HAZARDOUS FUELS AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION RANKING CRITERIA

Four criteria will be used by the subgroup to evaluate, score and rank nominations in this category. Planning projects are evaluated on the anticipated results and methodology of the resultant project. The subgroup reserves the right to elevate the top ranking project from each geographic area in its recommendation. The total points available for each criteria is shown to the right of the criteria. The factors used to score the criteria are listed below it with the points available for each factor. The factor scores are cumulative to make up the total points available for each criteria. Unless otherwise indicated in the factor, score each factor on a sliding scale.

1. Improves the community within and/or adjacent to the project area.	**Points = 25**

Factors:

A. Addresses immediate public health and safety and community infrastructure.	
1. Project is within the Defense Zone, generally an area within 0.25 mile of life and property, as depicted by the most current Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map in the applicable plan.	15
2. Project is within the Threat Zone, generally an area between 0.25 mile and 1.50 miles of life and property, as depicted by the most current WUI map in the applicable plan.	10
3. Project is within the general forest or other lands beyond the WUI (generally greater than 1.5 miles from life and property), as depicted by the most current map in the applicable plan.	5
B. Promotes protection of source water (rivers and lakes) or municipal watersheds.	5
C. Project includes education and outreach to the community on Living with Fire or Fire Adapted Communities and/or the importance of fuels reduction on federal, state, and local government land.	5

Select the most appropriate Factor (A1, A2, A3) and award all points indicated. Score Factors B and C on a sliding scale.

2. Improves the connection of fuels reduction activities and wildlife habitat.	**Points = 30**

Factors:

A. Project connects previously treated areas to create or increase contiguous blocks of treated land.	10
B. Project protects or enhances wildlife habitat and/or resilient vegetative communities.	10
C. Project enhances the effectiveness of other treatments in progress or complete.	10

3. Improves sustainability of the multijurisdictional 10-year plans, environment, and financial resources.	**Points = 25**

Factors:

A. The project will:	
1. Improve the sustainability of the forest health and ecosystem function (e.g. stand density, desired species mix and age, tree health, etc.)	8
2. Improve habitat for sensitive species and Threatened and Endangered species. Includes mitigation and/or minimization measures when treatment in sensitive habitat is unavoidable.	7
3. Include broadcast prescribed fire for resource management objectives for sustainable landscapes.	5
B. The method of treatment is fiscally responsible for the project area by balancing resource objectives, values at risk, and cost per acre factors or cost-benefit analysis.	5

4. Demonstrates sound project management and quality control measures	**Points = 20**

Factors:

A. Project goals and implementation processes are clear, measurable, achievable, and demonstrable.	5
B. Project proponent has the capacity to implement this project in a timely manner (contractor and staff availability, no backlog of current projects, etc.) and within budget.	5
C. Is a phase or related component to a previously funded project.	5
D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project.	5

Total Possible Points	**100**