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Meetings Announced for the 10-Year Carson Range Multi-jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy

Public Meetings Announced May 21 in Carson City and May 22 in Reno

Carson City, Nevada...In an effort to further reduce wildfire risks to natural resources and Carson City, Washoe and Douglas County communities, a multi-agency team has developed a “Multi-jurisdictional Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy.” This strategy combines all plans in a 223,000-acre area that includes nearly 100,000 homes, provides a framework for agencies to identify priority areas, and schedules work to collaboratively accomplish those priorities. Completing and maintaining the proposed strategy’s treatment projects will increase annual hazardous fuels reduction by 210 percent in and along the Carson Range in western Nevada.

The multi-agency team is made up of 23 professionals from 15 natural resource and fire-protection agencies including: the U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Division of State Parks, Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Fire Safe Council, Carson City Parks and Recreation Open Space Commission, Carson City Fire Department, Washoe County, Douglas County, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Reno Fire Department, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Whittell Forest University of Nevada Reno, East Fork Fire and Paramedic Protection District.

“This strategy will greatly strengthen land managers’ capability along the Carson Range to finalize fuels reduction work they have been planning for years,” said Chris French, spokesperson for the multi-agency planning team. “It makes a huge step towards reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires. We’ve received positive support for from these communities,” said French.

Two public meetings to explain this plan are scheduled in May. Staff from the planning team will be available to discuss components of the strategy.

- Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Nevada State Library, main conference room, 100 North Stewart Street in Carson City
- Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the South Valley Library, 15650 Wedge Parkway in Reno

French also said this approach to compiling all hazardous fuels reduction plans into one document will now allow everyone to work on fuels projects in a way that maximizes resources for optimal protection of life and property in the wildland urban interface. This strategy lays out the highest risk areas for catastrophic wildfires and prioritizes the work that needs to be completed to reduce that risk.

As part of the plan, fuels reduction work will occur in or around the communities of Reno, Caughlin Ranch, Arrowcreek, Galena, Galena Country Estates, Mt Rose, Pleasant Valley, Jacks Valley, West Washoe Valley, Carson City, Kings Canyon, Timberline, Lakeview, Clear Creek, Job's Peak, Genoa, Sheridan Hills, Alpine View, North Foothill Road, and Eagle Ridge. About 60,000 of these homes are outside of core urban areas and are at risk of wildland fires. The fuels reduction projects will occur on federal, state, tribal, county, and private lands along the Sierra Front--from north of Reno to the California state line in Douglas County.

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