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### **CAL FIRE Requests Input on Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map**

*Colusa County Residents Encouraged to Submit Comments*

**(COLUSA, CA) January 04, 2023** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Office of the State Fire Marshal has opened a public comment period for the regulatory adoption process of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) map. The FHSZ map ranks the State Responsibility Area (SRA) based on the likelihood different areas will experience wildfire. Colusa County residents are encouraged to review the map and submit comments.

CAL FIRE’s fire scientists and wildfire mitigation experts developed the map using a science-based and field-tested model that assigns a hazard score based on the factors that influence fire likelihood and fire behavior. Many factors are considered, such as fire history, existing and potential fuel (natural vegetation), predicted flame length, blowing embers, terrain, and typical fire weather for an area. These zones fall into the following classifications – moderate, high, and very high.

In order to help residents better understand the FHSZ map and answer questions, CAL FIRE has created a public toolkit on its website to include new and easy to follow sections, including maps, frequently asked questions, and an automated “hotline” to contact for specific information. The

website can be accessed at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ) and the hotline can be accessed at (916) 633-7655.

The public may submit written comment on the proposed map through February 3, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the following address:

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
C/O: FHSZ Comments  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P.O. Box 944246  
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Email: [FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov](mailto:FHSZcomments@fire.ca.gov)

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