

User's Guide

These are public review documents comprising the Greater Pine Grove Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The review period is October and November 2012. The public is encouraged to submit comment, good or bad, to the Amador Fire Safe Council. Please submit comments to amadorfiresafe@gmail.com or, in writing, to Amador Fire Safe Council, Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665. Please indicate that your comments are for the "Fire Plan".

This plan consists of an executive summary, nine chapters, and several appendixes. It is not necessary to download all chapters and appendixes. Many readers will be interested in specific subjects and may wish to review those sections. For this reason, the plan is not presented as a single document but rather as a series of separate documents. These documents are:

- User's Guide
- A list of plates (maps) by chapter. This table will allow the reader to place the maps in the proper locations within the sections.
- The *Executive Summary* provides a quick summary of the plan.
- *Chapter 1, Plan Introduction* explains the purpose and the key players in the plan's development.
- *Chapter 2, Planning Process* explains the planning process.
- *Chapter 3, Wildfire Environment* describes the factors that affect fire behavior in Amador County
- *Chapter 4 Fire Ecology and Management in Sierra Nevada Vegetation Types* provides landowners with information about managing fuels on their land.
- *Chapter 5, Community Features* describes the community including population and development trends.
- *Chapter 6, Fire Protection Services* describes how fire protection services are provided and by what agencies.
- *Chapter 7, Risk Assessment* summarizes the risk from wildfire and contains a table of risk ratings by street.
- *Chapter 8, Plan Objectives* contains objectives designed to reduce the potential for large damaging wildfires.
- *Chapter 9, Facilitating Fire Safety Long Term* explains steps to take to insure this plan is implemented over time.
- *Appendix A, Conservation Principles* gives landowners some general guidelines for managing fuels on their land without damaging the environment.
- *Appendix B, Home Fire Safety* contains information about defensible space, evacuation (human and animal), shelter in place, safety zones, and other subjects.
- *Appendix C, Fuel Reduction* provides detailed information of fuel reduction methods.
- *Appendix D, Risk Assessment* is searchable PDF file listing the assessment of each road within the planning unit (see the last section of this document to learn how to use this appendix)

- Appendix E, Glossary
- Appendix F, Internet Links
- Appendix G, Citations
- Appendix H, Defensible Space Guidelines a pictorial of the current defensible space requirements.

Using Appendix D – Risk Assessment

How to use the searchable PDF file

Appendix D is a very long document. Most people will only be interested in their street’s risk assessment and possibly a few streets nearby. Review the risk assessment table in Chapter 7 Section 7.3, *Summarizing Risk in The Greater Pine Grove Planning Unit*. This table lists all streets alphabetically. The second column next to the street name is an area name. Open Appendix D’s bookmarks by clicking on the bookmark icon (see figure 1). Scroll down to the area name in the bookmarks, then click on the street name to jump to the risk assessment for that street (see figure 2).

Figure 1

Area Name

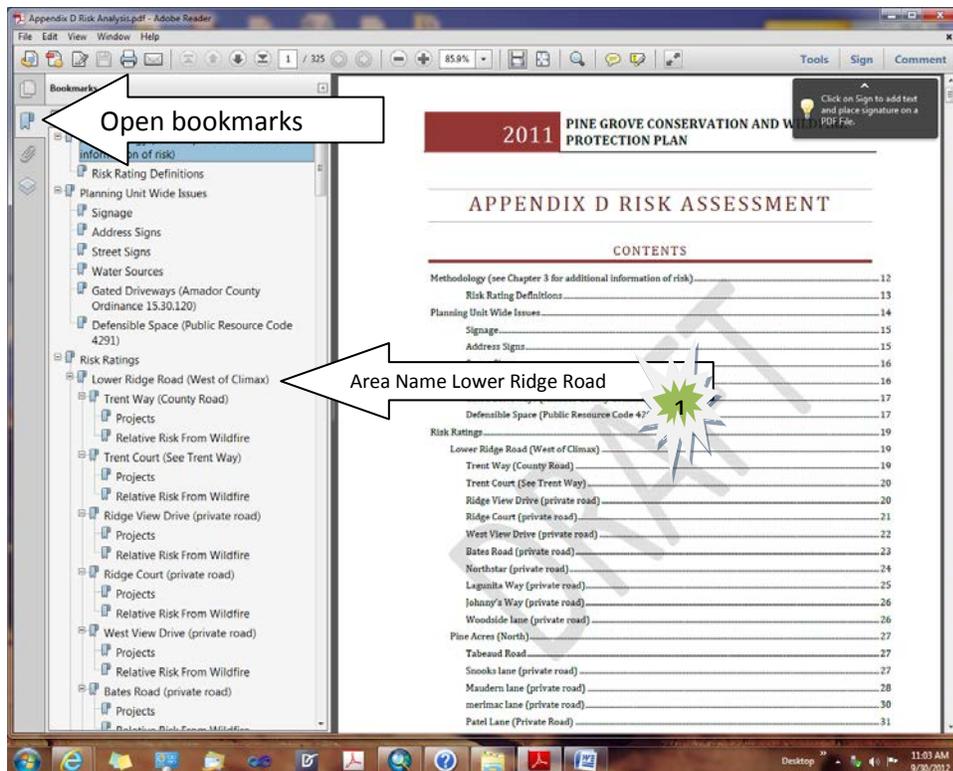
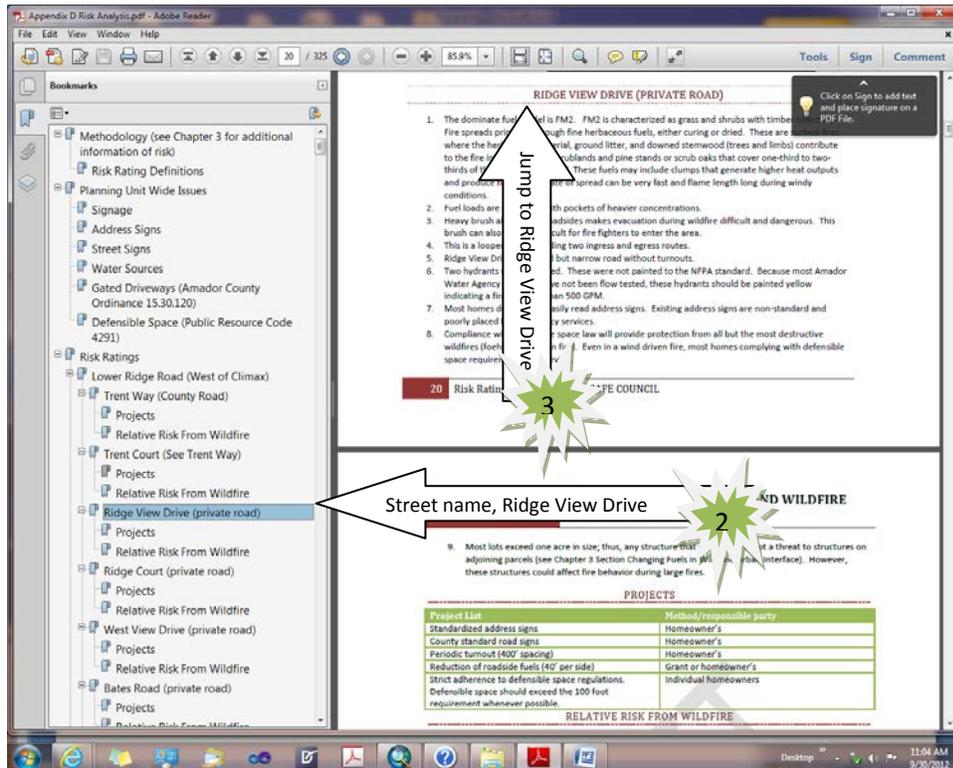


Figure 2



Each street will have a list of issues identified by the assessment process, a list of projects that landowners can do to improve the wildfire safety for their homes and neighborhood, and a risk rating based on the assessment.

The Plates (maps and displays) are designed to be printed on 11 x 17 paper. Most people do not have printers capable of printing on 11x17 paper. However, good results can be obtained using legal paper. A plate location table ("Plates by Chapter") is included to assist placing these displays in the proper place within the plan.