National Fire Plan

Building Community Capacity: Workshops



Targeting the National Fire Plan and Large

Scale Watershed Projects

The National Network of Forest Practitioners (NNFP) is providing funding and technical assistance support to community groups throughout the country to help them organize workshops that help rural communities access opportunities associated with the national fire plan and large-scale watershed projects. More broadly, these workshops are also intended to help communities make progress toward sustainability and expand opportunities for collaboration with land management agencies. Provided below is a list of the organizations and communities, along with descriptions of their projects, that are receiving direct assistance from the NNFP.

This program is part of national, coordinated effort aimed at strengthening the capacity of communities across the country to participate in planning, implementation, and monitoring of the national fire plan and large-scale watershed projects. Joining the NNFP as partners in this effort are American Forests, the Communities Committee of the 7th American Forest Congress, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, the Society of American Foresters, the Watershed Research and Training Center, and the USDA Forest Service. The Ford Foundation and the Forest Service are providing support.

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, Oregon. A one-week series of workshops and public forums that will provide education regarding ecology and local wildfire risks and causes; homeowner and community protection from catastrophic wildfires; environmental and public health costs of wildfire and open burning; costs of fire suppression and fuels treatments; hazardous fuels treatment methods; opportunities for private land fuels treatments; treatment opportunities for contractors and other small businesses from the National Fire Plan; and utilization opportunities for small-diameter timber products. Partners include Sustainable Northwest, Deschutes County Community Development, Deschutes County Project Impact, Oregon Department of Forestry, Deschutes-Ochoco National Forest, Sunriver Environmental, Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, TSS Consultants/the Yankee Group, Central Oregon Partnership.

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