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## **Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plan Ravalli County - Montana**

A handbook entitled “*Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan: A Handbook for Wildland-Urban Interface Communities*” offers a detailed description of how to develop such a plan. This handbook was jointly developed by the Society of American Foresters, the National Association of State Foresters, the National Association of Counties, the Western Governor’s Association and the Communities Committee of the Seventh American Forest Congress.

The “*Bitterroot Community Wildfire Protection Plan,*” updated in April 2004 is one community fire plan that emphasizes items in the National Fire Plan, the 10-year Comprehensive Strategy and HFRA. This document, serving nine Montana communities, was approved by the Ravalli county commission, eleven fire districts or departments, USDA-Forest Service and others. Not only does this plan target the reduction of hazardous fuels and fire damage to structures it also addresses the restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems. The plan assesses forest insects and diseases and recognizes the impacts of noxious weeds.

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