

Red Flag Warning Protocol

<p>Describe protocol</p>	<p>The purpose of this protocol is to increase awareness of extreme fire danger in our communities. A Red Flag warning is issued when weather conditions over the next 12-72 hours are expected to include low relative humidity (<20%) and strong winds (>15 MPH) in the setting of dry fuels. Increased elevations (above 1000 feet) are at highest risk. Sometimes a Fire Weather Watch is issued before a Red Flag Warning.</p>
<p>What are the steps to implementation?</p>	<p>There are a number of ways that COPE leaders and others can increase awareness of red flag warnings such as contacting residents and providing information via email distribution lists or phone trees, raising red flags for the warning period, etc. <i>If red flags are raised they must be removed at the end of the red flag warning period.</i></p>
<p>Under what circumstances should the protocol be used?</p>	<p>When a Red Flag warning is issued by the National Weather Service</p>
<p>Who should implement it?</p>	<p>COPE Leaders and residents, local fire officials</p>
<p>What information, equipment, preparation, training, etc. is needed before implementing?</p>	<p>Before implementing, one should understand the meaning of a Red Flag warning and have a plan for informing residents, be capable of providing education regarding fire prevention as well as preparation for evacuation if fire should occur.</p> <p>Suggested Equipment: Red Flags: Anley "Fly Breeze" 3' x 5' polyester at approx. Poles: 4' in several diameters to go with your flag holder bracket. Flag Holder Bracket - in several sizes to work with your poles Basic plastic swift attachments to hold/pierce the flag (through the grommets) and attach it to the pole (See list on Amazon)</p>
<p>Is any oversight by fire or public safety officials needed? If so, who?</p>	<p>X No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, who:</p>

What is the expected outcome?	Increased awareness of fire risk, increased preparedness and avoidance of high-risk fire activities.
What information or data is available to support the use of this protocol?	
List any resources. (Ex. links to equipment or information online.)	NWS Warnings & Advisories , What you should do
Evaluation: Was implementation of the protocol successful? What changes should be made to the protocol? How will you measure success?	Measures of success: residents notice red flags, ask for fire prevention information, less evidence of charcoal fires, use of heavy equipment, and more removal of vegetation around homes on red flag days.