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Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plan Arizona

In Arizona, it appears that communities in close proximity to each other have chosen to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in cooperation with each other. This has proven to be a very efficient and effective process. This has allowed the Federal and state land management agencies to work with many of their neighboring communities at one time. But most importantly, the result is that not only do the communities identify their own highest priority for hazardous fuel mitigation projects, but collectively the communities identify the highest priority for the geographic planning area – a very powerful statement when neighboring communities identify projects in another community as having a higher priority than their own.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the At-Risk Communities of the Sitgreaves National Forest in Apache, Coconino, and Navajo Counties is complete. It includes the communities of Aripine, Clay Springs, Forest Lakes, Heber, Overgaard, Hon Dah, Linden, McNary, Pinedale, Pinetop, Lakeside, Show Low, and Vernon.

A similar effort is currently underway for the Apache side of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. It is expected to be completed by the end of August and will include the communities of Alpine, Nutrioso, Springerville, Eager, Greer, and Greens Peak.

The Greater Flagstaff CWPP should also be completed in August. It includes the communities of Parks, Belmont, Munds Park, Kachina, Mountaineer, Mormon Lake, Sedona, and Oak Creek.

The Prescott CWPP group has met a few times, and they recently agreed to a boundary for the area which will include: Portions of Prescott (south), Chino Valley (southwest), Prescott Valley (south of Hwy 69), Dewy, Humbolt, and Mayer. The entire communities of Orme School Road area, Cherry, Pine Flats, Breezy Pines, Walker, Potato Patch, Mountain Pine Acres, Mt Union, Look out Mt, Spruce Mt, Groom Creek, Ponderosa Park, Wilhoit, Kirkland, Skull Valley, Ferguson Valley Road, The Tonto Road/Fair Oaks Road area, Hootenany Holler, and the Williamson Valley area. There is also numerous private in holdings throughout the area.

The Payson CWPP plan is just getting started and will cover most of private land holdings inside the Payson Ranger District and part of the Pleasant Valley District in northern Gila County. That includes the communities of Payson, Pine, Strawberry, Star Valley, Christopher Creek, Whispering Pines, Mesa Del Baballo, and several smaller subdivisions (Tonto Village, Meades Ranch, Collins Ranch, Geronimo Estates, Ponderosa Springs, Colcarde Estates, Tonto Natural Bridge, Oxbow Estates, Beaver Valley, Flowering Springs, and Hunter Creek).

We also have a couple of “stand alone” communities working on their CWPP including Summerhaven on Mt. Lemmon and Globe.

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