

Communities Taking Responsibility for Wildfire Preparedness: The Role of CWPPs

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Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA)

**“... first meaningful statutory incentives [for
the USFS and BLM] to give consideration to
the priorities of local communities...”**

Encouraged communities to develop CWPPs



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Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)

3 requirements:

- Collaboration
- Prioritize fuels reduction projects
- Reduce ignitability of structures

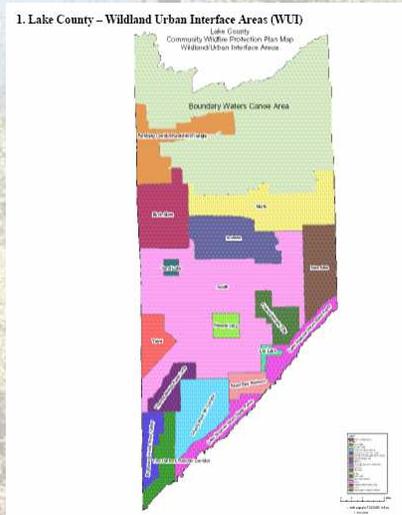


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- **Project implemented quicker due to expedited NEPA procedures**

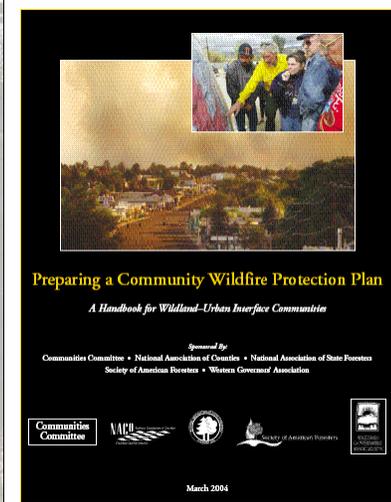


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8 Step Process

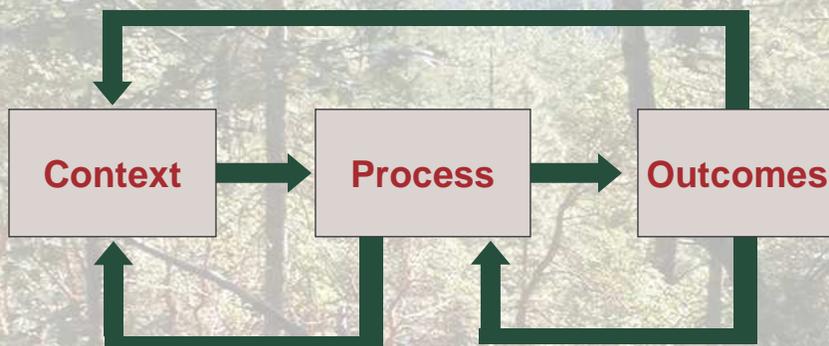
- Convene decisionmakers
- Involve feds
- Engage others
- Define WUI
- Develop risk assessment
- Establish priorities
- Develop action plan
- Finalize plan



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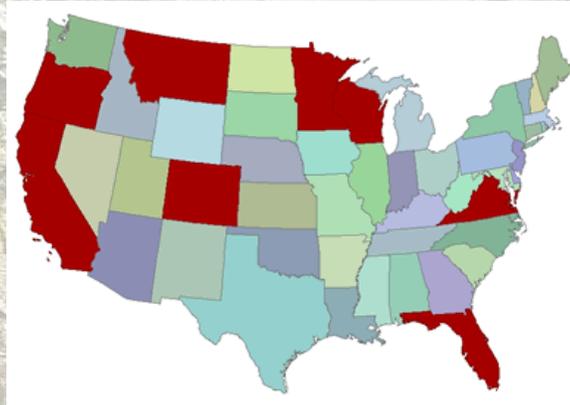
CWPPs: Enhancing Collaboration and Building Social Capacity



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Case Study States



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Research Advisory Team

- Help identify relevant issues
- Provide guidance regarding CWPP tracking
- Assist in building awareness of the research project
- Provide guidance regarding knowledge transfer

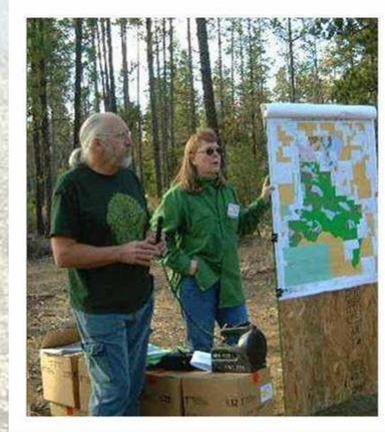


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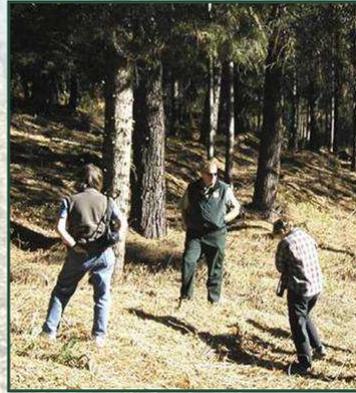


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- **Develop measures of success**



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Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP's) are one of the more important means of reducing risk to communities and ecosystems of catastrophic wildfires. *Enhancing collaboration and building community capacity* are viewed as a means insuring that these plans are responsive to the needs and objectives of communities located in the wildland-urban interface.

This site describes an applied research project that seeks to analyze the lessons learned about collaborative processes among approximately ten CWPP development processes in the United States.

Over the coming months it will also be a means of sharing the lessons discovered during the case studies.



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