

Appendix H

STRUCTURE TRIAGE

Triage is the determination of priorities for action during an emergency. This describes a concise decision making process that will be used if/when a wildfire threatens multiple structures simultaneously. It will be done rapidly and on the move. *This is a thought process that does not require completion of any paperwork.*

Structure:

Roof Type?

Debris on Roof?

Propane Tank?

Siding?

Fire Brand Traps?

Flammable Clutter?

Defensible Space:

Is There Any?

Water Supply?

Adjacent Fuel Type ?

Access/Turnaround?

Current & Expected Fire Behavior?

Available Firefighting Resources?

Firefighter Safety:

Escape Routes?

Safety Zones?

Quickly determine the status of each threatened structure and make decisions!

Clearly communicate the priorities and firefighter evacuation criteria!

Be ready to live with your decisions, they will be second guessed after the threat is over.

Your first priority is to live to fight fire another day!!