

Eastern Goleta Valley/San Marcos Pass CWPP Fuel Treatment Prioritization Process

1. Combine existing hazard and risk rating maps in GIS to development a new “Relative Hazard Rating” for the entire Planning area.

Proposed Relative Risk Rating Matrix

Risk Rating – Burn Frequency	Hazard Ratings – Flame Lengths			
	0-4 - Low	4 -8 - Moderate	8-11 - High	11+ - Very High
0-1 – Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High
2 - Moderate	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
3+ - High	Moderate	High	Very High	Very High

2. Using GIS evaluate the frequency that each Relative Hazard Rating occurs with an existing or proposed treatment.

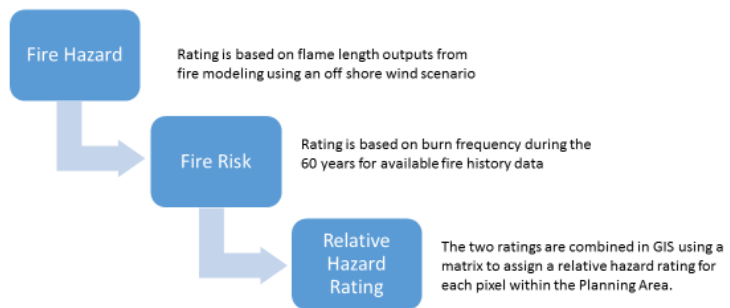
3. Using the frequency of Very High and High ratings within a treatment unit, rank the units from the unit where the most Very High and High ratings occur to the unit where the lowest frequency of Very High and High ratings occur

4. Use the rankings to set the priorities for all evaluated treatment areas

5. Priority rankings should support the decision process on which treatments should be considered first for funding and implementation. Other elements such as may affect the implementation decisions:

- Environmentally sensitive habitat issues
- Jurisdictional authority
- Willingness of private land owners or other entities to partner with lead the agency
- Ease/Difficulty of completing required environmental documentation
- Public support
- Changing environmental conditions (fires, species listing or delisting)
- Grant funding opportunities

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