

LASSEN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

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10 *NORTHWEST LASSEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT*

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection district was formed in 1982 and contains approximately 19,000 acres of territory. The district area consists of rugged and flat farmland type terrain. While the area south of Pittville is farm-type land, the area north rises sharply to slightly less than 4000 feet where the Day Bench area is located. The Shasta/Lassen County Line divides the community on the west. The District is bounded by State Responsibility Areas, which are protected by Calfire to the north, east and south. The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District provides structural and wildfire fire protection to the community of Pittville and surrounding Lassen County areas of the Day Bench and Fall River Valley.

The Sphere of Influence for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District should be coterminous with its boundaries. However, LAFCO should consider the SOI being reduced to zero sending a signal the District should consider merging with the McArthur fire protection district in Shasta County upon an annexation proposal to the McArthur FPD.

10.1 SOI Determinations on Present and Planned Land Use for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Area

1-1] The year-round resident population within the district is 500 to 500 people. Pittville is not a resort community so the population remains relatively stable throughout the year. There are 25 homes in the community and 20 ranches in the outlying areas. The year-round resident population within and immediately surrounding the community of Pittville is 200 to 250 people. Pittville's population remains relatively stable throughout the year. The Day Bench area has an approximate 150 persons. The Shasta/Lassen County Line divides the community. The population is not expected to increase.

10.2 SOI Determinations on Facilities and Services: Present and Probable Need for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District

2-1] The Fire Department typically responds to six wildland fires and five structure fires in an average year.

2-2] There is no central water system within the community.

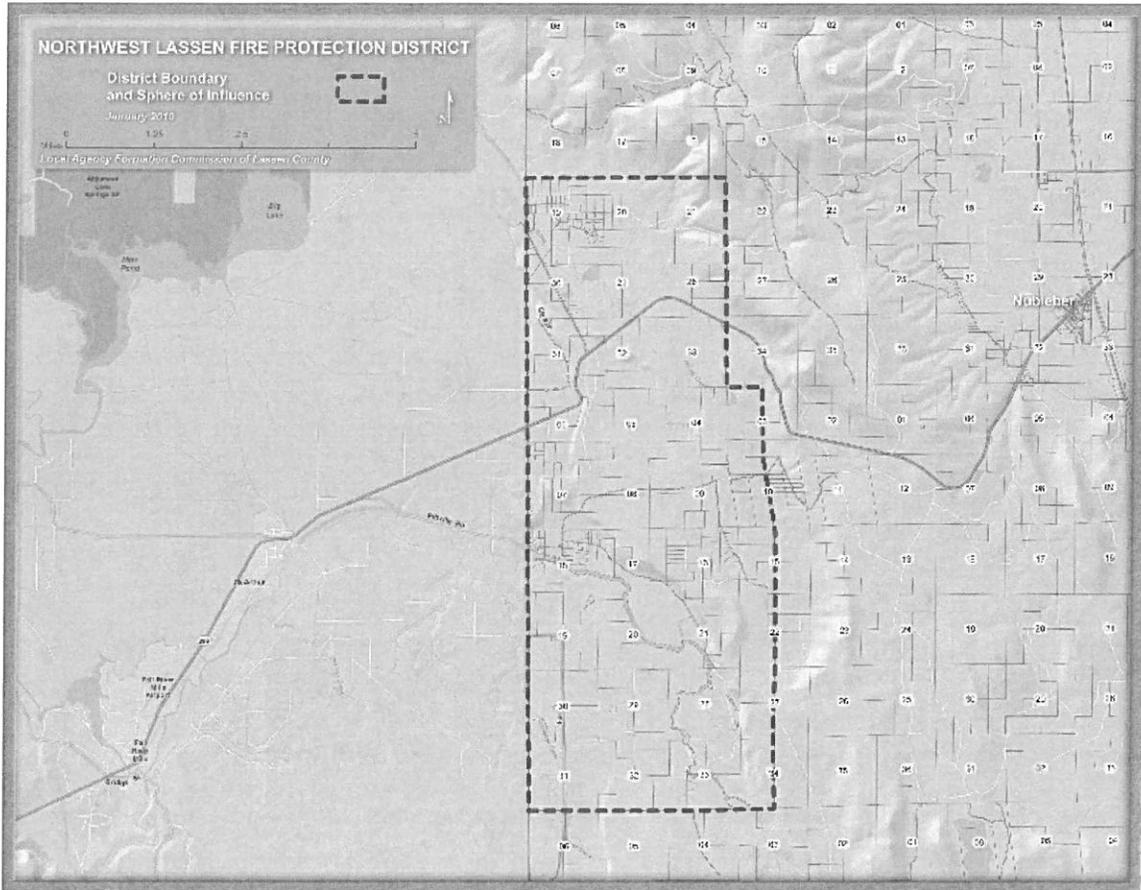
10.3 SOI Determinations on Public Facilities Present and Future Capacity for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District

3-1] The Northwest Lassen FPD has limited equipment and depends on mutual aid from other districts in most every emergency as a result no response call data is available for this district.

10.4 SOI Determinations on Social or Economic Communities of Interest for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District

4-1] There are no schools within the Community. The elementary school is located in Fall River Mills and the junior and senior high school is located in McArthur (Shasta County).

- 4-2] Since the schools really form the basis for the community it would make sense for the fire protection district to cover the same two-county area.



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13 NORTHWEST LASSEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

13.1 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Background

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection district was formed in 1982 and contains approximately 19,000 acres of territory. The district area consists of rugged and flat farm-land type terrain. While the area south of Pittville is farm-type land, the area north rises sharply to slightly less than 4000 feet where the Day Bench area is located.

The Shasta/Lassen County Line divides the community on the west. The District is bounded by State Responsibility Areas, which are protected by Calfire to the north, east and south.

There are two population areas within the Northwest Lassen FPD. The community of Pittville is located approximately three miles southeast of the community of McArthur in Shasta County. It is accessed from State Route 299 via the Pittville Road approximately one mile east of McArthur. And the Day Road area north of Pittville is accessed from SR 299. The year-round resident population within and immediately surrounding the community of Pittville is 200 to 250 people. Pittville is not a resort community so the population remains relatively stable throughout the year. There are 25 homes in the community and 20 ranches in the outlying areas. The Day Bench area has an approximate additional 150 persons. There are approximately 400-500 residents in the district area.

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District provides structural and wildfire fire protection to the community of Pittville and surrounding Lassen County areas of the Day Bench and Fall River Valley through an automatic aid agreement with the McArthur Fire Protection District in Shasta County.

There are no schools within the Community. The elementary school is located in Fall River Mills and the junior and senior high school is located in McArthur (Shasta County).

The Fire Department typically responds to six wildland fires and five structure fires in an average year and is dispatched through Shasta County.

13.2 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Personnel

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District depends on volunteer fire fighters.

13.3 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Facilities and Equipment

There is a fire station at Pittville with the following equipment:

Equipment	Type	Gallons	GPM	Drive	Other
Engine		500	500	2x4	
Engine		600	300	2x4	
Water Tender		2,000	600		

13.4 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Water Supply

According to the "Pittville Community Fire Safe Plan," all residents are on wells for water and there is no central water system within the community. There are no fire hydrants.

13.5 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Finances

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District has \$10,263 in the Unreserved Fund Balance as of June 30, 2005. The District Revenue was \$10,275 in 2004-05 and \$11,553 in 2005-06. The District Expenses were \$13,702 in 2004-05 and \$3,419 in 2005-06.

The 2008-2009 Budget shows \$5,815 in an Unreserved Fund Balance for the Northwest Lassen FPD and \$16,161 available financing.³¹ The Proposition 4 Limit is \$12,240.

The Tax Base for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District is as follows:

Secured Property	\$51,869,109
Utility	0
Unsecured Property	<u>855,412</u> ³²
Total	\$52,724,521

The Budget for 2008-2009 is as follows:

Services & Supplies	\$4,770
Fixed Assets	<u>5,076</u>
Total	\$9,846 ³³

13.6 Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Board

The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District has a five-member elected Board of Directors. Current members of the Board are as follows:³⁴

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Brent Cassity	21-3-10
Henry Crane	12-7-12
Gary Maricich	12-7-12
Dave Sellars	12-7-12
Vacancy	12-3-10

Ed Thomas, Secretary

The mailing address for the Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District is as follows:

³¹ Lassen County, 2008-2009 Budget, lassencounty.org

³² Lassen County, 2008-2009 Budget, lassencounty.org

³³ Lassen County, 2008-2009 Budget, lassencounty.org

³⁴ Julie M. Bustamante, Lassen County Clerk-Recorder

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McArthur, CA 96056

13.7 MSR Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District Determinations

13.7.1 Growth and Population Projections for the Northwest Lassen FPD Area MSR Determinations

- 1-1) The population of the Northwest Lassen FPD is not expected to increase from the existing population of 250.

13.7.2 Capacity and Infrastructure MSR Determinations for Northwest Lassen FPD

- 2-1) The Northwest Lassen FPD has limited equipment and depends on mutual aid from the Mc Arther Fire Protection District in most every emergency.

13.7.3 Financial Ability MSR Determinations for Northwest Lassen FPD

- 3-1) The Northwest Lassen FPD does receive developer fees, which can be used for new equipment.
- 3-2) The Northwest Lassen FPD uses volunteer fire fighters.
- 3-3) The Northwest Lassen FPD may need to ask for a special tax for fire protection in the future. The District should develop a cost of services study to determine the amount of the special tax.
- 3-4) Northwest Lassen FPD, as a fire service provider, is a non-enterprise District.

13.7.4 Opportunities for Shared Facilities MSR Determinations for Northwest Lassen FPD

- 4-1) The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District needs to continue work with the McArthur fire protection district as much as possible to have joint training sessions and to coordinate fire protection efforts.
- 4-2) The Northwest Lassen Fire Protection District should consider merging with the McArthur fire protection district.
- 4-3) The Board of Directors should work with the County Board of Supervisors and other local fire protection agencies to establish whether sharing administrative duties would provide a higher level of service.

13.7.5 Government Structure and Accountability MSR Determinations for Northwest Lassen FPD

- 5-1) The current District boundaries are contiguous to the boundaries of the District's Sphere of Influence.
- 5-2) The District could develop more programs aimed at improving customer service such as development of a Mission Statement, safety training workshops, distribution of a District Newsletter, or development of a website for increased dissemination of District information (such as meeting times, projects, etc.). Perhaps the District could work with the McArthur Fire Protection District.
- 5-3) The District has made reasonable efforts to maintain a public dialogue regarding the provision of fire protection services through regularly held public meetings.