

Shelter Bay
Community Wildfire Protection Plan
2013 ~ 2018



Skagit County FIRE PROTECTION DIST. #13

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Goals & Objectives

- Minimize the potential for loss of homes during a Wildland fire.
- Protect Shelter Bay Community from damage or loss due to a Wildland fire.
- Implement the Shelter Bay Greenbelt Management Plan to facilitate wildfire safety and forest health issues in the community.
- Partner with Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 13, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office and other neighboring landowners, Public and Private, to our mutual benefit to reduce the Wildfire Hazard in and around the community.
- Provide education to the community on Wildfire prevention.
- Serve as an example and leader in Wildfire Prevention and Loss Mitigation for surrounding communities.
- Maintain Firewise Communities/USA status.

Operations:

Unless otherwise noted, the yearly objectives will be accomplished through joint coordination of Shelter Bay Community and the following agencies: Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office, Skagit County Fire Protection District #13, Skagit Conservation District and Washington State Department of Natural Resources. For specific projects, the lead coordinator will be determined at the time of implementation.

2013 - 2018 Objectives

(Note: Some of these objectives may encompass more than one year.)

Community Infrastructure

1. Update the Shelter Bay Wildfire Hazard Assessment.
2. Complete Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
3. Provide ongoing coordination with Shelter Bay Board of Directors and Committees to evaluate R&R's, Covenants, and policies as they relate to wildfire protection.
4. Coordinate with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community regarding participation in Firewise program.

Access (ingress/egress)

1. Work with Skagit County Fire Protection District 13 to develop a written summary of the Emergency Evacuation routes, utilizing the three points of ingress/egress.

Fuels Reduction

1. Continue to coordinate with Greenbelt Committee on projects aimed at restoration of forest health and fire fuels reduction in greenbelts:
2. Partner with WADNR and Skagit Conservation District for guidance and assistance in fuels reduction implementation.
3. Sponsor community clean-up events, such as yard waste and tree debris collection and chipping/composting.

Homes/Structures/Lots

1. Continuing education on reduction of home ignitability in the home ignition zone.
2. Continue to coordinate with Committees and community management regarding fire prevention for homes, structures, and vacant lots.

Fire Protection Planning and Services

1. Continue to include Fire District #13 representative(s) in monthly Firewise meetings and coordinate on projects as determined.
2. Develop Wildfire Action Plan (pre-attack plan)
 - a. Use findings and recommendations for Community Wildfire Protection Plan amendment.
3. Design and implement 1st annual inter-agency Wildland Fire Drill

Education

Most of the following activities are a continuation of what is already being done:

1. Promote community awareness and education on reduction of home ignitability in the home ignition zone.
2. Increase awareness of the Wildfire potential in and adjacent to Shelter Bay and prevention techniques through the Community Newsletter and website www.shelterbay.net .
3. Promote Washington's Wildfire Awareness Week within the community.
4. Sponsor a community open house for the Fuels Reduction Demonstration project.
5. Increase awareness and provide education to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.
6. Build a library of educational materials and brochures.

Recognition

1. Annually recognize those volunteers who participate in Firewise activities and projects.