

Executive Summary

The El Dorado County Wildfire Protection Plan provides an overview of local fire history, fire risks, hazards, and past strategies. The Plan identifies specific fire protection problems and issues, lists Plan Goals and Strategic Action Plan Recommendations, identifies and lists communities for Fire Safe Planning, provides for formation of local community Fire Safe Councils, adopts a standard outline for Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), identifies the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council as a focal point for bringing citizens and protection agencies together to plan and accomplish fire safe measures, and establishes a public education role for the EDCFSC.

The Federal Register currently identifies 22 Communities at Risk in El Dorado County (CALFIRE, 2016; Federal Register, 2001). Seventeen of these communities are covered by this CWPP and the remaining five covered under the Lake Tahoe Basin CWPP (TFFT 2015). The influx of people to El Dorado County and the building of homes in areas with hazardous fuels became an issue over 15 years ago. In response, El Dorado County initiated Fire Safe Planning for all new subdivisions and parcel splits. Several Fire Safe plans were prepared by professionals and approved by the appropriate fire protection agencies since 1993. Major mitigation work was accomplished. Updating the CWPP will expand the number communities having a CWPP compared with previous versions and allow incorporation new collaboratively developed fuel treatments into the next FSC program of work.

The El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (“CWPP”), was prepared by members of the EDCFSC, and Spatial Informatics Group, LLC, with input from local stakeholders, members of the public, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), local fire protection districts and the Eldorado National Forest. Funding was provided by EDCFSC and the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (SRAFPF) Grant Program.

This comprehensive Plan is not a legal document, although the recommendations contained within the Plan carefully conform to the spirit and the letter of the National Fire Plan, the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, the State of California Fire Safe Plan, and the El Dorado County General Plan adopted July 2004. There is no guarantee, warranty, expressed or implied and no assumption of liability that the CWPP for the communities included in this plan will prevent wildfires from destroying natural resources or threatening homes and residents. However, full implementation and maintenance of the plan’s fuel treatment measures may help reduce the exposure of the community and adjacent homes to losses from wildfire.