**Summary Section**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *This document is meant to be used to more easily complete the Summary Section of the* *Firewise USA® Recognition Program Community Wildfire Risk Assessment form. It is set up as a fillable form in Microsoft Word. Once it is open,* ***a copy should be saved with the Firewise Site name in the file nam****e before working with this document. There are dropdowns with specific text choices, placeholders for text, and placeholders for percentages that are meant to be pulled from the Community Survey results. The ordering of the topics closely follows the flow of the Community Wildfire Risk Assessment form and, to make it easy to complete, each sub-section has the page reference that corresponds to the page of the Firewise USA® Recognition Program Community Wildfire Risk Assessment form.*

*Note that for Sonoma County, we have included a section on fire department capabilities. This should also be in the other site information sub-section on page 4 of the Community Wildfire Risk Assessment form.*

*Once the document is complete and has been saved, the text can be copied and pasted into the Summary Section of Firewise USA® Recognition Program Community Wildfire Risk Assessment form. It will be about two pages with 12 pt text so it should fit within the bounding box on the form and still be easy to read. The risk assessment document should also be saved for future reference.*

**General Site Description** (Pg 3)

The SITE NAME is XX acres in area and is within the community of CITY, in the County of Sonoma, California and is BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (Pg 3).

**General Site Information** (pg. 4)

The site has 00 dwelling units and has approximately 00 residents (*based on 2.5 residents per dwelling according to most current Sonoma County Censes data*).

**Description of Properties within the Boundary** (pg. 4)

Of homes surveyed, the residential types are mostly Choose an item., with 00.0% Choose an item. ; with 00.0% Choose an item.; and the balance with 00.0%. The type of ownership is mostly Choose an item.(00.0%), and lot sizes are predominantly Choose an item. in area (00.0%).

In addition, the responding fire department is a Choose an item. fire department; is trained to Choose an item.; and Choose an item. residential inspections to determine compliance with structural hardening and defensible space regulations. They can provide Choose an item.; and Choose an item. capable of delivering an uninterrupted fire flow of 200 gpm for 20 minutes beginning within 5 minutes of the first arriving engine company; and Choose an item. capable of providing 500 gpm or more uninterrupted water supply within the base map area for a period of 2 hours using hydrants, tender/tanker shuttle operations and/or large diameter hose relays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TEXT BLOCK

**Description of local wildland fire characteristics** (Pg. 4)

The common vegetation type(s) in the site are: Click or tap here to enter text. The topography Click or tap here to enter text. Regarding winds, the site Choose an item.

Choose an item. history of wildfire.

**Observations** (Pg 5, 6 & 7)

Of the homes surveyed, Choose an item. buildings in this area were constructed Choose an item. 2008 and Choose an item. meet modern construction standards for buildings built in the wildland-urban interface area.

Click or tap here to enter text. Percent of the homes surveyed have a fire-resistant roof; 00.0 % have non-combustible soffit vents with 1/8-inch mesh or screening on vents; 00.0 % have non-combustible siding, and 00.0 % have a slab floor or skirting material all the way around the bottom of the home and decks to protect the underside from embers.

Click or tap here to enter text. percent have NO wood attachments; 00.0 % of homes have multi-pane windows; 00.0 % have cleaned and maintained their roof and gutters; and 00.0 % of the homes surveyed have non-combustible rain gutters.

**Within the Immediate Zone**, 00.0 % of homes surveyed have no dead vegetation, dried leaves, pine needles, and ground debris near foundations; 00.0 % have hardscaping, such as concrete, stone or gravel walkways around perimeters to keep them free of litter/debris; 00.0 % have non-combustible alternatives to wood mulch in this Zone. Click or tap here to enter text.percent of homes have no trees/shrubs in this area; and 00.0 % have branches overhanging the roof or within 10 feet of chimneys.*From this data, we found the percentage of homes that have treated vegetation and created a combustible-free Immediate Zone to be* *00.0* % *overall.*

**Within the Intermediate Zone,** 00.0 % of homes surveyed have fuel breaks in this area such as driveways, 00.0 % walkways/paths, patios, and decks, between clusters of combustible vegetation; 00.0 % have lawns and native grasses maintained in this area; 00.0 % have their vegetation spread out; 00.0 % have ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) removed so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns; 00.0 % have pruned trees in accordance with best practices; General recommendations; and 00.0 % of the vegetation is kept irrigated. *From this data, we found the percentage of homes that have treated vegetation in the Intermediate Zone to* be *00.0 %* *overall.*

**Within the Extended Zone**, 00.0 % of homes surveyed are free from a heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris; 00.0 % are free from dead plant and tree material; 00.0 % include defensible space around storage sheds; 00.0 % have removed small conifers and/or brush growing between mature trees; and 00.0 % of trees 30–60 feet from the home have at least 12 feet between canopies. *From this data, we found the percentage of homes that have treated vegetation in the Intermediate Zone to be 00.0 %* *overall.*

**Recommendations**

Using the findings from the observation phase, identify actions and steps that can be taken to reduce the site’s risk from wildfire. Prioritize recommendations based on the potential fire threat to homes. It’s recommended that residents address hazards at the home first and work their way out into the three home ignition zones. Remember, small things can have a huge impact on home survivability. Use these recommendations to create your site’s action plan.

The findings from the observation been used to identify the following actions and steps that can be taken to reduce the site’s risk from wildfire.

**ACCESS / EGRESS**

***Roadside vegetation*** *ranked moderate.* *Tall grass, brush, and trees border and overhang the roadway.* It is recommended that fuels management work, educational initiatives, and funding be considered to mitigate this risk. **Priority medium.**

**House numbers** ranked moderate. It is recommended Education, outreach, and funding for address signs be considered to mitigate this risk. **Priority medium.**

**Unrated bridges ranked moderate.**  *Some bridges may lack rating assessments.* It is advisable to start evacuation planning to learn where bridges are and to secure funding to ensure bridges are properly rated. Additionally, advocating for legislation that mandates bridge ratings could be considered. **Priority low.**

***Secondary terminus*** *ranked inadequate.* Recommend evacuation training and drills. **Priority high.**

**Secondary roadway width** ranked moderate. Recommend evacuation training and drills. **Priority high.**

**HOME HARDENING**

**Roofing** ranked inadequate. It is recommended to implement education, outreach, and funding initiatives for retrofit opportunities. **Priority high**

**Siding** *ranked inadequate.* It is recommended to implement education, outreach, and funding initiatives for retrofit opportunities. **Priority high**

**Unenclosed features** (*Decks, wooden attachments such as fences, etc). ranked inadequate.* It is recommended to implement education, outreach, and funding initiatives for retrofit opportunities. **Priority high**

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

***Defensible space*** *ranked moderate.*It is recommended to implement education, outreach, funding for inspections and funding for treatment opportunities. **Priority medium**

Fuel density ranked high and fire behavior ranked high. It is recommended to implement education, outreach, and funding for strategic fuel break opportunities.