

SAMPLE NOTICE OF COMMUNITY FIRE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

When completing a community-wide fire hazard assessment, you may wish to provide prior notice to community members, or have an informational sheet on hand. A sample of this type of informational bulletin is provided below:

Even in highly fire-prone areas, there are steps that home-owners and communities can take to reduce fire risk. However, identifying the fire hazards for a specific property or neighborhood can be difficult because the general public often does not have access to relevant information. The **FIRE INFORMATION ENGINE TOOLKIT Community Wildfire Hazard Assessment** allows property-owners and communities to better understand fire hazards at a parcel level through the use of an intuitive, interactive Internet mapping application.

To complete this assessment, we will be conducting street-level surveys of individual parcels during a two-week period in June – **we will not be going onto private property** unless a homeowner is interested in a full home assessment.

Hand-held GPS units will be used to capture location information, measure distances, and record data. Each assessment should take around 20 minutes. The evaluations will consider site fuel hazards and structural hazards. Site fuel hazards are things like trees overhanging a roof, dense shrubs next to windows, and large wood piles stored under a combustible deck. Examples of structural hazards are wood roofs, unscreened vents, and large gaps under a garage door.

All fire hazard information will be made available through a web-based Geographic Information System (webGIS). Home-owners will be able to identify the hazards for their parcel, understand how it was determined and get more information on how to make improvements. To learn more about this project please visit our website at _____.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit us on the web at the address listed below, send an email to _____, or call us at _____.