

## Lookout/Lookout Ranchettes Community Action Plan

Upon the development and subsequent adoption of the Lookout/Lookout Ranchettes Community Assessment discussion was held regarding the need to develop a “Community Action Plan”. The Community Action Plan is a list of actions the community can take in order to systematically address the recommendations presented in the Assessment.

A meeting was held on October 27, 2013 to develop the list of actions that are achievable by the community.

The Lookout/Lookout Ranchettes Community Action Plan consists of the following:

- 1.) **Watershed Restoration and WUI Treatment Project** – Project consists of the removal of hazardous trees within the community as well as the opening of the tree canopy down to an acceptable 40% crown closure with removal of all downed materials from the community.
- 2.) **Annual Firewise Activity Days** – Conduct annual “Firewise Activity Days”. These annual events are activities provided to bring attention to the community of the need to create and maintain the individual homeowner and property owners’ defensible space. These can be educational or actual laborious activity to remove vegetation from around homes and buildings, etc. or both.
- 3.) **5 Year Review of Community Action Plan** – This is an opportunity to review the Community Action Plan update the plan and make any additions to the plan that would be relevant to the overall community safety from wildland fires.

With the assistance of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc., the highest priority action item has been addressed. With the removal of hazardous trees within the community as well as the opening of the tree crown-closure down to a recommended 40% and the subsequent removal of downed materials the condition of the properties and surrounding community is at a far less risk of devastation from a wildland fire.

In addition the community has already held their first Firewise activity day which consisted of the community attendance at the “Spring into Action” event held at the McArthur Fairgrounds. This event allowed community home and property owners the opportunity to sign up for the Lassen County Firesafe Council, Inc. and Lookout-Lookout Ranchettes Community Watershed Restoration and WUI Treatment Project. In addition, there were opportunities for those in attendance to learn of the many techniques on properly addressing their defensible space and to join in on free activities to win equipment/tools, etc. to assist them in their defensible space activities.