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Note: Following is boilerplate language that can be used in the development of all CWPPs. You only need to fill in your subdivision, HOA, fire protection district or county name.

Healthy Forests Restoration Act – Guidance and Requirements

The _____ Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been developed in response to the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA). This legislation established unprecedented incentives for communities to develop comprehensive wildfire protection plans in a collaborative, inclusive process. Furthermore, this legislation directs the Departments of Interior and Agriculture to address local community priorities in fuels reduction treatments on both federal and non-federal lands.

The HFRA emphasizes the need for federal agencies to collaborate with communities in developing hazardous fuels reduction projects, and places priority on treatment areas identified by communities through development of a CWPP. Priority areas include the wildland-urban interface (WUI), municipal watersheds and other local values at risk that would be negatively impacted by a catastrophic wildfire. In compliance with Title 1 of the HFRA, the CWPP requires agreement among local government, local fire departments, and the state agency responsible for forest management (Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management {DFFM}). The CWPP also must be developed in consultation with interested parties and the applicable federal agency managing lands surrounding at-risk communities.

Arizona's Minimum Standards for CWPPs

The HFRA also required DFFM to establish minimum standards for development of CWPPs in Arizona, and DFFM must approve any and all CWPPs to ensure that they meet these minimum standards. The minimum requirements are listed below, however for a more complete description of these requirements can be found at <https://dffm.az.gov/fire/prevention/plans>.

Minimum Arizona state requirements:

1. Local Area Description: Defines CWPP area; provides a description of the community (or communities) within the CWPP; summarizes current/past community engagement or collaborations, and; identifies other plans within the CWPP area that provide valuable information to reduce threat of wildfires.
2. List of communities at high risk for damage from wildfire:
3. Wildfire response resources that are already in place (high level overview of resources available to local governments in case of a wildfire).
4. Projects the community would like to accomplish within the next 5 years.



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Please enter your responses in the shaded areas below. Much of the information and many maps can be copied and pasted or inserted from your Arizona Risk Assessment Portal (Az-WRAP) Risk Assessment Summary Report.

**Information sources include: 1-US Forest Service (USFS)/Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2-Local Fire Department, 3-Local County, 4-AZ-WRAP, 5-Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management*

The Planning Process

Instructions/Participation Process: Assemble a small working group of knowledgeable people, including property owners, DFFM, local government representatives, the local fire chief, and federal agencies with land adjacent to the planning area. Briefly describe the public activities that occurred in the development of your CWPP, including how the leadership reached out to the community and how participants worked together to contribute to the CWPP. Community and stakeholder participation is required.

1. What were the collaboration activities that took place to develop this CWPP?

2. Who did the core planning or leadership group involve? (Include a page with names and organizations)

3. Describe the meetings you held (who attended, number of meetings, what you did)

Description of Partners and Communities

Instructions/Participation Process: List the working group members from the community, fire department/FPD and any other agencies that are providing information or assistance in development of the CWPP.

1. Name the members of the core planning team and what organization or agency they represent. If appropriate, describe the chairperson or key contact, as well as any smaller working groups.

Local Area Description

Draw a map of the CWPP area showing the external boundaries, ownership types, and fire protection coverage and gaps. Completing this section addresses the WUI description. You must, at a minimum, include the WUI boundary map in your CWPP.

1. Describe the WUI area the CWPP will cover.

2. Identify CWPP boundaries (adjacent federal and public lands).



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| 3. | Describe the amount (acres/percentage) of private and public land within the CWPP |
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| 4. | Brief description of fuel types in areas covered by the CWPP. |
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| 5. | 10 year fire history for areas covered by the CWPP and describe how fires impacted the communities. |
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Communities/Values At-Risk List

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| | <i>Top 5 - 10 communities or values that are at a high or moderate risk of damage from a wildfire. Provide a brief overview of preparation activities already taken and where additional resources are needed. Include evacuation plans for at-risk communities where there are limited escape routes. Description of values at risk for each community and the extent to which wildfire has the potential to impact these values.</i> |
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Emergency Management

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| | <i>Wildfire response resources that are already in place. Provide a high level overview of resources available to local governments in case of a wildfire.</i> |
| 1. | Protection Capabilities & Infrastructure Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fire Protection District capabilities (average response time). |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory of fire protection resources (equipment and personnel). |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans within the CWPP area that are in place to mitigate wildfire damage. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local utility companies' plans and processes. |
| 2. | Agreements, Policies, and Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local wildland fire management policies (full suppression, partial suppression, etc.). |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual aid agreements |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation Information: telephone trees, emergency contacts, address identification, community information database. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training resources in place for fire awareness. |
| Projects community would like to accomplish within the next 5 years | |
| | <i>Qualified activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety.</i> |
| 1. | Education and Community Outreach (Firewise implementation and community education) |
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| 2. | Fuels Reduction (Mapping, fuel type, treatment levels, etc.) |
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| 3. | Policies and Agreements (new policies and mutual aid agreements being pursued) |
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Monitoring and Evaluation

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| | <i>Describe the key indicators for successful implementation or improvement. Set times for annual updates to the implementation plan. How will community leaders and residents remain involved?</i> |
| 1. | Benchmarks and objectives. |
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| 2. | Lessons Learned. |
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| 3. | Updates. |
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