCRCD and other County stakeholders in expediting implementation of the authorizations provided by Wyden Amendment Legislation in order to direct USFS financial and technical resources related to fuel reduction efforts.











Project CWPP-20: Community Preparedness Rehearsals, Information and Evacuation Plans

County Planning Unit- Western Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD, Calfire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

Colusa OES, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

Recommendations by community members included trainings and rehearsals of emergency procedures in the event of wildfire. Other recommendations included the creation of a comprehensive list of fire prevention and firefighting resources that should be maintained around the home or ranch, such as fire swatters and other tools to be used in the event of ignitions and fire spread. It was also recommended that a list of items be included in personal fire preparedness kits and be distributed to residents. Finally, it was suggested that households and ranches prepare an evacuation plan for domestic animals and livestock that are based upon CalFire recommendations.

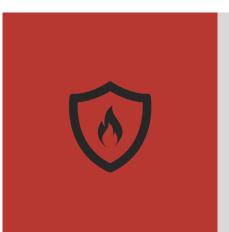
- OES Rapid Notify
- Need for maps, evacuation site, lack of immediate contact with all landowners, back out spots, training on how to shelter in place.











Project CWPP-21: Map and Database of Natural Fire Management Units

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa OES

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(NA) local fire agencies, land managers, land owners, area stakeholders.

Overview of the Project:

Communication between concerned parties is particularly important during wildfire events and when conducting fuels management projects. In order to facilitate communication between fire agencies, land managers, land owners, and other area stakeholders, it is recommended that a map and database of natural fire management units be developed that are based upon topography and natural fire breaks that directly affect fire behavior. As proposed, management units could include entire watersheds, large drainages and canyons thus spanning multiple agency jurisdictions.











Project CWPP-22: Development of Mendocino National Forest Type Conversion Data Layers into Publicly Available Maps

County Planning Unit- Mendocino

National Forest

Lead Agency:

Mendocino National Forest Personnel

Project Start Date:

NA

Development Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

land owners

Overview of the Project:

• At the present time, Mendocino National Forest personnel are in the process of converting areas containing artificially high levels of chaparral fuels and overstocked timber stands into more natural systems. This effort is being accomplished by increasing fire return intervals utilizing techniques such as prescribed fire, type conversion and other vegetation manipulation methods. Areas where conversions have either occurred or have been planned are on date layers that could be developed into maps. If made available to landowners, this visual information could help owners of private lands adjacent to the MNF direct their resources to areas where adjacent Forest Service fuels work has already been completed or is planned, thus increasing the overall effectiveness of both public and private efforts.











Project CWPP-23: Advocacy of Emergency Power Sources to Cell Towers

County Planning Unit- Colusa County Cell Towers

Lead Agency: Colusa County Board of Supervisors

Development Date: NA

Project Start Date:NA

Project Status: Proposed

Partners: Colusa County

Overview of the Project:

A recommendation was made for the Colusa County Board of Supervisors or other County entity to advocate among communications utility providers for the provision of emergency power to cell towers. It was noted that during large wildfires, cell phone towers can become inoperable due to a loss of power resulting in residents unable to contact or be contacted by emergency response personnel.













Project CWPP-24: County Incentives for Fire Safe Landscaping

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

<u>Colusa County</u> <u>Building Dept.</u>

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Homeowners, rural Property Owners

Overview of the Project:

In addition to constructing homes and other structures that are capable of surviving catastrophic wildfire events, the Colusa County Building Department should review building and development codes in order to assure that all landscaping requirements are fire safe. Consideration should also be given to developing an array of incentives for homeowners and other rural property owners to utilize fire safe landscaping techniques and plant materials.













Project CWPP-25: Elimination of Wood Shake Roofs within the Portions of Colusa County Classified as a High Fire Threat

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

<u>Colusa County</u> <u>Building Dept.</u>

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) TGFSC, local FSC, CCRCD

Overview of the Project:

Efforts should be made to eliminate wood shake roofs within the areas of Colusa County classified as having a high fire threat. Research shows that homes with noncombustible roofs and clearance of at least 30' to 60" have a 95% chance of survival in a wildfire. In order to promote this effort, the TGFSC or local FSC, if developed, along with the CCRCD should work with the Colusa County Building Department to educate residents about the importance of replacing wood shake roofs.













Project CWPP-26: Incorporate Fire Safe Principles in County Land Use and Zoning Ordinances

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

<u>Colusa County</u> <u>Building Dept.</u>

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

Colusa OES

Overview of the Project:

The Colusa County Planning
Department should consider reviewing
its land use and zoning ordinances in
order to assure that these codes
adequately, efficiently and effectively
promote fire safety and structure
survival in the event of catastrophic
wildfire













Project CWPP-27: Review of Colusa County Building, Land Development, and Zoning Codes

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

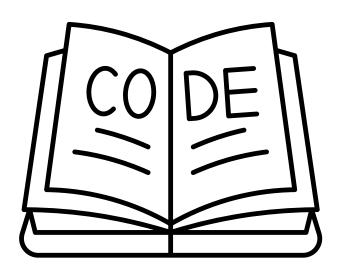
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Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

In order to reduce structural ignitability, the Colusa County building and land development codes should be reviewed in order to determine if all current building and land development standards incorporate fire safe standards.













Project CWPP-28: Mapping of Secondary Ranch Roads

County Planning

Unit- Colusa County Ranch Roads

Lead Agency:

CCCWPP

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

A number of ranch roads and other wildland routes are located throughtout the Colusa County CWPP project planning area that could be used for both access to remote ares by firefighting personnel as well as for egress by area traffic during a significant wildfire event. Gates across these routes would require the installation of combination locks or those that could be keyed in a manner that would give firefighting personnel, land managers, and local rural residents the ability to open them rapidly in the event of a fire





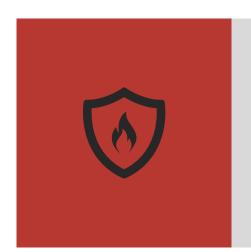












Project CWPP 29: Installation of Water Tanks with High Volume Fill Spout Fittings

County Planning

Unit- Colusa County Rural Communities

Lead Agency:

CCCWPP

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) CCRCD, CALFIRE, COLUSA County PLanning Department

Overview of the Project:

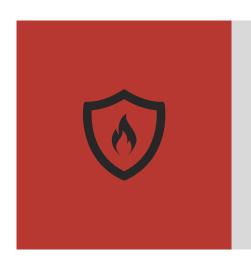
Consequently, an important recommendation by CCCWPP stakeholders is for the development of supplemental water sources for use in firefighting efforts. Fifty thousand (50,000) gallon water tanks are recommended for installation in communities that have a single urban core where most homes and other structures are located in a central location. Ten thousand (10,000) gallon tanks are recommended along State highways and secondary roads as well as disbursed communities covering large areas such as the community of Leesville.











Project CWPP-30: Development of Formal Evacuation Routes, Pre-Designed Candidate Fire Safety Zone Sites and Related Maps for the Communities within CWPP Planning Units

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CALFIRE

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

Colusa County, Local Fire Districts

Overview of the Project:

In the event of a large, fast moving wildfire in the vicinity of rural communities or other populated portions of Colusa County, various escape routes may become blocked, preventing egress to safe areas in other parts of the County or to neighboring counties. In such an event, the creation of formal emergency evacuation routes along with safety zones defined as areas where people and equipment can take refuge without fear of death, injury, or damage/destruction would be invaluable. Recommended safety routes would need to include fairly well-developed roads that could accommodate low clearance vehicles. They would also need to be established with the concurrence of law enforcement agencies who would act as enforcement officials given that these entities are tasked with issuing and managing evacuation operations and road closures.











Project CWPP-31: CalFire LNU Unit Strategic Fire Plan:

County Planning Unit-

State Responsibility Zones in Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CAL FIRE

Project Status:

Completed and Updated Annually

Funding Source:

CalFire

Partners:

State and local stakeholders

Overview of the Project:

Cooperative effort between state and local stakeholders focused on fire and fuels management within Napa, Lake, Sonoma, Solano, Yolo, and Colusa counties. The overall goal of the LNU Unit planning process is to identify public and private assets at risk of wildfire through the CalFire Unit area of responsibility. The plan also develops an array of measures to protect at-risk assets including a combination of fuel modification, ignition management, and fire-wise planning. Predevelopment planning is another significant component of the LNU Unit's fire planning process and includes changes to local building codes and zoning ordinances, creation of educational and public information programs, and recommendations for improvement of firefighting infrastructure such as new or improved fire station and water systems

The current unit plan was completed and approved in 2024 and a revised planning document is currently in development by LNU CalFire personnel.











Project CWPP-32: County Community Wildfire Protection PlanImplementation of Projects in Plan

County Planning Unit-

Outside County-Neighboring County

Lead Agency:

Glenn county RCD

Project Status:

Completed

Partners:

USFWS

Overview of the Project:

Like Western Colusa County and much of Northern California, Glenn County is at very high risk of experiencing catastrophic wildfire. Conditions within the west side of both counties are similar in terms of topography, vegetation, and development. Similarities between the two Counties' landscaped also exist within USFWS refuges as well as those located along the Sacramento River. At the present time, considerable effort is made by public and private land managers within Glenn County including areas adjacent to Colusa County's northern boundary to manage wildland vegetation in order to reduce the threat of wildfire and to recreate natural fire return intervals throughout the county. These efforts have included an array of prescribed burns, shaded fuel breaks, and other fuel reduction practices developed on public and private lands.











Project CWPP-33: Colusa County Sheriff's Department Rapid Notify Emergency Communications System

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County Sheriff's Department

Project Status:

Completed. Sign-ups are Continuous

Partners: CCRCD

Overview of the Project:

Colusa County now operates the "RAVE Mobile Safety" emergency response system to contact and inform County residents during wildfire or other emergency events. In addition, the Colusa County Sheriff's Department supports the County with ten other methods of emergency notification. Information and registration for the RAVE Mobile Safety System can be obtained by accessing the County of Colusa website, countyofcolusaca.gov, users then scroll down to the "Notify Me" box on the right side of the page and then click on the "Emergency Preparedness RAVE Mobile Safety" link on the lower left-hand blue column. The messaging system cannot be accessed unless users are signed up.











Project CWPP-34: Colusa County Office of Emergency Services Tactical Interoperable Communications (TICP)

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County
Office of
Emergency
Services

Project Status:

Ongoing

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

At the present time the Colusa County Office of Emergency Services maintains a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan. This communications plan is intended for use by first responders and may be used by governmental or non-governmental organizations and personnel requiring communications or coordination during an incident or planned event. The TICP is intended to document the interoperable communications resources available within a designated area, who controls each resource, and what policies or operational procedures exist for the deployment and demobilization of each resource.











Project CWPP-35: Support of Colusa County Fire Districts and Departments

County Planning
Unit- Colusa
County

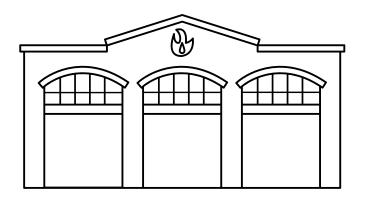
Lead Agency: TGFSC

Project Status: Proposed

Partners: Proposed-CCRCD

Overview of the Project:

It is recommended that the TGFSC (or locally established FSC) and CCRCD, develop efforts that would assist the various County Fire Districts and departments. Importantly, this could include development of grant funding for increased/improved firefighting assets and training.













Project CWPP-36: Formal Classification of Communities as Federal at-risk Communities

County Planning Unit- Wildland Urban Interface

Lead Agency:

Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

Proposed-USDA, U.S. Department of Interior, land owners

Overview of the Project:

The 10-year comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan prepared jointly by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior in May of 2022 created a mandate that the U.S. Department of Agriculture(USDA) and the U.S. Department of the interior work with state governors on a long term strategy to deal with the wildland fire and fuels situation and the urgent ned for habitat restoration and rehabilitation after wildfire. To this end, attention was focused on areas adjacent to federal lands that were within the Wildland Urban Interface.











Project CWPP- 37: Development of A Countywide Public Outreach and Fire Safe Education

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:Fire Safe Councils

Project Status: Proposed

Partners:

Proposed-CCRCD, Mendocino National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

The residents of Colusa County have already benefited from the public outreach and public information efforts of the local fire departments, local Fire Safe Councils and their member organizations. These efforts have included fire safety and fire ecology information distributed at community meetings. In addition, council members have participated in Wildfire Awareness Week programs. With the exception of labor hours contributed by agency personnel and publicly funded watershed coordinators, these outreach and education projects have been accomplished at little or no public expense. In order to increase public awareness of fire hazards and the need for continued fire management and fuels reductions project work, the Tehama-Glenn FSC or locally developed FSC, should further develop a program of public education and outreach. These increased efforts could be supported by the current outreach programs of the CCRCD, Mendocino National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire and local fire entities. Such additional public outreach and fire safe education efforts could include the following activities among others:

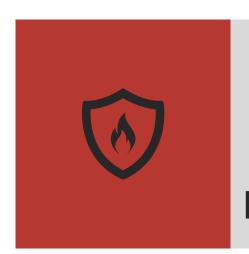
- Fire Safe Education Workshops
- Public Education Advertisements
- Reports about new and ongoing efforts to manage wildfire and wildland fuels as well as the need for citizen input into the fire planning process
- Creation and distribution of a Colusa County residents guide to fire preparedness and evacuation
- Creation and distribution of vegetation best management practices for landowners living within high fire hazard areas of Colusa County











Project CWPP- 38: Colusa County Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation

County Planning Unit- Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County Fire Department

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Colusa County OES, Colusa Sheriff's Dept. CCRCD

Overview of the Project:

Based upon a guide prepared by the Contra Costa County Fire Department and Contra Costa Sheriff's Department it is recommended that a similar preparedness and evacuation guide be developed and distributed to residents of Colusa County. The information included in such a document is intended to provide County residents with an overview of the steps they can take to prepare themselves, their families and neighbors should an evacuation become necessary.













Project CWPP- 39: CalFire Vegetation Treatment Program:

County Planning Unit-CAL FIRE

Lead Agency:

CAL FIRE

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

(Proposed) Colusa County, CCRCD, CFSC

Overview of the Project:

Ongoing cost-sharing initiative between private landowners and CAL FIRE which takes the role of project administrator. The program focuses on other use of prescribed burns along with manual and mechanical fuel reduction to reduce the presence of fire prone vegetation on the State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Throughout the Napa-Lake Sonoma Unit which includes Colusa County, project work completed under this program has traditionally taken the form of prescribed burns completed in order to achieve gross wild land fuels reduction. The Vegetation Treatment Program allows private landowners to enter into a cost sharing contract with CAL FIRE to use prescribed fire and other means to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals of both the landowner and CAL FIRE.

- This Program is extremely helpful for weed control and forage quality improvement for grazing
- A wonderful training opportunity for wildland firefighters











Project CWPP-40: CAL FIRE/Colusa County Fire Defensible Space Inspections

County Planning
Unit- Colusa
County's SRA lands

Lead Agency:

CalFire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Ongoing

Partners:

Colusa County

Overview of the Project:

Changes to Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291 expand the defensible space clearance requirement maintained around buildings and structures within SRAs from 30' to 100'. CAL FIRE personnel conduct random fire inspections on residences located within Colusa County's SRA lands in order to determine whether defensible space has been established and maintained around structures in accordance with these regulations.

The In-Progress efforts outlines in the CWPP that fell within the SRA lands were roadside projects that have had no vegetation treatments, and where treatments have occurred are now in need of maintenance, which include:

 Maxwell-Sites Rd, Sites-Lodoga Rd, Stonyford-Lodoga Rd, East Park Reservoir Rd, Indian Springs Road, Lake View Loop, sections of Goat Mountain Rd that fall in the SRA, Rail canyon Rd, Lodoga-Leesville Rd, Bear Valley Rd, Brim Rd, Wilbur Springs Rd, Walker Ridge Rd, Leesville Rd, King Rd, and Spring Valley Rd











Project CWPP-41: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento River-Boggs Bend Unit Prescribed Burn

County Planning Unit-

Sacramento River-Boggs Bend Unity

Lead Agency:

USFWS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress Efforts

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

2 acres of piled flood debris will be burned in the Sacramento River-Boggs Bend Unit to remove heavy dead and down fuels from riparian and oak woodland stands reducing fire risk and severity in the event fire moved through these sites.

 USFWS continues to annually burn piled flood debris to help reduce riparian fuel loads and mitigate wildfire risks near Boggs Rd.













Project CWPP-42: Project SRC-1: Brushing of Roberts Road within the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area

County Planning Unit-

Colusa-Sac River State Recreation Area

Lead Agency:

City of Colusa

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Completed

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

Brushing of Roberts Road within the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area Roadside brushing has been completed by the City of Colusa in order to open Roberts Road located on the westside of the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area. These treatments not only improve passage along the road, but they also create a fuel break between undeveloped park lands and adjacent developed sites and agricultural operations.

Possibly Annual Work











Project CWPP-43: USFWS Roadside Mowing Along National Wildlife Refuge Boundaries

County Planning

Unit- Colusa National Wildlife Area

Lead Agency:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Development Date: NA

Project Start Date: NA

Project Status:

In Progress

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

On a yearly basis, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service personnel complete roadside mowing along public road edges adjacent to Delevan, Colusa, and Butte Sink Wildlife Area managed lands. These treatments are conducted in order to reduce the risk of roadside ignitions spreading onto these federally managed parcels. They also create a temporary fuel break in the event wildfire occurs on either side of public roadways. In addition, flooding of various Wildlife Area tracts is completed during the growing season in order to control invasive plants as well as provide or improve wildlife habitat. This application of water provides these USFWS lands with additional protection from wildfire.











Project CWPP-44: Prescribed Burns Within Wildlife Lands Adjacent to State Route 20 and Maxwell Road (USFWS Project name Colusa T4)

County Planning

Unit- Wildlife Lands Adjacent to State Road

Lead Agency:

USFWS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Colusa County, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

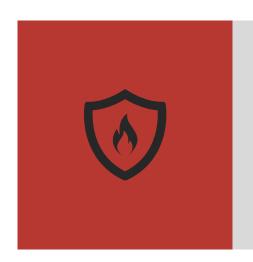
Proposed project work entails burning 69 acres of upland grass along Highway 20 and Maxwell Road to promote native grasses and reduce hazardous fuels.











Project CWPP-45: Prescribed Burns Within Wildlife Area Lands Adjacent to Abel Road (USFWS Project Name T27:1)

County Planning Unit-

Colusa National Wildlife Area

Lead Agency:

Colusa National Wildlife Area Lands

Development Date:

NA

Project Status:

In Progress

Project Start Date:

NA

Partners:

USFWS

Overview of the Project:

Colusa National Wildlife Area lands along Abel Road are burned on a rotational basis in order to promote tricolor black bird nesting sites and to reduce hazardous fuels on these USFWS lands in eastern Colusa County.













Project CWPP-46: Prescribed Burns of Round Stem Tules Within Wildlife Area Lands Adjacent to Abel road (USFWS Project Name Colusa T27.2)

County Planning Unit-

Colusa National Wildlife Area

Lead Agency:

CalFire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In Progress

Partners:

USFWS

Overview of the Project:

As proposed, 54 acres of round stem tule will be burned thus adding to 44 acres of similar vegetation treatments on Colusa Wildlife Area to the north several years ago.













Project CWPP-47: Prescribed Burns of Upland Grass Within Delevan Wildlife Area Lands Adjacent to 4 Mile Road (USFWS Project Name Delevan T1:1)

County Planning Unit-

Colusa National Wildlife Area

Lead Agency:

NA

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In Progress

Partners:

(NA)

Overview of the Project:

40 acres of upland grass along 4
Mile Road adjacent to the Delevan
Wildlife Refuge will be burned in
order to promote native grasses.
These vegetation treatments will also
act as a fuel break in the event of
future fire starts.











Project CWPP-48: Sacramento NWR Fire Break

County Planning Unit-

Colusa National Wildlife Area

Lead Agency:

CalFire

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) Colusa County, CalFire

Overview of the Project:

This fire break would extend along the length of the Sacramento River National wildlife Refuge from north to south with treatment areas located a short distance from highway 99W to nearby railroad tracks. Only a small section of the project area's south end would be in Colusa County.











Project CWPP-49: Reclamation District 108 Yearly Levee Maintenance

County Planning Unit-RD108

Lead Agency:

RD108

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

(NA)

Overview of the Project:

On a yearly basis, Reclamation District 108 personnel complete burning of a grassy vegetation established along levees under its jurisdiction adjacent to the Sacramento River. In addition, a 10' wide disked area is created at the levee toe on the riverside in order to prevent fire that could occur on the levee from spreading into dense riverside vegetation.

- RD108 Continues to execute annual burning of oat and non-broadleaf grasses for flood mitigation and levee spill watch.
- Other maintenance operations include spraying herbicide to remove broadleaf vegetation and grazing with livestock in areas where burning is not feasible.











Project CWPP-50: River Partners Riparian Grassland Maintenance

County Planning Unit-

River Partners Riparian Grassland

Lead Agency:

River Partners

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

At Willow Bend along the Sacramento River, River Partners owns several parcels in which native riparian habitat is being developed. In order to maintain grassland health and to reduce the risk of ignition and fire spread, these lands are moved once or twice per year.

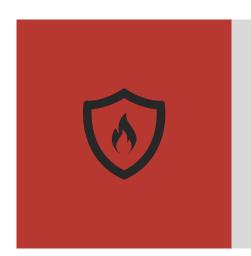
 River Partners continues to execute annual mowing of several parcels to reduce wildfire risk and enhance grassland health.











Project CWPP-51: California Department of Water Resources Habitat and Maintenance Unit Vegetation Treatments Within the Colusa Bypass Area

County Planning Unit-Colusa Bypass Area

Lead Agency:

DWR

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

(NA)

Overview of the Project:

Vegetation in the Colusa bypass area is managed by the California Department of Water Resources Habitat and Maintenance unit located in Sutter County. On a yearly basis, DWR personnel mow vegetation to allow for adequate flood flows. These treatments also reduce fire ignition risk and spread within the river's riparian zone.

 Additionally, DWR will burn and clear levees from vegetation in tandem with mowing to enhance flood watch efforts.











Project CWPP-52: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Vegetation Mowing on Agency Managed Parcels Adjacent to the Sacramento River

County Planning Unit-

Agency Managed
Parcels Adjacent to Sac
River

Lead Agency:

USFWS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

The USFWS manages a number of parcels adjacent to the Sacramento River including those in Colusa County. In order to improve habitat conditions and reduce fire ignition and spread risk, annual mowing of vegetation within these areas is completed.











Project CWPP-53: BLM Sheep Grazing at Payne Ranch Site

County Planning Unit-

Lead Agency:

BLM

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

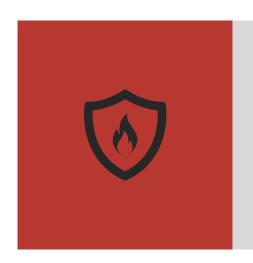
At the present time, BLM is conducting sheep grazing vegetation management operations at the Payne Ranch site south and west of State Route 20 and 16. Up to 4,000 acres of meadows sites will be treated in this manner in order to reduce hazardous fuels and control invasive weeds (Yellow Star Thistle, Barb goat grass and Medusa head.) These grazing operations are follow-up treatments to a smaller prescribed burn project that was completed in the area a number of year ago.











Project CWPP-54: Programmatic National Environmental Policy Act Analysis of Prescribed Fire Projects Conducted on Private Lands Located Within the Mendocino National Forest

County Planning Unit-

Mendocino National Forest

Lead Agency:

USFS

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

In-Progress/Ongoing

Partners:

USFS, Private Inholders within MNF

Overview of the Project:

Per the provisions of the National
Environmental Policy Act, US Forest Service
personnel are in the process of developing a
programmatic environmental analysis
document related to the future
implementation of prescribed fire projects
conducted on private lands located within
Mendocino National Forest boundaries. This
landscape scale analysis effort is a
collaboration between the US Forest
Service, private inholders within MNF
boundaries and various other federal, State
and local government regulatory entities











Project CWPP-55: I-5 Fuel Break

County Planning Unit-

Cal Trans right-of-way, both sides of I5, freeway center divide throughout Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Cal Trans

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Ongoing

Partners:

Calfire/California department of Corrections Conservation Camp

Overview of the Project:

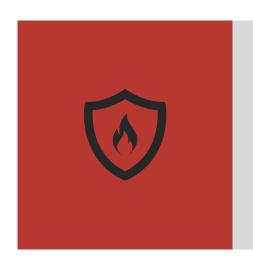
Project work for this ongoing fuel treatment project is completed on a yearly basis within the Cal Trans right-of-way along both sides of Interstate 5 as well as the freeway center divide throughout Colusa County. Annually, vegetation within and along freeway infrastructure is mowed by Cal Trans District 3 personnel or in some circumstances hand cut by CAL FIRE/California Department of Corrections Conservation Camp crews in order to prevent roadside ignitions from spreading onto adjacent grasslands or agricultural operations.











Project CWPP-56: Fuel Treatments on County Roads Within Colusa County's Local Responsibility Area and State Responsibility Area

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County's LRA and SRA lands

Lead Agency:

<u>Colusa County</u> <u>Road Deparment</u>

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

CCRCD, FSC, Colusa County

Overview of the Project:

It is recommended that the Colusa County RCD or a County agency survey County maintained roads within Colusa County's LRA and SRA lands in order to identify those road segments that are currently in need of vegetation treatment. Once these treatments were completed, it is anticipated that roadside ignition and fire spread risk could be significantly decreased, and sight lines improved. The data collected would include road name, the number of road miles in need of vegetation treatment, recommended treatment type and the location of treatment sites. As proposed, such roadside treatments would be completed by the Colusa County Road Department. the CCRCD or County government could apply for grant dollars available through the California Fire Safe Council or other funding entity to complete such treatments in high priority areas.











Project CWPP-57: Hazard Reduction Coordination with Colusa County Public Works Department

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County Public Works Department's Jurisdiction

Lead Agency:

Colusa County
Public Works
Department

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Landowners and Land management agencies

Overview of the Project:

The Colusa County Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining the vegetation within road rights-of-way under its jurisdiction, especially those with increased wildfire risk. Properly maintained roads can act as effective and cost-efficient fuel breaks over large areas and can be used to connect and expand the impact of non-linear vegetation treatments or as hard points from which prescribed fire efforts can be initiated, it is recommended that the road maintenance manager of the CCPWD be advised whenever fire hazard reduction projects are conducted within the vicinity of County maintained road infrastructure. Through collaboration between the CCPWD, landowners and land management agencies, the positive impact of fire and fuels management project work can affect much larger areas by connecting scattered projects with ongoing roadside vegetation treatments, increasing fire protection benefits to area stakeholders.











Project CWPP-58: of Vegetation
Treatments Between Cal Trans, Colusa
County Road Department, CAL FIRE, Local
Fire Districts and Adjacent Landowners in
Connection with Fuel Treatments
Conducted Along State Route 20, 16 and 45

County Planning Unit-

State Route 20, 16 and 45 under Colusa County's wildlands

Lead Agency:

Colusa County RCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) Caltrans District 3, Colusa RCD, CalFire, local fire districts, landowners.

Overview of the Project:

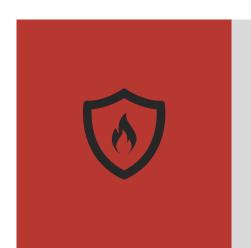
The vegetation along State Highways is continually treated in order to improve the safety of highway infrastructure, reduce roadside ignitions and improve sight lines. State Route 20 and State Route 16 pass through extensive areas of Colusa County wildlands that are at a high risk of ignition and fire spread. State Route 45 divided wildland areas adjacent to the Sacramento River from farmlands located west of the highway right-of-way. vegetation maintenance along this route protects both native vegetations and crops from ignition risk and fire spread. Through improved coordination between Caltrans District 3 maintenance personnel, the Colusa County Road Department, CAL FIRE, local fire districts and adjacent landowners, highway infrastructure could be better leveraged in the development of a fuel break network. These major well-maintained routes could create a framework from which a large interconnected fuel break network is developed. Such coordination could be established through the Colusa County RCD and the Tehama-Glenn Fire Safe Council or a local Fire Safe Council if created for Colusa County.











Project CWPP-59: Fire Hazard Reduction Coordination with PG&E

County Planning Unit-

PG&E right-of-way(s) of primary and secondary power transmission lines

Lead Agency:

PG&E

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

PG&E is required by law to maintain vegetation clearance along the rights-of-way of its primary and secondary power transmission lines. It is recommended that future fire hazard reduction projects proposed for implementation near power lines or other power transmission rights-of-way be coordinated with PG&E vegetation management personnel. As result of such coordination, planned/proposed vegetation treatments on lands adjacent to the utility's rights-of-way could be better leveraged with in progress, proposed and completed power infrastructure treatments.











Project CWPP-60: Fuel Hazard Reduction Coordination with Utility Providers

County Planning Unit-Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(Proposed) other County entities involved with firefuels management

Overview of the Project:

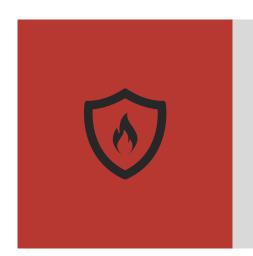
Throughout Colusa County, various utility operators (phone, electric, gas, etc.) maintain underground service cables and pipelines. During installation of these linear features, vegetation is removed, and portions of the utility company right-of-way is maintained clear of vegetation and wildland fuels. If vegetation was managed along the entire length of utility rights-of-ways, these linear features could provide access for firefighters and their equipment as well as the framework for a more extensive fuel break network within a significant portion of the three planning units. It is recommended that the CCRCD and other County entities involved with fire/fuels management issues collaborate with utility providers to identify and map utility rights-of-way and increase clearance along this underground infrastructure. As a result of such collaboration and coordination, planned/proposed vegetations treatments on lands adjacent to all utility rights-of-way could be better leveraged with in progress fuel treatments along underground utility infrastructure.











Project CWPP-61: Map of "Fire Protection Existing Benefit Rating Criteria" for Roads within the Grindstone District of the Mendocino National Forest

County Planning Unit-Mendocino National Forest

Lead Agency:

Grindstone Ranger District

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

MNF, Landowners

Overview of the Project:

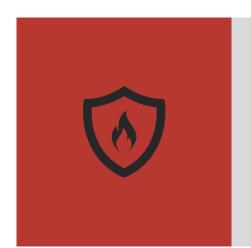
Once the classification of road segments within the Grindstone District have been completed, highly rated roads could be recommended for fuels reduction projects including shaded fuel breaks or other linear treatments. Roads recommended for such actions would have significant physical characteristics that directly benefit the effectiveness of proposed roadside vegetation manipulation. Throughout the implementation of such linear fuel treatments, future fire control and fuels management projects completed on nearby parcels could be made more effective and cost efficient by leveraging in place Forest Service roadside work. Road mapping would also aid in the development of fuel treatments on private inholdings within the Mendocino National Forest as well as lands adjacent to the National Forest's eastern boundary.











Project CWPP-62: Vegetation Treatments Around Cell Towers Throughout Colusa County

County Planning Unit-Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Colusa County RCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) CALFIRE, Colusa County

Overview of the Project:

Numerous cell towers are located throughout Colusa County which can be put at risk during wildfire events. It is recommended that all cell tower locations within Colusa County be located and incorporated into the Colusa County RCD's Countrywide Base Map prepared in connection with development of the CWPP document which displays at risk assets. With this information, inspection of these sites can be made by County fire authorities and/or CAL FIRE (depending upon their location) with necessary follow-up treatments completed.











Project CWPP-63: Fuel Treatments Permit Coordination Program

County Planning Unit-Western Colusa County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

(proposed) CEQA

Overview of the Project:

It is recommended that the CCRCD or other entity having an ability to become a CEQA Lead Agency develop a fuel treatments permit coordination program and related programmatic CEQA environmental analysis document (Programmatic Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration). The goal of such an effort would be to assess the potential impact of common fuels/vegetation treatments that are often employed by private landowners within a specific assessment area located in Western Colusa County. Through the pre-approval of specific fuel treatment techniques, it is anticipated that development of fire management infrastructure and implementation of fire/fuels and watershed management projects can be completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner thus increasing the pace and scale of such projects' implementation. In order to reduce the impact of these activated to a less than significant level, an array of Mitigation Measures and Best Management Practices would need to be developed and then approved by regulatory entities.











Project CWPP-64: Colusa County Community and Agency Participation in Fire Safe Councils

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County, Tehama County, Glenn County

Lead Agency:

CCRCD

Development Date:

2023

Project Start Date:

2023

Project Status:

Ongoing

Partners:

Colusa County, CCRCD, CCFSC, FSC

Overview of the Project:

Over the past 20 years, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County has coordinated the proceedings of the TGFSC whose members represent Federal, State, local and private land managers including those in Colusa County. Through regular meetings, Council members exchange information related to fire regulations, sources of public and private implementation dollars along with discussions regarding completed, in process and proposed fire/fuels management and fire ecology projects. Community discussions conducted during the development of the Colusa County CWPP indicate interest by a number of agency personnel, individual landowners and landowner organizations in formally joining the Tehama-Glenn FSC, creating a separate FSC for Colusa County or developing an FSC for the Glenn/Colusa County area. As a result of such organizational efforts, the Colusa County community could better utilize the benefits that can be provided by the California Fire Safe Council in terms of funding, advocacy and technical assistance.











Project CWPP-65: Establishment of Colusa County Prescribe Burn Association

County Planning Unit-

Colusa County

Lead Agency:

Landowners

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Proposed

Partners:

CCFSC, CCRCD, County

Overview of the Project:

Prescribed burn associations are organized groups of landowners who complete their own prescribed burn projects utilizing guidance from fire agencies. Such groups also share the cost and upkeep of an equipment cache containing burn implementation, safety and communications equipment. In addition, the creation of such organizations can result in the development of coordinated fire/fuels management projects among a number of landowners. As a result, the cost of project implementation and permitting required by regulatory entities could be reduced by dividing it among participating landowners.











Project CWPP-66: Mendocino National Forest Prescribed Burn Program

County Planning Unit-

Mendocino National Forest's eastside area

Lead Agency:

The Grindstone
District of the
Mendocino National
Forest

Development Date:

NA

Project Start Date:

NA

Project Status:

Completed/Ongoing

Partners:

NA

Overview of the Project:

The Grindstone District of the Mendocino
National Forest conducts an on-going program
of fuel treatments on forestlands grasslands and
chaparral throughout the Forest's eastside area.
At the present time, burns have been completed
in a number of locations along the eastern crest
of the Coast Range.

