



228 Commercial Street #277, Nevada City, CA 95959

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To Fellow Neighborhoods:

You have probably heard of the Nevada County Fire Plan which has been in preparation for the past two years. Several public meetings have been held to review the plan with county residents including one organized by FoNA in May 2004.

The Federation of Neighborhood Associations Board members have concerns about the structure of the plan that we feel need to be addressed. Among those concerns are vegetation clearance requirements so harsh that they will alter the landscape of Nevada County. The excessive costs of that vegetation clearance will be born mainly by private landowners. It is time for western Nevada County citizens to be heard.

After studying options for fire plans and consulting with experts in the field of fire prevention, we are noticing you with this alert and have prepared a position paper which is circulating with this letter. Please review the plan with your association and approve/disapprove as well as give comments and return the attached form via e-mail (nancy_weber@juno.com) or hard copy mail to the above FoNA address. PLEASE RETURN BY 4/8/06.

You may receive a hard copy of the fire plan and initial study by calling Kathleen Edwards at the Rood Center (265-1253) or downloading it from the website listed at the end of the position paper. The Nevada County Fire Safe Council has resources for checkout. You may reach Marty Pezzaglia at 265-3288 or Nancy Weber at 265-0424.

It will take a strong community groundswell to reverse action on the fire plan as written. It has already been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The comment period for the initial study ends 4/10/06 although we are asking for a 15 day extension. If that is granted, we will let you know. In addition to comments to FoNA please write letters from neighborhood associations and individuals. The email address for Kathleen Edwards is kathleen.edwards@fire.ca.gov

Federation of Neighborhood Associations is co-hosting a panel discussion on the fire plan in early April and you will receive a notice of time and place shortly.

Sincerely,

Eric Jorgensen Warren Knox Marty Pezzaglia Peter Van Zant Nancy Weber
The FoNA Fire Plan Committee

Please return to address noted above by April 8, 2006

Name of Neighborhood Association	Signature of Representative
Supports the Federation of Neighborhood Associations Position Paper on the Nevada County Fire Plan	
Comments: _____	