

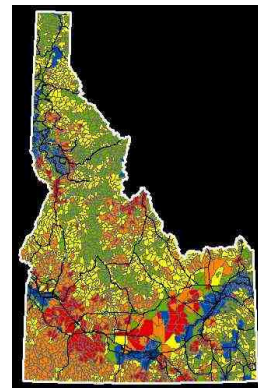


### Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group - 2004

The Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group was established in 2002 to implement the National Fire Plan 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy at the state and county levels. The group disseminates information, provides oversight and prioritization, and serves as advisors and counsel to the County Wildland Fire interagency groups.

In 2004 the Working Group successfully collaborated with an interagency team to assess communities and ecosystems at risk statewide. They assisted 23 counties in completing wildfire hazard mitigation plans, hosted a Hazardous Fuels Treatment Workshop, and created a comprehensive website.

- Beginning in 2003, the Working Group provided steering committee support to the Idaho Interagency Assessment of Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and Ecosystems. The team completed ten new statewide GIS data layers and analysis of ecosystems at risk.
- About 80 percent of the counties in Idaho have completed wildland fire hazard mitigation plans, with the remainder expected to be completed in 2005. The Working Group assists the counties and has posted 16 of the plans online. The Working Group maintains a status report on updates, meeting schedules, and other details of the process.



- A two-day workshop hosted in September provided a venue for information exchange and discussion on nine topics including grant programs and writing, forest health indicators, preparing homes for fire protection, landscaping, financial reports, project budgets, and success stories.
- The team created a useful website for state residents and agencies, compiling a wealth of helpful information on Idaho's contributions to the National Fire Plan. Users can find information on county fire plans, fire safe programs, reference materials, agency letters, and working group initiatives. The site is at [www2.state.id.us/lands/nat\\_fire\\_plan/index\\_nfp.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/lands/nat_fire_plan/index_nfp.htm)