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Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) Idaho

In May 2004, the Society of American Foresters, Communities Committee, the National Association of State Foresters, Western Governors' Association, and the National Association of Counties developed a guide for developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

(<http://www.safnet.org/policyandpress/cwpp.cfm>).

The idea for community-based forest planning and prioritization is neither novel nor new. However, the incentive for communities to engage in comprehensive forest planning and prioritization was given new and unprecedented impetus with the enactment of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) in 2003.

This landmark legislation includes the first meaningful statutory incentives for the US Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to give consideration to the priorities of local communities as they develop and implement forest management and hazardous fuel reduction projects.

In Idaho, 11 counties have completed Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan and these counties are currently updating these plans per the Community Wildfire Protection Plan guidance under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. BY the end of the calendar year, 2004 all Idaho counties will have completed a CWPP or updated their existing plans according to CWPP guidance. The following counties currently have a Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan:

- Adams County
- Bannock County
- Benewah County
- Boise County
- Bonner County
- Custer County
- Gem County
- Kootenai County
- Lemhi County
- Power County
- Shoshone County
- Teton County

To view these plans, see http://www2.state.id.us/lands/nat_fire_plan/county_wui_plans/index.htm

For more information on the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and the Healthy Forests Initiative, visit www.healthyforests.gov