

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AND ADDING CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 9 OF THE SISKIYOU COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "SISKIYOU COUNTY FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES"

WHEREAS, Pursuant to California Government Code 51177-51179, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) has released recommended updates to Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the Local Responsibility Area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 51178.5, after receiving this information, Siskiyou County made the updated map produced by the State available for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(b)(3), a local agency shall not decrease the level of fire hazard severity zone as identified by the State Fire Marshal for any area within the jurisdiction of the local agency, but may expand or increase them if necessary; and

WHEREAS, for illustrative purposes County staff prepared a map presenting the Fire Hazard Severity Zones map at the parcel level and found that some parcels had more than one Fire Hazard Severity Zone designation; and

WHEREAS, a parcel with more than one Fire Hazard Severity Zone designation presents challenges for efficient and comprehensive implementation of effective fire protection within the jurisdiction of the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to conduct effective fire protection within the jurisdiction of the County, it is necessary to administer properties with more than one Fire Hazard Severity Zone on a single parcel as the highest Fire Hazard Severity Zone on that parcel; and

WHEREAS, administering properties with more than one designation in this manner is consistent with the California Government Code's directive to ensure that Fire Hazard Severity Zones are not downgraded and is necessary for effective fire prevention in the area and to achieve the requirements set forth in Government Code section 51182 in very high severity zones; and

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County must by ordinance adopt the map no later than June 9, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Findings. The recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION II: Adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map. Pursuant to Government Code section 51179(a), the Board of Supervisors 1) hereby adopts the fire hazard severity zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178; 2) approves the Siskiyou County "Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" map attached hereto as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and 3) finds that in order to effectively administer fire protection within the area it is necessary that when a parcel has more than one fire hazard severity zone, the highest fire hazard severity zone on that parcel shall be administered for the entire parcel.

The official map is also located electronically at the following website: <https://www.siskiyoucounty.gov>.

SECTION III: Chapter 6 of Title 9, titled "Siskiyou County Fire Hazard Severity Zones", is hereby added to the Siskiyou County Code to designate fire hazard severity zones, as follows:

Chapter 6.- SISKIYOU COUNTY FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

Sec. 9-6.01 - Designation and Adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map

- (a) Designation; Adoption of Map. The Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code section 51179(a), are adopted by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 25-0_, as depicted in in the map attached thereto and entitled Siskiyou County "Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones."
- (b) Multiple Designation. In the event that a single parcel has more than one Fire Hazard Severity Zone associated with such parcel on the Siskiyou County "Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones" map, the stricter designation shall apply to the entire property in order to effectively administer fire protection within the area.

SECTION IV: Environmental Findings. The Board of Supervisors finds that to the extent this ordinance is a project under CEQA, it is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

SECTION V: Constitutionality: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of

Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION VI: Effective Date and Publication. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its passage and shall, within 15 days of adoption, be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the County of Siskiyou.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2025 at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum, Clerk,
Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

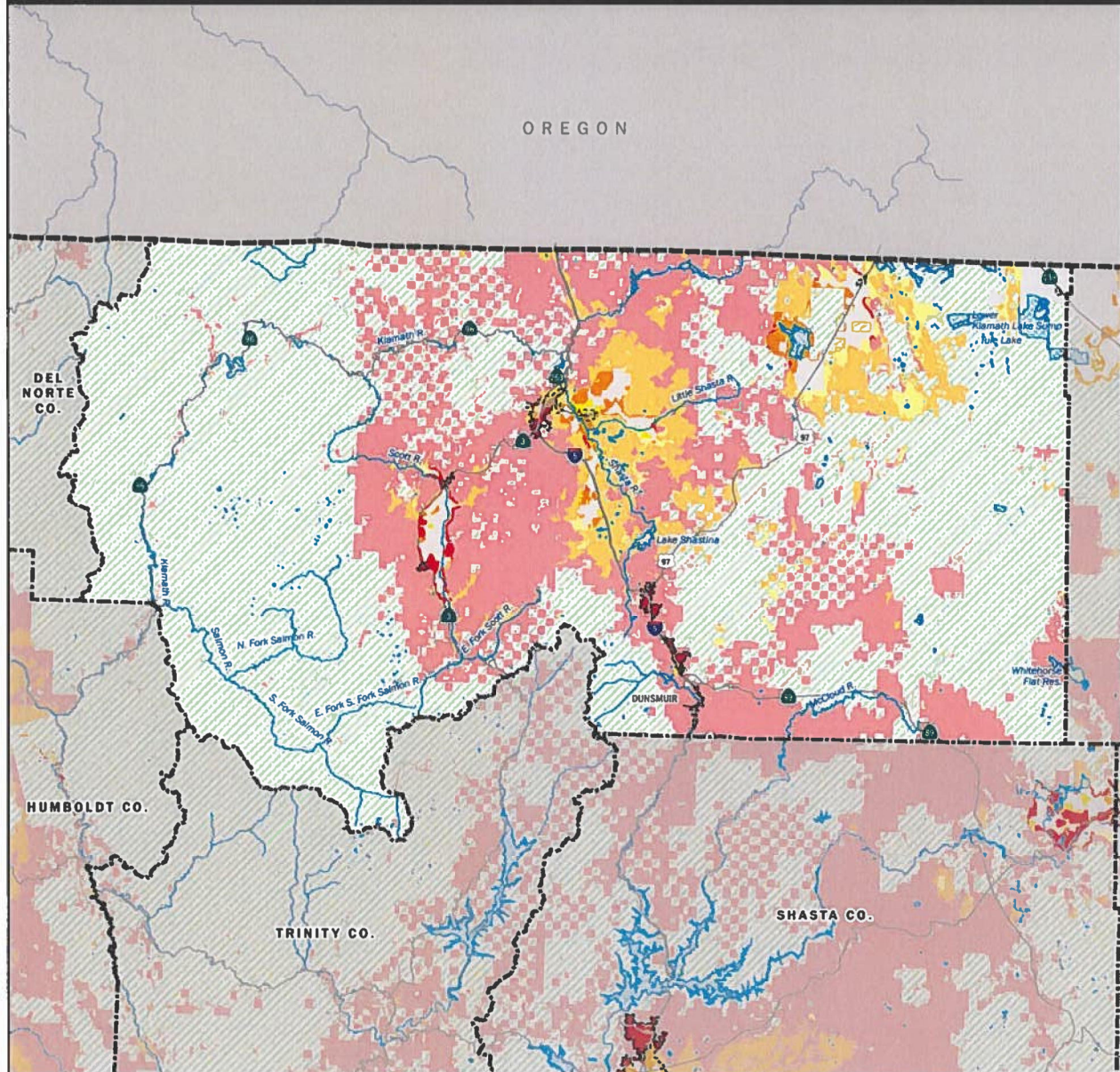
ATTACHMENT "A"



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

January 22, 2025

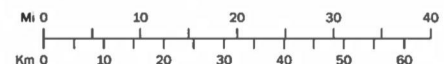


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:797,000 at 11" x 17"

Incorporated City Waterbody
 Unzoned LRA Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy, of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party, on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
 Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
 Joe Tyler, Director, Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
 Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources
 CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23_3, FHSZLRA_25_1)
 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25_1)
 City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)