

# Quincy, California

## Community Wildfire Action Plan 2021-2023



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The town of Quincy, California and the greater American Valley community (approximately 2,040 households) is located within the wildland urban interface and intermix in the northern Sierra Nevada mountain range. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received during the Summer 2020 Firewise Assessment and an after action review of the 2020 Claremont Fire that affected the community. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make the neighborhoods in Quincy and the surrounding American Valley more fire resilient.

Timeline	Program	Description/Mitigation
Year 1 2021	Education & Outreach	1. Develop Quincy Firewise Facebook page and dedicated email address.
		2. Develop volunteer hours tracking allowing both digital and standard reporting of hours.
		3. Develop non-profit financial structure to pursue grants and accept donations, create and obtain printed materials.
		4. Develop Firewise community member email and mailing lists and implement mail-outs with educational materials about the threats of community wildfires and ways to reduce the risk.
		5. Promote Firewise community awareness and participation thru social media, local service clubs, and PlumasNews.com, fliers/handouts and posters.
		6. Develop Firewise community online survey questionnaire to capture data on local interests and concerns to then gather and prepare focused educational materials.
		7. Compile and distribute wildfire preparedness materials, including topics such as defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation planning to educate the community.
		8. Host a Firewise community wildfire preparedness event in May with educational presentations that communicate defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation planning materials.
	Home Hardening	9. Partner with UC Cooperative Extension to host burning of demonstration walls for home hardening and retrofitting education.
		10. Distribute home hardening literature from CAL FIRE and Plumas County Fire Safe Council.
	Fuel Reduction	11. Work with neighborhoods and/or community organizations to promote/host a community fuel reduction day.
		12. Explore community green waste options with stakeholders to implement a residential green waste program.
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	13. Educate public about go-bags and other household level wildfire preparedness measures.

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<b>Year 2 2022</b>	Education & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Host community wildfire preparedness event in May.</li><li>2. Host Firewise community meetings quarterly (4x per year).</li><li>3. Develop non-profit financial structure to pursue financial resources.</li><li>4. Develop t-shirts, stickers, hats, and/or posters to promote Firewise community awareness and participation.</li><li>5. Conduct home hazard assessments.</li><li>6. Celebrate individual homeowner successes through posting on the Quincy Firewise Facebook site and Plumas News articles to maintain heightened awareness and to encourage others to act.</li><li>7. Update Firewise community members on Action Plan progress and achievements.</li></ol>
	Fuel Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8. Work on fuel treatment management efforts to reduce vegetative material along roadway right of way.</li><li>9. Organize an event with the Plumas Underburn Cooperative.</li><li>10. Work with Plumas County Facility Services to explore opportunities to supply chips for the County Annex building.</li></ol>
	Home Hardening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. Host a Firewise community home ignition zone assessment day and home hardening workshop.</li></ol>
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12. Partner with the Quincy Volunteer Fire Department to organize and host a practice evacuation drill in one neighborhood.</li><li>13. Distribute Quincy community evacuation maps.</li></ol>
<b>Year 3 2023</b>	Education & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Update Firewise community members on Action Plan progress and achievements.</li><li>2. Conduct home hazard assessments.</li><li>3. Construct dedicated Firewise community informational bulletin board.</li><li>4. Develop annual Firewise community newsletter.</li></ol>
	Fuel Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Work with neighborhoods and/or community organizations to promote/host a community fuel reduction day.</li></ol>
	Home Hardening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Host a Firewise community home ignition zone assessment day and home hardening workshop.</li></ol>
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Work with the Quincy Volunteer Fire Department to inform mapping of fire suppression resources and considerations with local neighborhood knowledge (e.g. water resources and access for structure triage).</li><li>8. Partner with Quincy Volunteer Fire Department to organize and host a practice evacuation drill in one neighborhood.</li></ol>