

# Vision Fire 10 Year Anniversary Fact Sheet #1 – Community Assistance with Wildland Fire Protection in West Marin

Having experienced the Vision Fire, Point Reyes National Seashore and West Marin communities were very proactive in responding to the initiatives of the National Fire Plan, which began in 2001. In partnership with local fire departments and FIRESafe MARIN, many projects have been funded and implemented which have improved community fire protection.

Two main components of the National Fire Plan have helped improve fire protection in West Marin since the 1995 Vision Fire:

## **1) Wildland-Urban Interface Community Assistance Program (WUI) –**

Funding has been provided for community-based projects to reduce hazardous fuel near developed areas by clearing and thinning vegetation, and provide educational outreach, encouraging homeowners to reduce fuel around structures on their property.

## **2) Rural Fire Assistance Program (RFA) –**

Funding has also been allocated through the Rural Fire Assistance Program to volunteer fire departments and rural fire districts for training, equipment, and fire prevention activities.

Communities throughout Marin County have benefited from these programs.

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Nearly \$1.3 million in Wildland-Urban Interface funding provided by the National Fire Plan, from 2001-2004 has been used for community fire protection projects in West Marin:

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### West Marin

[Olema Chipping Program](#) - \$20,000 (2001), \$20,000 (2003), \$12,000 (2004)

[Water Pump System Upgrade](#) - \$61,000 (2002)

### Inverness

[Keith Way Fuel Break](#) - \$15,000 (2002)

[Inverness Chipper Days](#) - \$12,000 (2002)

[Inverness Public Utility District Chipper](#) - \$20,000 (2001)

[Inverness Roadside Fuel Treatments](#) - \$50,000 (2003)

Heather Lane

Trossach and Kenneth Way

Sterling Way

Upper and Lower Rannoch

Woodhaven

Upper Highland

Glen Way  
Miwok  
Stockstill

Seahaven Fuel Break - \$83,000 (2001), \$76,000 (2002)  
Seahaven Emergency Access and Fuel Reduction - \$24,000 (2004)  
Shallow Beach Area Hazardous Fuel Reduction - \$60,000 (2004)  
Shell Beach Wildfire Protection - \$47,400 (2002)  
Vision Road Fuel Buffer - \$46,000 (2001), \$10,842 (2002)

#### Inverness Park

Paradise Ranch Estates Fire Management Plan and Implementation - \$167,500 (2001)  
Paradise Ranch Estates Fire Safety Improvements - \$72,000 (2002)  
Paradise Ranch Estates Fuel Management Zones - \$140,000 (2003)

Emergency Access & Fuel Reduction Along Roads - \$90,000 (2001), \$14,000 (2002-2003),  
\$20,000 (2004)

Dover Road  
Drake Summit/Balboa  
Fox Lane/Noren Way/McCarthy Ct.  
Laurel Street  
North and South Dreamfarm Road  
Redwood Drive  
Silver Hills

#### Nicasio

Laurel Canyon Road Roadside Fuels Reduction - \$21,000 (2004)  
Nicasio Chipping Program - \$20,000 (2003)  
Volunteer FD Firehouse Renovation - \$25,000 (2001)

#### Bolinas

Bolinas Ladder Fuels Treatment - \$30,000 (2003)  
Bolinas Mesa Defensible Space Survey - \$20,000 (2002)  
Resource Recovery Project \$52,500 (2001)  
Wish Creek Watershed Fuel Reduction \$26,600 (2001), \$20,000 (2002)

#### Stinson Beach

Stinson Beach School Fuelbreak - \$11,000 (2003)  
Fire Prevention Activities - \$2,000 (2003)

Descriptions of these Projects are Online:

An interactive map, with individual pages describing these projects, and similar projects funded throughout Marin County can be found at:

[http://www.nps.gov/pore/fire\\_fsm.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pore/fire_fsm.htm)

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Additional funding has been provided through the Rural Fire Assistance program for training, equipment, and fire prevention activities in the rural fire districts of West Marin:

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**In 2001 - Inverness Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$20,000** for radios, an engine upgrade, and wildland fire training.

**In 2003 - Inverness Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$5,840** for wildland personal protective clothing and a hose roller; **Bolinas Fire Protection District** received **\$9,758** for wildland personal protective clothing, hardhats, wildland goggles, gloves and head lamps; **Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$13,064** for wildland personal protective clothing, wildland fire hose, wildland foam nozzles, drip torches, backpack pump, wildland handtools, drafting suction hose and funding to install a wildland foam injection unit on their brush rig.

**In 2004 - Inverness Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$4,579** ; **Bolinas Fire Protection District** received **\$5,906**; and **Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$9,149**. All departments received funds for new generation fire shelters. Nicasio received additional funds for other standard gear including fire resistant clothing, gloves, safety helmets, fire boots, and a supply of wildland hose.

**In 2005 - Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$5,000** for web gear / fire packs, hydration packs, pumps, tools, hose & fittings, PPE, shelters, pump, foam, drip torches; **Bolinas Fire Protection District** received **\$2,600** for a hedger, pole saw, hose clamps; and **Inverness Volunteer Fire Department** received **\$6,300** for belts, packs, water bladders, and video/CD fire training materials.

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