# Montgomery Creek/Round Mountain
# Community Wildfire Action Plan 2025-2027

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| Nestled in the heart of central Shasta County, our community of approximately 1,200 residents stands as a testament to resilience and renewal following the devastation of the Fountain Fire in 1992. After 32 years of natural regrowth, we now face an urgent call to action: the development of a comprehensive Community Wildfire Action Plan. As we navigate the realities of living in a fire-prone region, it is imperative that we come together to educate ourselves and our neighbors on effective strategies for reducing wildfire risks. By collaboratively addressing fuel loads and enhancing the fire resilience of our homes, we can safeguard our community and preserve the environment we cherish. Together, we have the power to create a safer, more prepared community for the future |

## Year 1 – 2025

### Education and Outreach Goals

**1. Establish Community Notifications - Utilize social media platforms such as Facebook and the Nextdoor app, along with email and phone notifications, to ensure timely communication and updates regarding wildfire preparedness.**

**2. Community Outreach Initiatives - Set up informational booths at public events to engage residents directly. Additionally, share educational articles through social media to raise awareness about wildfire risks and prevention strategies.**

**3. Community Outreach Initiatives – Plan an education day with the Shasta Fire Safe Council Education Trailer and have representatives from building materials companies, CAL FIRE, Sherriff Department, Volunteer Fire Department to talk about Wildfire Preparedness**

**4. Community-Wide Fuel Reduction Campaigns – Promote events such as community Chipper Days supported by the Shasta Fire Safe Council**

**5. Educate and encourage all community members to sign up for Alert Shasta and know their evacuation zones**

**6. Educate the community on what types of activities count towards investment hours for Firewise**

### Home Hardening Goals

**1. Promote Combustible-Free Perimeters - With fewer than 25% of homes in the area having established a combustible-free perimeter, we aim to educate residents on the importance of clearing debris within the 0–5-foot zone around their homes to enhance fire resilience.**

**2. Promote Gutter and Roof Cleaning - With 25-50% of homes with debris cleared from gutters and roofs, we aim to educate residents on the importance of clearing debris from gutters and roofs to remove combustibles and bring the number of homes with clear roofs and gutters into the 75% range.**

**3. Educate homeowners on gutter options such as gutter guards and metal gutters and recommend homeowners to install as obtainable in order to improve and maintain the percentage of homes with debris**

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| **free gutters each year** |

| **Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals** |
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| **1. Engage Landowners to remove combustible materials within 0-5 ft of their homes**<br>**2. Work with the Shasta County Fire Safe Council to schedule dates for Chipper Days, and promote those events within the community**<br>**3. Fire vegetation – Educate homeowners on what can be planted within the 0-5ft perimeter that is fire safe** |

| **Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness** |
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| **1. Engage Landowners on Emergency Egress - Collaborate with large commercial and government landowners to discuss the implications of locked gates at critical exit points, advocating for more accessible emergency egress routes.**<br>**2. Map Water Resources - Identify and map all water drafting sites and hydrants in the community to enhance preparedness and ensure easy access during emergencies**<br>**3. Map Evacuation sites – Identify and map all evacuation sites for individuals to harbor in place and locations where large and small animals can be evacuated to** |

## Year 2 - 2026

| **Education and Outreach Goals** |
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| **1. Semi-Annual Community Meetings - Establish and host semi-annual community meetings to share progress on wildfire preparedness initiatives, educate residents, and foster engagement within the community.**<br>**2. Continue Community-Wide Education Events - Organize events featuring home hardening vendors and educators to provide hands-on learning experiences and resources for residents.**<br>**3. Continue Community Notifications - Utilize social media platforms such as Facebook and the Nextdoor app, along with email and phone notifications, to ensure timely communication and updates regarding wildfire preparedness**<br>**4. Community-Wide Fuel Reduction Campaigns – gather community participants for collective fuel reduction projects such as ingress and egress clean up events, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and engagement**<br>**5. Establish a streamlined system for community members to report their firewise investments (hours and monetary investments)** |

**6. Establish a regular quarterly schedule for Fire Safe Council Meetings to plan community events to increase community engagement and participation, and track progress.**

**7. Continue to educate and encourage all community members to sign up for Alert Shasta and know their evacuation zones**

**8. Continue to educate the community on what types of activities count towards investment hours for Firewise**

## Home Hardening Goals

**1. Ongoing Education on Combustible-Free Zones - Continue efforts to educate and motivate residents to maintain a combustible-free immediate zone (0-5 feet) around their homes.**

**2. Establishing Low Fuel Intermediate Zones - Encourage the community to create and maintain low fuel intermediate zones and clear driveways to enhance fire safety.**

**3. Encourage all residents to install non-combustible soffit vents with mesh or screening when obtainable**

## Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

**1. Support for Fuel Removal Along Ingress/Egress Routes - Advocate for and support residents in removing excess fuels along critical routes to ensure safe access during emergencies.**

**2. Community-Wide Fuel Reduction Projects - Organize and promote community-wide fuel reduction initiatives to bolster collective fire preparedness (e.g. Chipper Days).**

**3. Relocation of Fuel Tanks - Encourage residents to relocate fuel tanks, such as propane and kerosene, to safer areas away from structures.**

**4. Determine the availability of, and assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Collaborate with Shasta County Fire Safe Council, Resource Conservation Districts, and neighboring Firewise Communities as needed.**

## Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

**1. Emergency Action Plans for Gated Roads - Collaborate with large landowners to create emergency action plans for locked gates at potential evacuation sites, ensuring clear protocols are in place.**

**2. Development of Preliminary Evacuation Plans - Develop and assess preliminary evacuation plans for publication and display at community hubs, enhancing awareness and preparedness**

**3. Send out via social media and flyers information to community members on evacuation planning and how to build a personalized evacuation plan**

## Year 3 - 2027

### Education and Outreach Goals

**1. Semi-Annual Community Meetings - Establish and host semi-annual community meetings to share progress on wildfire preparedness initiatives, educate residents, and foster engagement within the community.**

**2. Continue regular quarterly schedule for Fire Safe Council Meetings plan community events to increase community engagement and participation, and track progress.**

**3. Continue Community Notifications - Utilize social media platforms such as Facebook and the Nextdoor app, along with email and phone notifications, to ensure timely communication and updates regarding wildfire preparedness**

**4. Continue to educate and encourage all community members to sign up for Alert Shasta and know their evacuation zones**

**5. Continue to educate the community on what types of activities count towards investment hours for Firewise**

**6. Inform community members on any available home hardening or defensible space grants.**

### Home Hardening Goals

**1. Ongoing Education on Fuels Reduction - Continue to educate and motivate homeowners to maintain fuels reduction in both immediate and intermediate zones.**

**2. Expand Fuels Reduction Efforts - Introduce a new focus on reducing fuels in the 30-100 foot range, or up to 200 feet as conditions warrant, to further enhance fire resilience.**

**3. Continue to educate homeowners on home hardening, such as recommending homeowners remove all wooden attachments from homes, install skirting underneath raised floors/decks, install multi-paned windows, install non-combustible vents, etc. as obtainable**

### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

**1. Fire Breaks – Work with Shasta County and/or Caltrans to reduce fuels along key high-traffic roads— such as Fenders Ferry Road, Terry Mill Road, and Woodhill—creating effective fire breaks.**

**2. Partnership with Shasta County Fire Safe Council and Western Shasta Resource Conservation District - Work with the Shasta County Fire Safe Council to build upon previous fuel reduction projects, to enhance community safety.**

**3. Engagement with Government Organizations - Partner with government entities to address and reduce fuel loads along targeted waterways, enhancing both fire safety and environmental health.**

**4. Determine the availability of, and assess the need for fuel reduction grants for residents and landowners. Collaborate with Shasta County Fire Safe Council, Resource Conservation Districts, and neighboring Firewise Communities as needed.**

| **Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness** |
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| **1. Publication of Community Evacuation Plans - Develop, publish, and display comprehensive community evacuation plans, including safe zones and emergency contacts.**<br><br>**2. Awareness Campaign - Distribute posters and informational materials at schools, stores, post offices, churches, and medical clinics to ensure widespread awareness of evacuation protocols and safety resources.**<br><br>**3. Continue to promote evacuation preparedness - Send out via social media and flyers information to community members on how to pack an evacuation "Go Bag", and making home inventory lists.** |