

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Wildfire risk reduction treatments help decrease the intensity of future wildfires and minimize the potential for a crown fire to spread or “spot” (when embers are carried away by the wind to start new fires nearby) by decreasing the amount of forest fuels available to burn. Treated areas serve as fuel breaks, which help separate fuel sources.

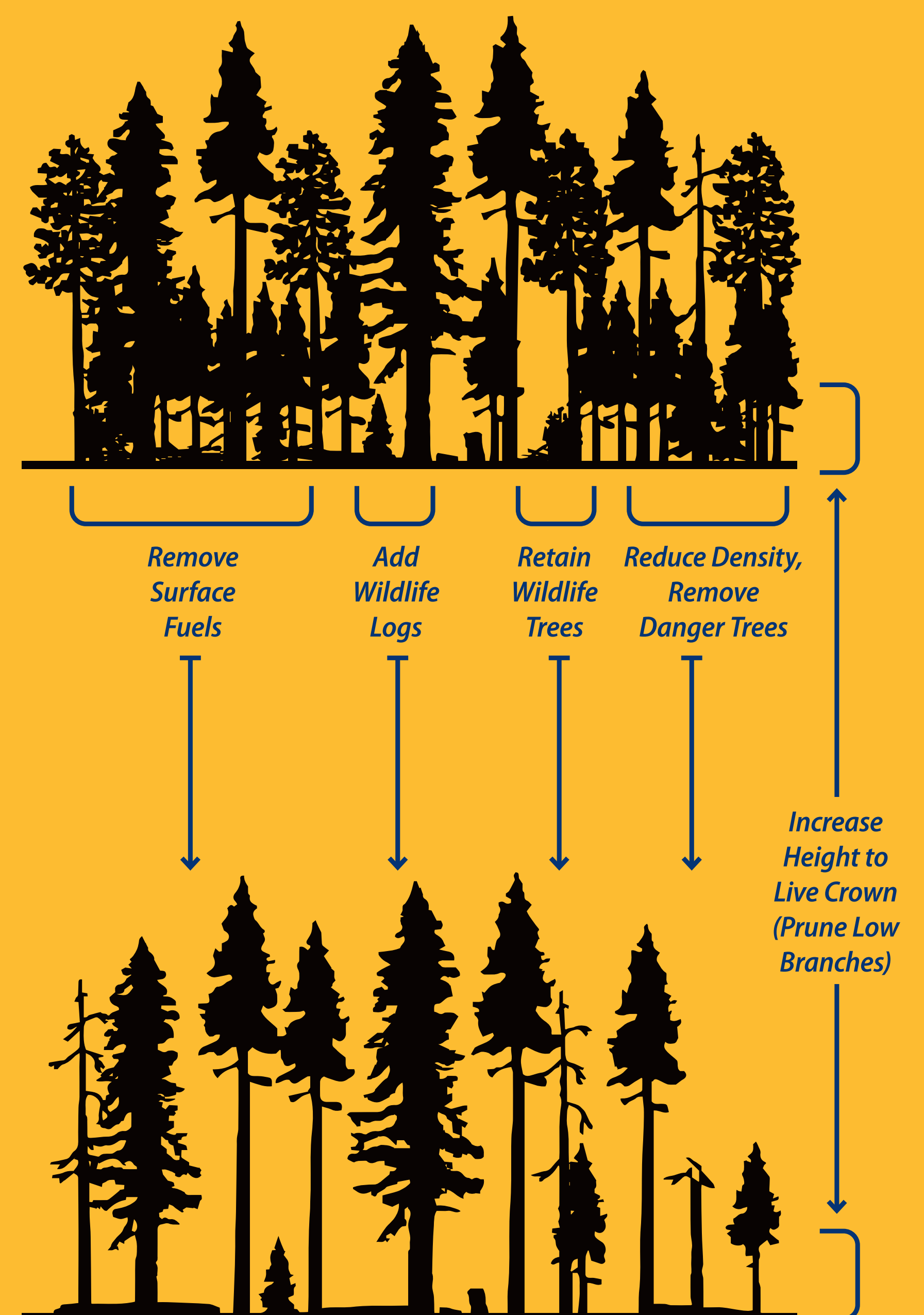
Wildfire risk reduction treatments may include:

- » **REDUCING** the amount of “ladder fuels” (lower branches that make it easy for a fire to spread to treetops), through pruning, brushing and understory thinning
- » **REDUCING** the amount of “surface fuels” on the forest floor, by gathering combustible material into piles and burning it when regulations allow
- » **THINNING** the forest canopy (where it makes sense to do so) to reduce the spread and intensity of crown fires
- » **REMOVING** dead, standing trees that have the potential to fuel a wildfire or pose a safety risk to people engaged in recreational activities in the area

FireSmart is a shared responsibility, and managing forest fuels on Crown land is just one way of reducing wildfire risks. Using FireSmart principles will also help reduce wildfire risks on private property and in communities.



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