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Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) Pacific Northwest – Oregon and Washington

In the Pacific Northwest Region in collaboration with our federal partners, we are very fortunate to have engaged communities and States in the development of the Community Wildfire Protection Plans. In Oregon and Washington, many community wildfire protection plans were in progress when Congress passed the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. While the current plans do not all meet the 8 steps in the CWPP guidance, the plans, initiated by the community, do address fire protection of homes and infrastructure. In addition to addressing community needs, Federal partners, in coordination with the States, are evaluating how to best prioritize the delivery of valuable technical assistance. Both States are considering interagency technical assistance teams as one way to deliver necessary information.

In Washington, there are currently 25 community plans in progress. Two have been completed, the Lummi Island Scenic Estates and Chuckanut Ridge, both in Whatcom County.

Currently, 34 community-planning efforts have been initiated in Oregon. Some of these are inventories of fire protection capabilities. The plans are in various stages of development. Many are including FEMA “All Hazards Mitigation” planning. Recently we have begun collaborating with The Association of Oregon Counties in their development of a web based planning tool.

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

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