

## Progress Report for the Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan

In March 2022 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated preparation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Missouri River East region of Nebraska, including Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Thurston, and Washington Counties. The purpose of the plan is to provide a tool for effectively managing fire and hazardous vegetative fuels and to bolster collaboration and communication between the various agencies and organizations who manage fire in this region.

Having a CWPP in place allows the Nebraska Forest Service to apply for federal grant dollars to cost-share forest fuels reduction treatments in at-risk areas within the boundaries of the CWPP. It also may increase opportunities for counties, municipalities, and rural fire districts to seek grant funding for activities related to fire protection.

The whole process generally takes about six months. Here is a snapshot of what's been accomplished so far and what still needs to be completed:

Task	Status
Identify stakeholders and establish steering committee	Completed 3/1/2022
News release, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 3/21/2022
Gather baseline data; develop maps and tables	Completed 4/26/2022
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 4/28/2022
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 5/17/2022
Prepare draft document	In progress
Public review of draft CWPP	
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	
Adoption by local officials	
Publish and distribute final CWPP	

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