

**Progress Report for the
Pine Ridge Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!**

In January, 2020 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated the update of the 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Pine Ridge Area, including Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan, and Sioux 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 the Pine Ridge area of Nebraska. This update is being conducted in coordination with the Region’s Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

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 update is expected to be completed by the end of summer, 2020. Here is a snapshot of what’s been accomplished:

| Task | Status |
|---|---------------------|
| Identify stakeholders and establish planning team | Completed 1/15/2020 |
| Organizational meeting, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed | Completed 1/22/2020 |
| Gather baseline data | Completed 3/31/2020 |
| Develop maps and tables | Completed 4/28/2020 |
| Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis | Completed 5/11/2020 |
| Develop Action Plan and recommendations | Completed 5/27/2020 |
| Prepare draft document | Completed 6/22/2020 |
| Public review of draft CWPP | Completed 7/31/2020 |
| Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP | Completed 8/3/2020 |
| Adoption by local officials | Completed 8/21/2020 |
| Publication and distribution of final CWPP | Completed 8/28/2020 |

This page updated 8/28/2020

Thank you for your participation!