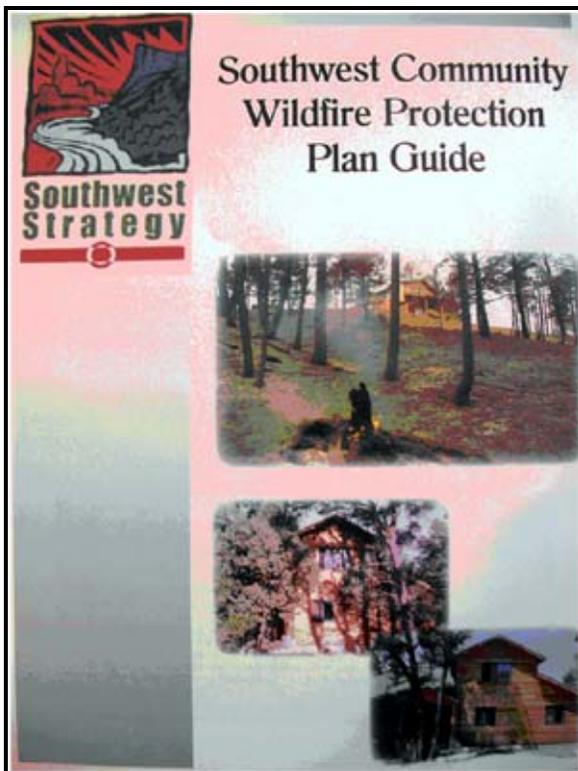


Southwest Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guide Available

The Southwest Strategy Wildland Urban Interface Task Team completed a guide designed to assist communities in Arizona and New Mexico in developing a community wildfire protection plans in areas at risk from wildfires. A community wildfire protection plan is a pre-requisite for federally funded programs for local projects. It can be used by Firewise working groups, individual homeowners, fire departments, fire management personnel in natural resource agencies and others involved in wildfire planning and mitigation efforts.

A companion handbook, "Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan" was recently prepared by several national organizations to assist communities in developing a community wildfire protection plan, which must be prepared in order for federal agencies to consider the local community priorities as the agencies develop and implement forest management and hazardous fuels projects. The guide will be printed this winter for distribution, and is already available on the internet at www.SouthwestAreaGrants.org For more information on recently completed community wildfire protection plans in Arizona go to www.AzStateFire.org.

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