



## Our Mission

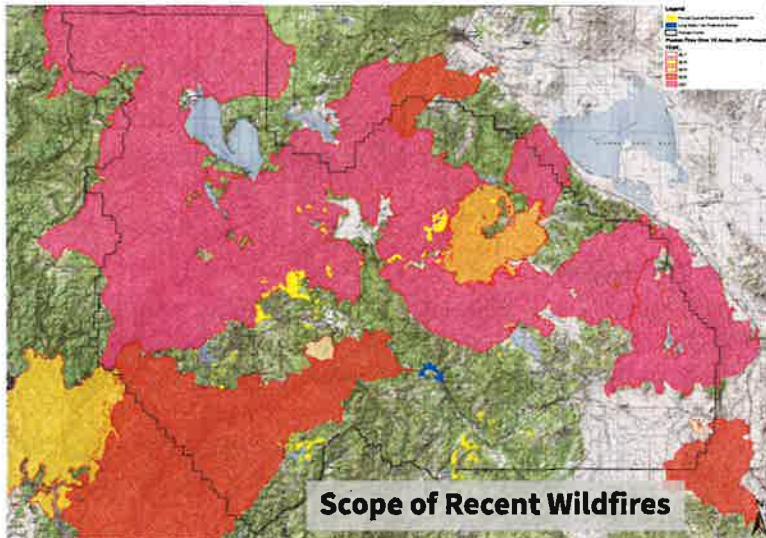
To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities



**Our mission** is to promote the benefits of good land stewardship through education and restoration activities that result in healthy forests, resilient watersheds, and prosperous communities

## Mega Fires, Reforestation, Watersheds, and California's Future

The scale of impact from the 2020-2021 Dixie Fire (963,309 acres), North Complex Fires (318,935 acres), and Beckwourth Complex Fires (105,670 acres) created salvage logging and forest restoration challenges the size and



scope of which have never been previously attempted. Recovering from these fires and planning for future wildfires in a changing world requires new strategies, new science, and new operational realities, all while protecting critical headwaters for the State Water Project that provides water to 27 million Californians. Our demonstrated leadership in collaborating across jurisdictions has set the standard in erasing boundaries and red tape to achieve better results.

## Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- **Completed** - 21,119 acres
- **Currently being implemented** - 772 acres
- **Shovel ready projects** - 3,976 acres

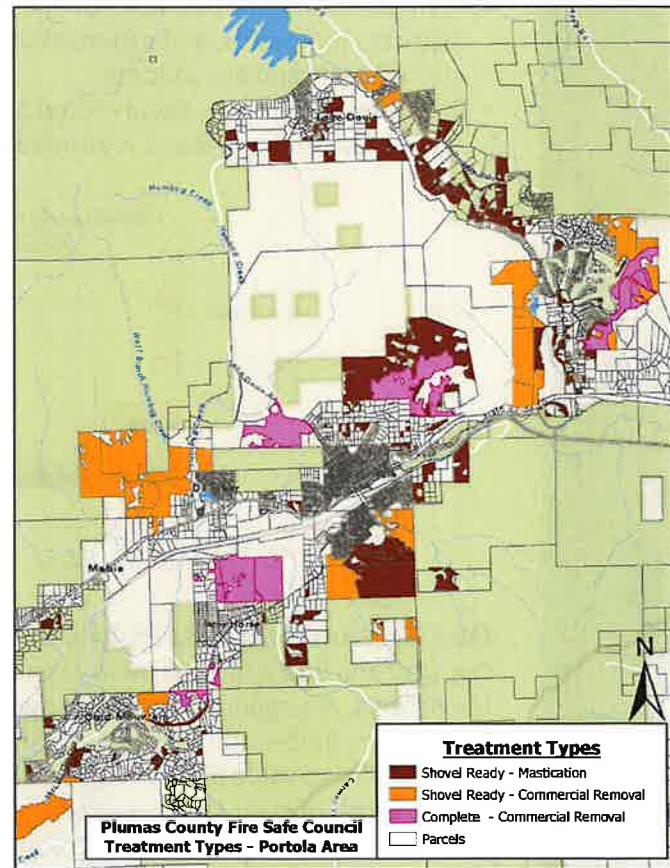
## Shovel Ready and Waiting....

Delays in federal grant decisions have major impacts for on-the-ground work

- Rural Business Development Grant application submitted in February 2025
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, CWDG, Stevens, and Secure Rural Schools Rural Advisory Committee funding sources are critical across partnerships
- State Forest Capacity Grant application submitted in September 2025 for wildfire planning

## Diversified Funding Sources

- Our long-term strategy will always require federal and state grant commitments, given the size and importance of the Feather River Watershed to California's water future
- We are actively seeking to diversify funding through private foundation and fee-for-service sources
- Our forest industries and small population of 18,500 residents come through every year with donations and volunteer time above and beyond the 20 percent of non-federally managed land in our county

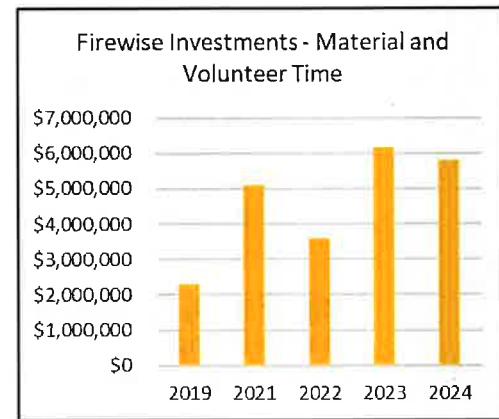


## It's Not Just About Acres Treated

The current drive for “acres treated” misses the importance of the where those acres are located. Defensive work done on smaller parcels in and close to our towns plays a key role in developing communities that are more resilient to wildfire.

Our programs include:

- Defensible space support for seniors - 773 homes treated in three years
- Prescribed burns for private landowners - 42 pile burn projects, 46 underburns since 2020
- Firewise Communities - 30 and growing, with volunteer and material investment of \$23 million in the last 5 years
- Chipping 9,120 cubic yards of green waste for 2,027 residents; technical leadership on biofuels and green waste management
- Leadership coordination, technical and regulatory support to dozens of local, state, and federal fire protection agencies that are mainly staffed with volunteers
- Home visits to educate and assist all homeowners in Plumas County and to tackle housing affordability and insurance coverage



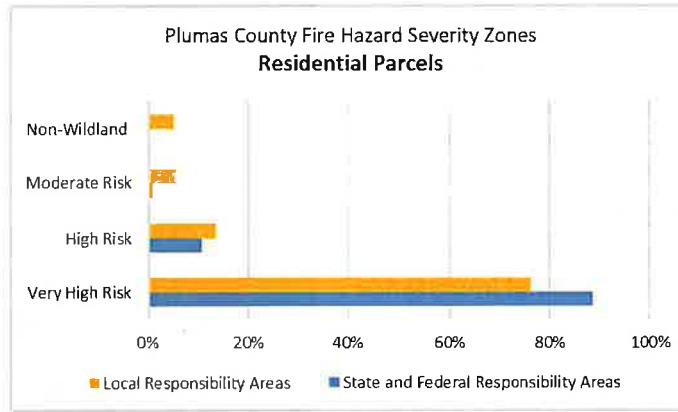
## Successful Partnerships Must Integrate Large and Small Scale Work

Every large scale grant-funded hazardous fuels reduction project should incorporate at least one element of small-scale work that will enhance the project goals and outcomes.

## A Rural County Shaped by Forests & People

Our county is dominated by federally-managed forest lands; 80 percent of our land falls within Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest, Tahoe National Forest, Lassen National Park, and Plumas-Eureka State Park. Another 12 percent is made up of private timberlands, leaving only 8 percent in the hands of private owners who make up our limited tax base.

- Our residents are the foresters, loggers, truck drivers, equipment operators, biologists, planners, teachers, storekeepers, and county workers who are all critical to the health of the forest, the Feather River Watershed, and biological heritage of the Sierra Nevada mountains
- Plumas County Fire Safe Council and Plumas Corp, along with the dozens of collaborating agencies, special districts, non-profits, and experts that we work with every day, support the education and development of our residents and our children
- Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act is critical to our communities and our future, not just for schools but for natural and man-made infrastructure funded through the program



Most homes in Plumas County are in **high** or **very high** fire hazard severity zones, and in 2025, over 1500 urban residential parcels are newly regulated for defensible space, new construction standards, home hardening, and real estate disclosures

## Our Mission Supports Public Safety

Our staff and board include multi-faceted professionals who serve or have served as volunteer and wildland fire fighters, emergency managers, sawyers, biologists, fuels managers, foresters, emergency medical responders, timber and insurance industry representatives. At a very deep level, we understand the connection and value of risk mitigation projects that make our communities and our forests more resilient during a time of great changes. We bring that commitment to an outreach program that is centered on self reliance, developing families and communities, and understanding the past while looking to the future.