

Community Wildfire Protection Plans

In Oregon

Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal
Oregon Department of Forestry





Healthy Forests Restoration Act (2003)

- Reduce wildfire risk to communities, federal land, and water sources
- Authorized grant programs to improve commercial value of forest biomass
- Enhance protection efforts watersheds and other forest and rangeland health
- Improve detection of forest health infestations
- Restoration of forest ecosystems

Why-What's the purpose?

Identifies and prioritizes areas for fuel reduction activities on both federal and non-federal ownerships



Opens doors for grant funding opportunities

Western State
Fire Manager
(CWSF)

Community
Assistance

Community
Wildfire
Defense Grants

Federal agencies
consider community
priorities in fuel reduction

Can address response,
mitigation,
preparedness, structure
protection...

Provides opportunity to
engage around shared
concerns

- Climate Change
- Smoke Management
- Underserved Populations

What's included in a CWPP?

- Decided by the community
- Wildfire Response
- Hazard Mitigation
- Community Preparedness
- Structure/Infrastructure Protection

Collaboration

- Required participation:
ODF, local government,
local fire department(s)
- Everyone can and
SHOULD provide input



CWPP Tools and Resources

Tools and Templates

- [Oregon Explorer](#)
- CWPP Guides
 - [A Framework for Community Fire Plans](#)
 - [Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
- *ESRI CWPP Hub*
 - [CWPP Hub](#)
 - [Example-Napa County](#)
 - [Story Map Example](#)
 - [Dashboards](#)
 - [Land Tender](#)



CWPP Tools and Resources



Plan Developers

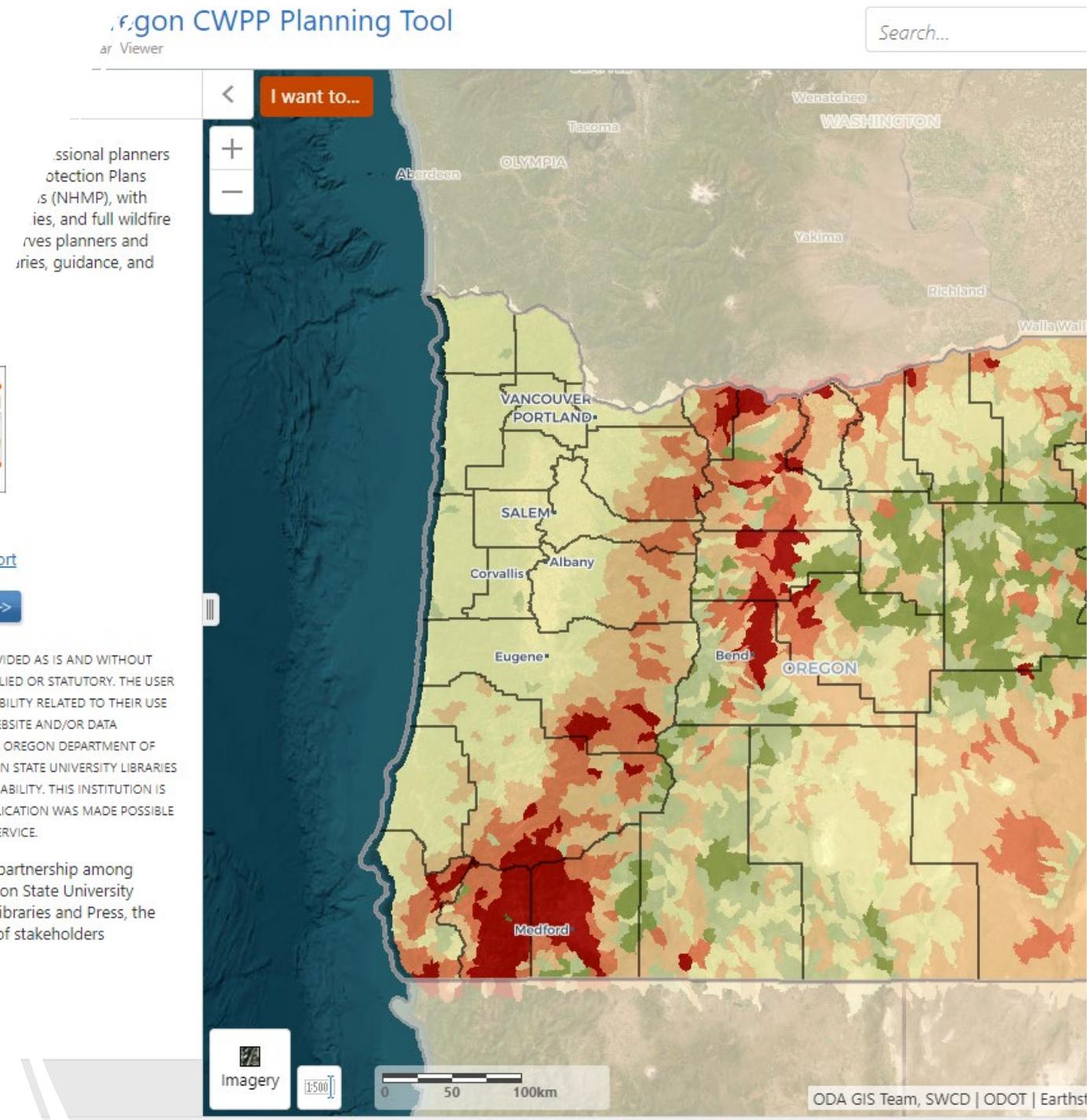
- University of Oregon
 - Institute for Policy Research and Engagement
- Portland State University
- Partners
- Local Contractors

Oregon Explorer

CWPP Planning Tool

- https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfireplanning

Advanced Reports



- Advanced Reports

Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer- Advanced Report

Douglas County
3,285,465 Acres: (5,134 Sq. Miles)

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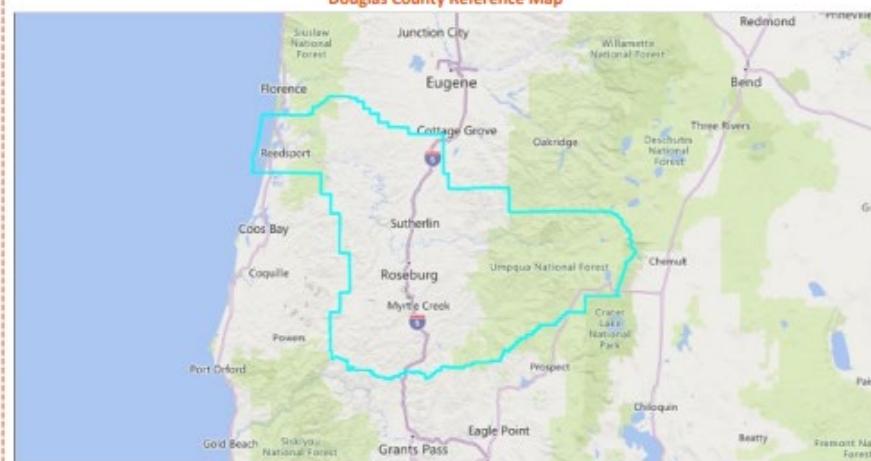
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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes wildfire risk in **Douglas County** from the [Advanced Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer map viewer](#) (OWRE). Wildfire risk combines the likelihood of a fire occurring with the exposure and susceptibility of valued resources and assets on the landscape.

Nearly all areas in Oregon experience some level of wildfire risk. Conditions vary widely with local topography, fuels, and local weather, especially local winds. In all areas, under warm, dry, windy, and drought conditions, expect higher likelihood of fire starts, higher fire intensities, more ember activity, a wildfire more difficult to control, and more severe impacts.

Douglas County Reference Map



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A Framework for Community Fire Plans

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/fire/CFPFramework.pdf>

A Framework for Community Fire Plans

A collaborative approach to developing community fire plans

October 2004



Framework Developed by:

- Resource Innovations (formerly, the Program for Watershed and Community Health), Institute for a Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon

With Contributions from:

- Josephine County
- Bureau of Land Management, Medford District
- Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest
- Oregon Department of Forestry, Southwestern Oregon District
- Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal
- The National Fire Plan office, Region 6, Oregon/Washington

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<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/fire/cwpphandbook.pdf>

The *minimum requirements* for a CWPP as described in the HFRA are:

- (1) **Collaboration:** A CWPP must be collaboratively developed by local and state government representatives, in consultation with federal agencies and other interested parties.
- (2) **Prioritized Fuel Reduction:** A CWPP must identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect one or more at-risk communities and essential infrastructure.
- (3) **Treatment of Structural Ignitability:** A CWPP must recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.



Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan

A Handbook for Wildland-Urban Interface Communities

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March 2004



Napa County CWPP Projects (2020 and 2022)



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Napa Communities Firewise Foundation

Summary

A dashboard summarizing projects identified in the CWPP in both 2020 and 2022 by project type and proponent.

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Details

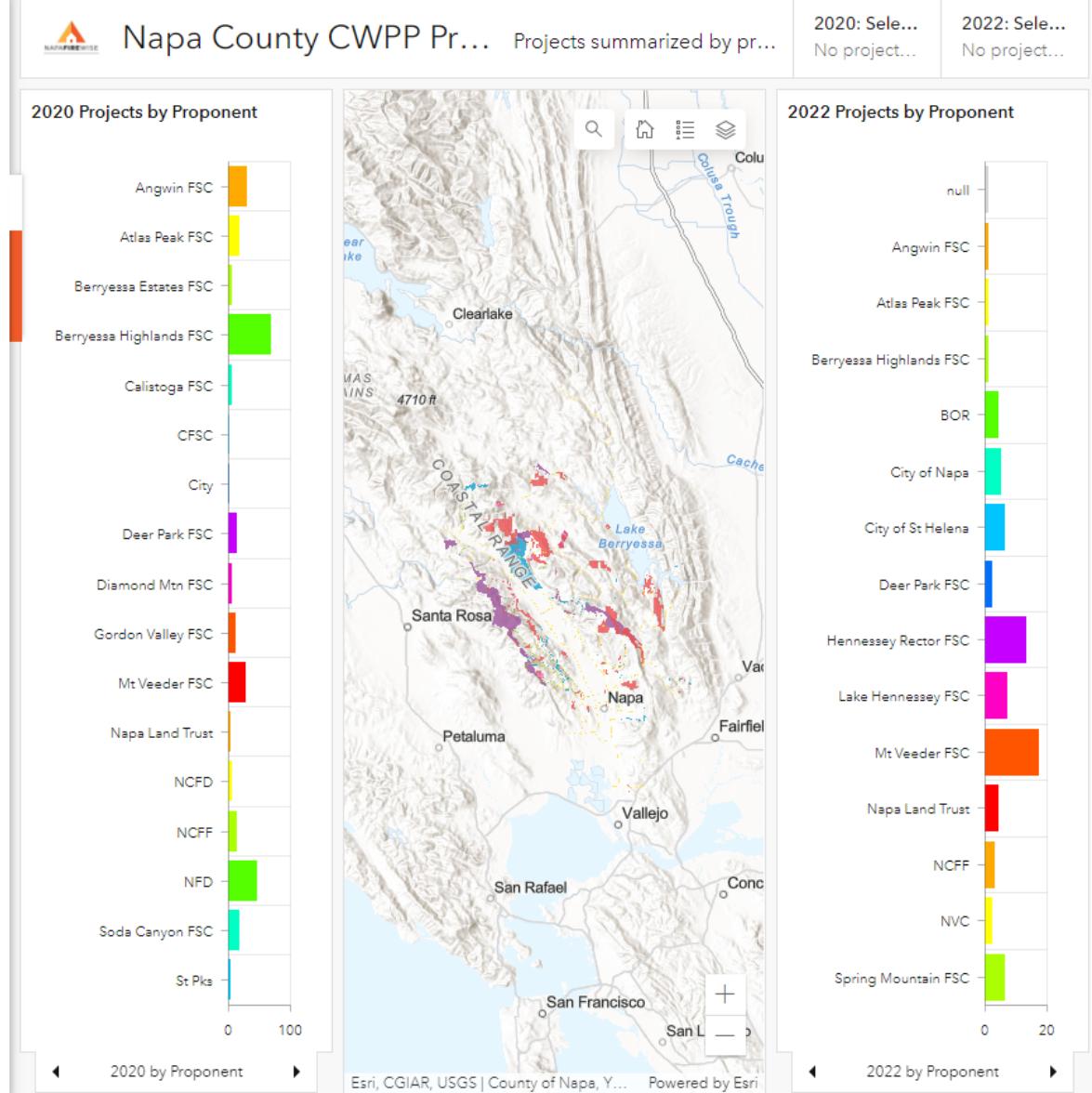
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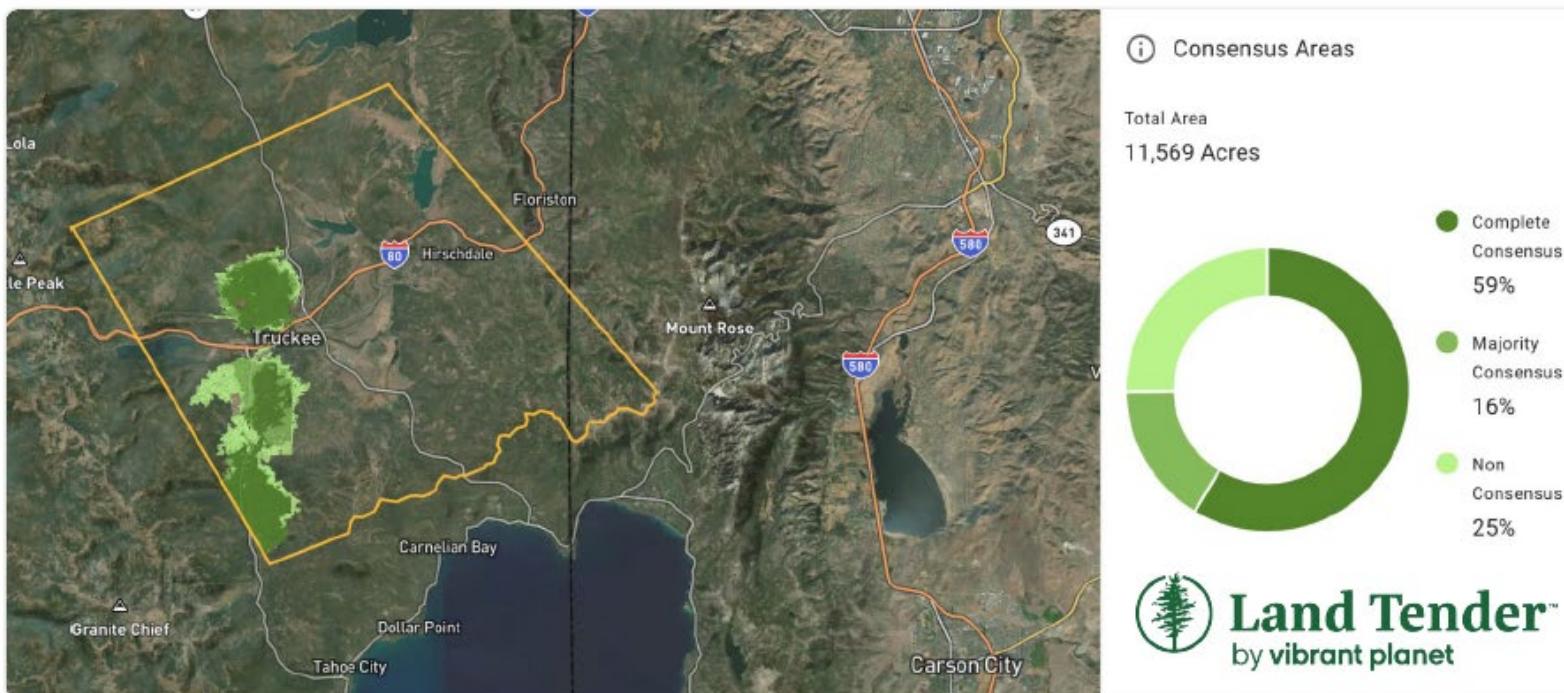
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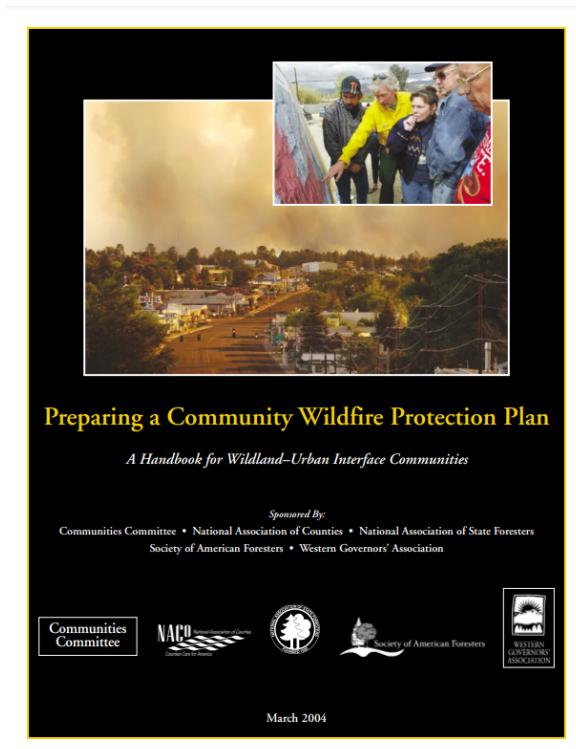
Real-time collaborative scenario planning

Land Tender was designed to improve communication among interested parties and between natural resource planners and the public.

Multiple land ownership jurisdictions, community protection agencies, indigenous tribes, and NGOs can work together on Land Tender to create, share, and compare multiple land management scenarios, projected over time, to help groups better understand the tradeoffs of decisions they are making today. The system facilitates communication among interested parties working together across vast landscapes to fundamentally reduce wildfire severity and improve community and wildland resilience.



Developing a plan



- Define the coverage/jurisdictional area
- Convene decision makers
- Involve federal agencies
- Engage interested parties
- Establish community base map
- Develop community risk assessment
 - Address fuel hazards; risk of wildfire; homes, businesses, infrastructure at risk; other community values at risk; local preparedness and firefighting capability
- Establish community hazard reduction priorities and recommendations to reduce structural ignitability
- Develop action plan and assessment strategy
- Finalize the plan

2020 Communities At Risk Report

Uses Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment, Oregon Department of Forestry Fire statistics, and Silvis Data to provide wildland fire risk to Oregon communities.

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STRATEGY

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Mutual Aid Agreements and coordinated trainin
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lands.

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[https://www.stateforesters.org
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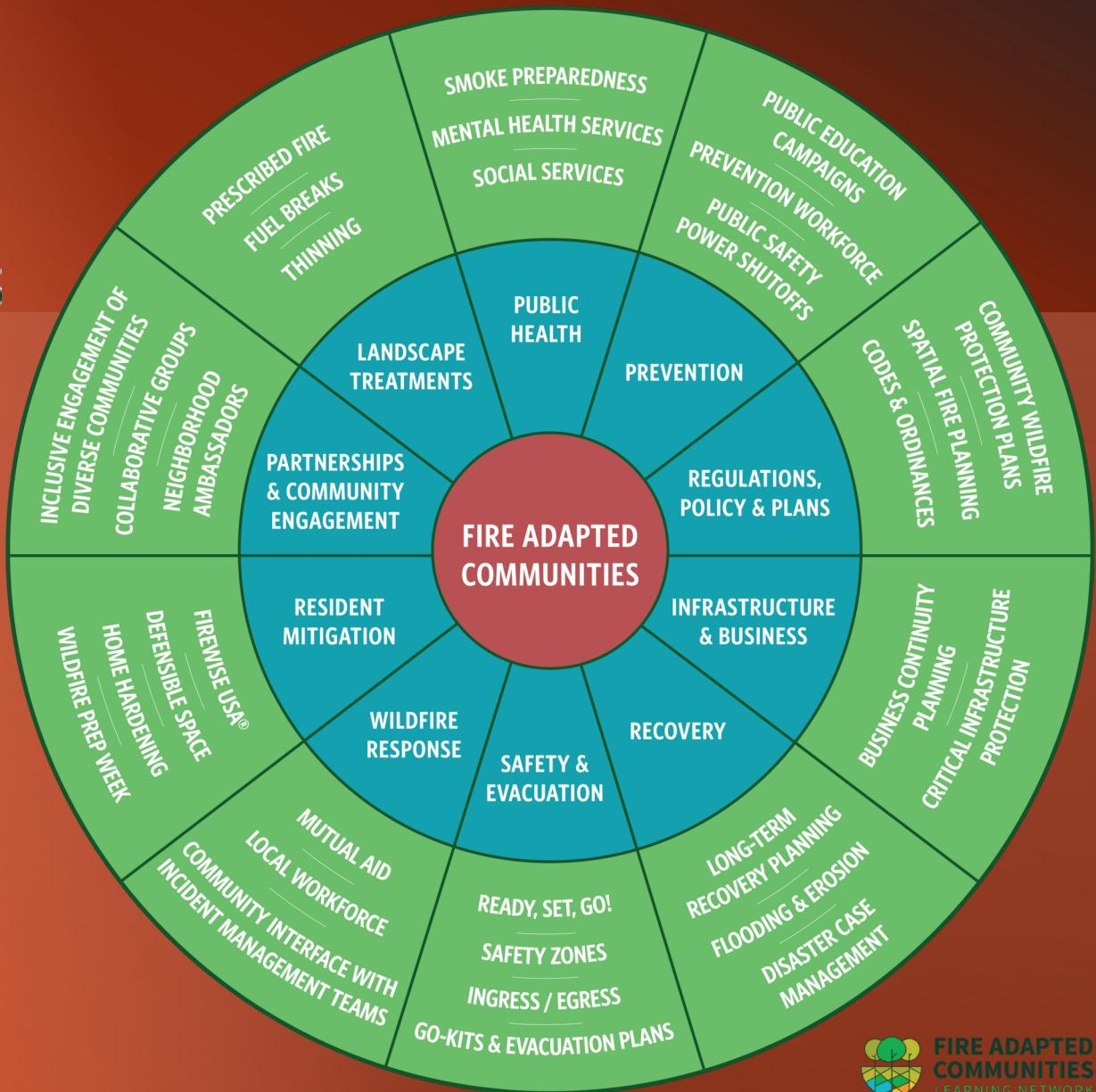
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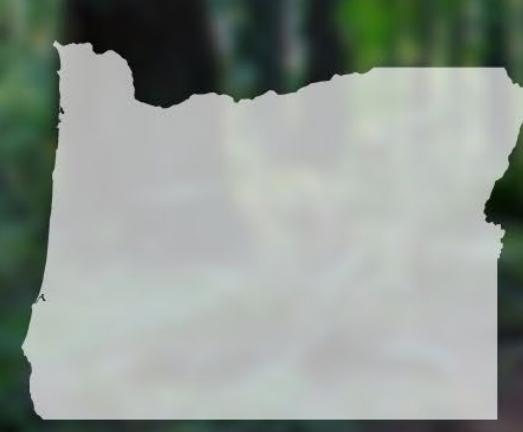




FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITIES LEARNING NETWORK



<https://fireadaptednetwork.org/>

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FIRE ADAPTED OREGON

<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/pages/fire-adapted-oregon.aspx>

Barriers to CWPP's

-  Capacity to create and maintain at the local level
-  Momentum/Turnover -continued leadership and involvement over time.
-  Costs associated with contracting writing the plan
-  Not getting the right people involved
-  Limiting involvement to expedite the process
-  Community involvement
-  It is a collaborative effort
-  Implementation efforts

CWPPs in Oregon



- HFRA allows communities to define their WUI
- Statewide Communities at Risk Assessment – CWPPs pick up local nuances
- Early support (technical and financial) and focus from ODF in plan development
- Many plans more locally-led now
- Sometimes incorporated into county NHMP as wildfire chapter
- Funding opportunities
- Some plans outdated/ haven't been updated

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ODF site for CWPP information:

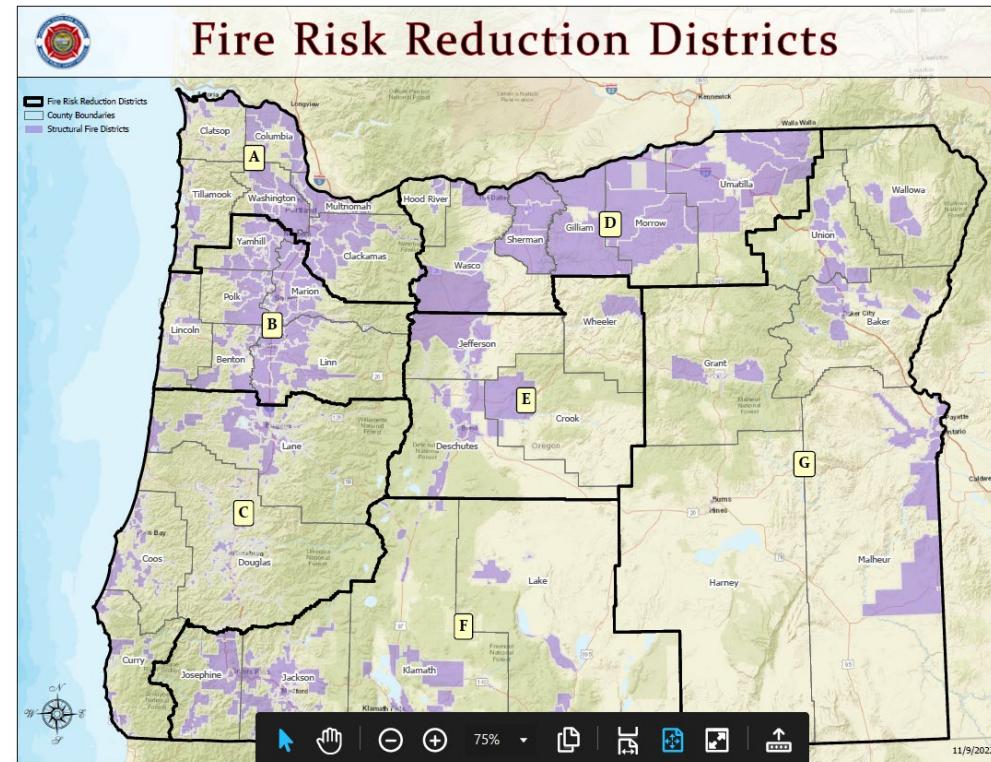
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<https://osfm-geo.hub.arcgis.com/apps/geo::osfm-field-staffing/explore>

Questions and Discussion

Upcoming OSFM Webinars

May

May 24: Noon – 1 p.m. | Emergency Preparedness

May 31: Noon – 1 p.m. | Fire-resistant plants and flammable plants

June

June 14: Noon – 1 p.m. | Public Safety Power Shut-off

June 21: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Fire Season Forecast

Email: CRR@osp.oregon.gov

Website: Oregon.gov/sfm



OSFM Website

