

Section 1: Introduction

Purpose of this Plan

This comprehensive fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plan is a unified, multi-jurisdictional strategic synopsis of the planning efforts of local, county, state, tribal, and federal entities. The proposed projects in this plan provide a 10-year strategy to reduce the risk of large and destructive wildfire in the Carson Range planning area. The plan's outcome is to 1) propose projects that create "community defensible space", 2) comprehensively display all proposed fuel reduction treatments, and 3) facilitate communication and cooperation among those responsible for plan implementation. If implemented, this plan will provide greater protection to the people, infrastructure, and resources in the planning area.

This plan was developed to comply with the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-432 [H.R.6111]), which amended the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263) to include the following language:

"development and implementation of comprehensive, cost-effective, multi-jurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plans (including sustainable biomass and biofuels energy development and production activities) for the Lake Tahoe Basin (to be developed in conjunction with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency), the Carson Range in Douglas and Washoe Counties and Carson City in the State, and the Spring Mountains in the State, that are--

(I) subject to approval by the Secretary; and

(II) not more than 10 years in duration"

This *comprehensive* plan is supported by 15 partners who each have a role in wildland fuels or fire management in the planning area (see "Agencies Involved" below). The proposed strategic treatments are *multi-jurisdictional*, occurring on federal, state, county, and private lands (Figure 1 shows plan area). The strategic treatments are *cost effective* because they are economical, based on the tangible benefits produced for the money spent (see "Proposed Project Costs", p. 22). "Cost effective" is defined here as targeted, priority-based fuel reduction treatments conducted at a reasonable cost that produce meaningful protection of life, property, and the environment within the operating guidelines defined by this plan. Finally, the plan details potential utilization strategies of vegetation removal products, including *biomass*, which could occur when the plan is implemented (see "Utilization Potential", p. 27).

Agencies Involved or Consulted

This plan was developed by the following cooperators:

- Nevada Division of Forestry
- Nevada Division of State Lands

- Nevada Division of State Parks
- Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
- Carson City Parks and Recreation, Open Space Division
- Washoe County
- Douglas County
- Carson City Fire Department
- Sierra Fire Protection District
- Reno Fire Department
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
- East Fork Paramedic and Fire Protection District
- Whittell Forest, University of Nevada, Reno
- USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District

Collaborative Process

The USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District assumed the lead role in coordinating the development of this plan. The district recruited a cadre of representatives (planning cadre) from fire districts and land management and regulatory agencies (see “Planning Cadre Members” p. 61) to function as a plan work group. The group met for more than 6 months throughout 2007. Members of this group and agency level fire and fuels specialists formed a planning group (Carson Fuels Analysis Team) that developed the proposed projects and supporting analysis. Subsequent review and coordination of the plan occurred after those meetings. Participants reviewed and discussed the White Pine legislation, and agreed on a plan outline that would best address the requirements of the bill. Work group representatives served as points of contact for their respective groups or agencies, and provided information used in the development of this plan.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of individuals and agencies involved with wildland fire management and prevention in the planning area are summarized in Table 1. All individual landowners and most agencies have land management responsibilities. This includes identifying concerns on parcels under their ownership or administration, and recommending and implementing actions that remedy those concerns.

Table 1. Summary of roles and responsibilities of agencies and individuals to implement the strategy

Agency/Land	Land Management	Regulatory	Lead Agency for Environmental Compliance	Funding	Programmatic Oversight
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	X	X	X	X	X
Carson City Parks and Recreation - Open Space Division	X	X		X	X
Nevada Fire Safe Council representing private landowners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job's Peak Fire Safe Chapter •Foot Hill Chapter (Sheridan Acres) •Genoa •Eagle Ridge Fire Safe Chapter (Genoa assessment) •Jack's Valley Fire Safe Chapter •Clear Creek Fire Safe Chapter •Kings Canyon Fire Safe Chapter (Carson City Assessment) •Timberline Fire Safe Chapter (Carson City Assessment) •Lake View Fire Safe Chapter (Carson City Assessment) •West Washoe Chapter •Pleasant Valley Chapter •Galena I Fire Safe Chapter (Mount Rose Corridor) •Galena II Fire Safe Chapter (Mount Rose Corridor) •Montreau Fire Safe Chapter (Mount Rose Corridor) •Scotch Pine Fire Safe Chapter (Mount Rose Corridor) •St. James Fire Safe Chapter (Mount Rose Corridor) •Galena Country Estates Fire Safe Chapter (South West Reno Assessment) •Saddle Horn Fire Safe Chapter (South West Reno Assessment) •Mt. Rose Estates Fire Safe Chapter (South West Reno Assessment) •Vista Pointe Fire Safe Chapter (South West Reno Assessment) 		X	X		
USDA Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District	X	X	X	X	X
Fire Protection Districts	X		X		X
Washoe County	X	X		X	X
UNR – Whittell Forest	X			X	X
Nevada Division of Forestry	X	X		X	
Nevada Division of State Parks	X			X	
Nevada Division of State Lands	X				X