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## **Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plan New Mexico**

New Mexico has 13 Hazard Risk Assessments and other Fire Plans in place at this time. These are county and city assessments. Some of these are in the process of being reformatted to meet the requirements of the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. Two additional counties, Otero and Lincoln in southern New Mexico are currently working on CWPPs.

Otero County has had a collaborative process in place for many years. Homeowner ordinances are in place for fuel treatments, and the county has been working with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to develop priority fuels reduction projects. A map of the proposed wildland urban interface areas and treatments has been given to the local fire department chiefs for review. In the next several weeks, this information should be finalized and a CWPP will be written.

Lincoln County has a wildland urban interface group that has also met for many years. The group identified wildland urban interface areas four years ago. The community of Ruidoso has homeowner ordinances in place for fuel treatments.

Both the Otero and Lincoln County CWPPs are expected to be completed by December 2004.

For more information on the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 and the Healthy Forests Initiative, visit [www.healthyforests.gov](http://www.healthyforests.gov)

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