



STATE OF ALASKA

DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

CWPP Minimum Standards Checklist

Community Wildfire Protection Plans are a collaborative approach to wildland fire protection and mitigation. A plan can be as simple or complex as the needs of the community dictate.

1. Convene Decision Makers.

- Engage the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection representative, they can provide guidance and subject matter expertise.
- Involve local jurisdictions and fire service leadership from local, state, and federal cooperators.
- Notify local government officials—local support will bolster political capital in the community.



2. Conduct Risk Assessments.

- Consider factors that influence risk in the community: fuels, structural characteristics, access, local fire capacity, utilities, etc.
- Assume no operational response and address stand-alone survivability.
- Utilize as a tool to help residents understand their wildfire risk and engage in mitigation actions.
- Compile results and share with core working group and partners.



3. Engage Interested Parties.

- Wildfire risk is a community problem and a shared responsibility between stakeholders.
- Communicate the results from the risk assessments with all stakeholders.
- Form a core working group with representation from the local fire department, local government, and the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection.
- Additional partners should be encouraged to participate.
 - Who needs to be part of the conversation?
 - Who has a vested interest in the community?
- Gain input from a variety of partners to ensure that the CWPP reflects the interests and values of the entire community.



4. Establish Community Hazard Reduction Priorities and Recommendations to Reduce Structural Ignitability.

- Begin to develop priorities for the community.
- Recommend actions that address structural ignitability and hazardous fuel reduction.
- Create strategies that address local fire service capacity.



5. Start Proclamation.

- Present a proclamation/resolution to local government for approval and signatures.



6. Develop an Action Plan.

- Generate prioritized recommendations for fuels reduction projects, outreach and education programs, and other mitigation actions that assist in achieving the goals and objectives of the CWPP.
- Identify roles and responsibilities, funding needs, and timelines for each priority project.
- Recommended actions must directly relate to the protection of the community and its values.



7. Create a Community Base Map.

- Develop a GIS base map of the community that identifies potential communities at risk, areas with critical infrastructure, and delineate the Wildland Urban Interface.
- Identify high-risk, priority areas for risk assessments.



8. Finalize the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

- Complete plan and ensure that the three required criteria are met.
- Present a final draft to local signatories and the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection for approval.

