

PLUMAS COUNTY

2021 Wildfires

Long-Term Recovery Plan



*IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE*



RSF WORKING GROUPS

Informational Briefing

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- ✓ **Welcome & Introductions**
- ✓ **2021 Wildfires Long-Term Recovery Plan - PROCESS**
- ✓ **FEB/MAR Community Meetings - RECAP**
- ✓ **April 2023 Community Meetings - FLYER**
- ✓ **Potential Wildfire Recovery Projects - REFINEMENT**

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KEY IMPACTS

- ▶ 768,130 acres burned in Plumas County (45% of total acreage)
- ▶ Over 600,000 acres assessed as moderate-to-high soil burn severity
- ▶ 21,957 trees felled under Hazard Tree Removal Program
- ▶ 779 damaged or destroyed residences
- ▶ 144 damaged or destroyed commercial buildings
- ▶ 609 newly vacant parcels
- ▶ Nearly 15,000 cubic feet of public road damages in Greenville and Indian Falls
- ▶ Over 1,000 utility poles destroyed
- ▶ Indian Valley CSD reported 68% decrease in water and sewer revenues
- ▶ 46% increase in average home sale prices (2019-2022)
- ▶ 18-28% increase in average fair market rent rates (2017-2023)

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KEY IMPACTS

- ▶ Estimated 1,611 net job losses
- ▶ Estimated 68 net businesses closed
- ▶ Over \$15,000,000 in total verified business losses
- ▶ Over \$500,000 in reduced County property tax revenue in FY2022-23
- ▶ Highest employment losses: Public Administration (~45%), Transportation (~26%), Finance (~36%), Healthcare (~25%)
- ▶ At least 350 impacted elementary school students
- ▶ Increased need for mental healthcare services
- ▶ Impacts to Greenville Rancheria's medical and dental facilities resulted in patients driving 4 hours roundtrip to nearby facilities in Red Bluff

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COUNTYWIDE LEADERSHIP



- ✓ Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director
- ✓ Tyler Pew, LMNOP Design + Build



- ✓ Kevin Goss, Supervisor District 2
- ✓ John Mannle, Public Works Director



- ✓ John Steffanic, Fair Manager
- ✓ Jeff Engel, Supervisor District 5



- ✓ Neal Caiazzo, Social Services Director
- ✓ Dana Loomis, Public Health Director



- ✓ Paul Russell, Museum Director
- ✓ Willo Vieira, Agricultural Commissioner

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PLANNING PROCESS

- ▶ Phase 0 and Phase 1A - Dixie Fire Collaborative (fall 2021 - winter 2022)
 - Community listening sessions and relationship building
 - Needs identification
 - Recovery goals
- ▶ Phase 2 - Countywide Long-Term Recovery Plan (summer 2022 - summer 2023)
 - Facilitates recovery planning through “big picture” recovery framework
 - Establishes vision and values
 - Ties together community specific fire impacts and recovery needs
 - **INTEGRATES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INPUT**
 - **IDENTIFIES PROJECT CHAMPIONS**
 - **PRIORITIZES RECOVERY PROJECTS**
 - **INCLUDES RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES**
 - Discusses plan implementation and maintenance

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MILESTONE SCHEDULE

* FEBRUARY - Public Outreach #1 - Vision, Values, and Potential Recovery Projects Intro

MARCH - Based on Public Input Refine Potential Recovery Projects

* APRIL - Public Outreach #2 - Prioritize Recovery Projects and Confirm Vision and Values

MAY - Based on Public Input Prioritize Recovery Projects

Release Public Review Draft Long-Term Recovery Plan with Priority Projects

* JUNE - Public Outreach #3 - Public Review Draft Long-Term Recovery Plan

JULY - Based on Public Input Refine Long-Term Recovery Plan

AUGUST - County Board of Supervisors to Adopt Long-Term Recovery Plan

PUBLIC OUTREACH #1

| Community Meeting Location | Date | Head Count |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Taylorsville | 2/17/2023 | 60 |
| Greenville | 2/18/2023 | 87 |
| Chester | 2/21/2023 | 27 |
| Quincy | 2/23/2023 | 22 |
| Vinton | 3/21/2023 | 11 |
| | Total | 207 |

- ▶ 3/22/2023 Portola City Council Informational Briefing

Public Outreach #1

WILDFIRE RECOVERY

WHAT ARE YOUR...

VISION & VALUES

- ▶ Example Vision Statements tied to recovery framework and needs
- ▶ Example Value Statements tied to Dixie Fire Collaborative Phase 0/1A Outreach




- ▶ Over 100 community surveys collected (demographic data, impacts, and needs)

Sustainable Development
provide art & cultural spaces
Equity & Inclusion
independence
cooperation & sharing
support small businesses
COMMUNITY cultural heritage
HEALTH
energy independence
increase resiliency
MAIDU CULTURE employ youth
support historic places and local landmarks
FUN social & cultural inclusion
SUSTAINABILITY **legacy**
nature collaborate with others

What's missing?

54 POTENTIAL RECOVERY PROJECTS



- ▶ Tell us your 12 preferred projects 
- ▶ Tell us your 1 STAR project 
- ▶ Tell us 1 project you don't prefer 

Please Stay in Touch

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ✓ Be added to the Long-Term Recovery Plan email mailing list
- ✓ Share information with your neighbors
- ✓ Participate in outreach events and surveys
- ✓ Provide project feedback and ideas
- ✓ Review and comment on the Long-Term Recovery Plan
- ✓ Support project implementation

Questions? Plumas Wildfire Recovery Email:
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2021 Wildfires Plumas County Website:
<https://plumascounty.us/2964/Plumas-Wildfire-Recovery>