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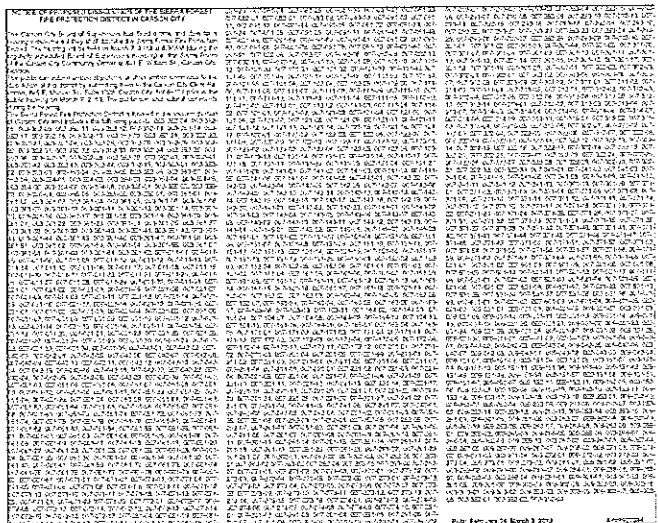
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CARSON CITY FUELS TREATMENT PROJECTS
Carson City Board of Supervisors
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Treatment Area Objectives

The management goal is protection of life and property in the wildland urban interface areas of Carson City through fire hazard reduction within project boundaries. Fire behavior will be modified on the designated landscape to provide defensible space and provide firefighters a working environment to protect values at risk.

Purpose of Plan

Create community defensible space in designated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) treatments areas and priority City right-of-ways by reducing fuel loading and wildfire intensity. Modify vegetation structure and composition to reduce fire behavior by utilizing handcrews and mechanical equipment contractors to complete required initial entry and to include maintenance to existing fuel breaks and right-of-ways. The need for the projects are due to the past fire history in the Carson City area, the location of hazardous vegetative fuels and due to proximity to homes and businesses.

Treatment Areas

1) Location: Eagle Creek/Lakeview

Hand Treatment. Initial phase completed Dec. 2010. Re-entry completed 2012 by CCFD Seasonal Firefighters. Burn plan completed winter 2013.

- Size of Area – 13.5 Acres. (7150' distance by 100' – 200' wide)
- Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea, and desert peach transitions to scattered Cottonwood, dense willow, and sparse Jeffrey pine in the riparian area surrounding Eagle Creek. A high vegetative condition, denser stands, with old growth big sagebrush and bitterbrush occurs just to the east of Lakeview Subdivision.

2) Location: Timberline to Long Ranch

Mechanical Mowing / Mastication & Hand Treatment.

Initial Phases completed 2011 – 2012. Maintenance on-going 2013

- Size of Area – 6300' linear distance for r-o-w'along Combs Canyon Rd. and Timberline Dr., 1.6 acre mosaic east of Timberline subdivision, 3.0 acre mosaic at Timberline and Combs Canyon, 2.8 acre mosaic at Adams property, and 2.2 acres of willow reduction at Long Ranch Open Space, including 0.30 acres of willow removal completed by CCFD Seasonal Firefighters 2012.

- Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea. Dense willow is found along Ash Canyon Creek at the Long Ranch Carson City Open Space parcel and on private parcels
- 3) Location: **Kings Canyon**
Mechanical Mowing/Mastication. Initial phase completed 2010. Maintenance on-going 2011 - 2013
- Size of Area – 4500' linear r-o-w distance to include the secondary egress route and fence lines on CC Utilities parcels, 7.5 acres of mowing on Carson City Utilities parcels,
 - Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea, and desert peach. 4' tall grasses are found north of Kings Canyon Rd. on Carson City Utilities parcel.
- 4) Location: **Kingsview/C-Hill**
Initial phase completed by CCFD Seasonal Firefighters 2012. Ongoing maintenance scheduled 2013.
- Size of Area – 4.75 Acres. (60 - 100' wide) of hand treatment by CCFD seasonal firefighters at Kingsview Subdivision.
 - Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea, and desert peach. A medium vegetative condition exists within the project boundary.
- 5) Location: **Voltaire Canyon**
9.25 Initial hand treatment 2010 and 5.5 acre mechanical mastication completed 2012. Ongoing maintenance scheduled.
- Size of Area – 14.7 Acres. (100' – 200' wide)
 - Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – Dense stands, old growth big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea, and desert peach.
- 6) Location: **South Carson & East Carson City R-O-W**
Project started 2012, on-going. Complete 2013. The project is located in wildland urban interface on the south and east side of Carson City. Specifically, Carson City r-o-w's adjacent to moderate density residential areas in South, East Carson and Pinion Hills

- Size of Area – Approximately 17,000 liner feet of r-o-w including approximately 3 acres of fuel mosaic in the Pinion Hills 60’ wide r-o-w.
- Vegetation (species, cover, habitat types) – Big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush community with Mormon tea, and desert peach

Resident Self Service Program

In 2006 the Carson City Fire Department received a grant from the Bureau of Land Management to develop a program to aid residents in reducing hazardous wildland fuels from their property and their neighborhoods. In conjunction with the city’s Fire Safe Council Chapters several programs were explored. The program that was deemed most appropriate was a series of dumpsters and dump trailers to be provided to residents

The *You Call, We haul* program was established shortly there after. Residents of the City’s wildland urban interface area can call and request a 22 cubic yard dumpster or a 5 yard dump trailer. The trailer/dumpster is delivered to the resident and left for several days. We then return and pick-up the trailer/dumpster and bring the debris to the landfill to be recycled with the bio-waste.

Here is a re-cap of the success of the program over the past three years.

2010

- Total fuels collected – 302.43 tons
- Total number of requests for use – 488
- 40% increase in fuels collected and 30% increase in requests for use from previous year

2011

- Total fuels collected – 237.54 tons
- Total number of requests for use – 430
- Fuels collected (-27%) and use (-12%) down due to weather conditions – rain and snow days doubled from previous years, as well as no dump delivery for two months due to dump truck being out of commission for repairs.

2012

- Total fuels collected – 339.99 tons
- Total number of requests for use – 578
- 43% increase in fuels collected and 74% increase in requests for use from previous year (2011)

Since 2006, the program has collected 1,602.83 tons of hazardous fuels. This is a 117.9% increase in fuels collected. The requests for use have increased by 166.4% with a total of 2,750 requests for assistance.