

Washington County Wildfire Preparedness Plan

PART III: RISK REDUCTION GOALS/ ACTIONS

Goals of Plan:

1. Washington County will identify mitigation projects throughout the year, and coordinate with local fire authorities to complete those projects before the next approaching fire season.
2. Washington County will work with the communities, and the local fire authorities to encourage, and assist with proper fire safety throughout the year.
3. Washington County will provide support to communities managing active wildfire as the need arises, and make will contact with fire managers within 4 hours of notification of an incident.

Identification of Actions:

Washington County Emergency Services will work to continue to assist with mitigation efforts with the At Risk Communities. We will work with the Forest Services, and BLM to coordinate and identify mitigation projects around the county. Efforts will be put forth to encourage the creation of fire adapted communities. Continued efforts to keep Washington County communities fire adapted will be a priority. Emergency Services will assist with wildfire response as they are needed, and continue to provide support to At Risk Communities.

GOAL A: PREVENTION –

Goal A.1 –				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Work with local fire authorities and state and federal resources to reduce the fuel loading around private land and bordering state and federal lands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewood Harvest • RX Fires • Grazing Program • Mechanical treatments (bull hogging, chaining, seeding) • Cut and pile or chip 	Continuously throughout the year	Local Fire Department Chiefs	High	Highway 18 Corridor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Valley • Dammeron Valley • Veyo • Gunlock • Brookside • Central
Provide prevention education and outreach about fire prevention programs to Washington County communities and Fire Departments	Continuously throughout the year	Local Fire Department Chiefs	High	At risk communities in Washington County
<i>Notes, updates ,and monitoring</i>				

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GOAL B: PREPAREDNESS –

Goal B.1 – Evaluate, upgrade and maintain community wildfire preparation				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Lot and Home Assessments	Fall/Spring	Local Fire Authority	High	At risk residence in Washington County
FireWise	Year round	Local Fire Authority	High	At risk Communities in Washington County
Ready, Set, Go	Year round	Local Fire Authority	High	At risk Communities in Washington County

Goal B.2 – Educate community members to prepare for and respond to wildfire.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Meeting with individual fire councils to assist in making goals for mitigation, and education of the community.	Continuously throughout the year	Local Fire Authority	High	At risk communities in Washington County

Goal B.3 – Address identified regulative issues impacting community wildfire prevention and response needs.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Enforcement of Wildland Urban Interface Code	Yearly	Local Fire and building inspection Authorities	High	At Risk Areas within Washington County
Review code enforcement, area response, and keep updated escape plans, and MOU's	Yearly	Local Fire Authority	High	At Risk Areas within Washington County

Goal B.4 – Evaluate response facilities and equipment.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Evaluate Fire Management in each area to identify needs	Continuously	Area Fire Authority	High	At Risk Areas within Washington County
Work with locals to increase fire response capabilities in all unincorporated areas with fulltime residents	Continuously	Area Fire Authority	High	Motoqua

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GOAL C: MITIGATION –

Goal C.1 – Decrease fuels within the community to reduce wildfire impact in and around the community.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Work with the community to evaluate defensible space, and teach property owners how to properly mitigate their own property.	Spring/Fall	Local Fire Authority	High	At Risk Areas in Washington County
Keep CWPP plans up to date	3-5 years	Area Fire Authority	High	At Risk Areas in Washington County
Work with National Parks, UDOT , City and County Roads Department to reduce fuels on the roadside	Yearly	Area Fire Authority	High	Highway 18 Corridor Highway 59 Highway 9 Highway 17 New Harmony Pine Valley Road Gunlock Road Kolob Road Highway 91 I-15 Southern Pkwy All other at risk areas identified by fire authorities

Goal C.2 – Work with local, state and federal fire officials to decrease fuels on private and adjacent public lands to reduce wildfire intensity and impact in and around the community.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	High	Highway 18 Corridor
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	High	New Harmony
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	High	Grass Valley/Pine Valley
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	High	Kolob
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	Moderate	Kayenta Wash
Fuel Mitigation	Within the next 3 years	Agency with Jurisdiction	Moderate	All other at risk areas

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GOAL D: MAINTENANCE –

Goal D.1 - Regularly evaluate, update and maintain project commitments.				
Action(s):	Timeline:	Community Lead:	Priority:	Focus Area
Evaluate projects when requested by Area Fire Authority	Yearly	Area Fire Authority	High	At Risk Areas within Washington County