

Progress Report for the Pine Ridge Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update

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 so far and what still needs to be completed:

Task	Status
Identify stakeholders and establish planning team	1/15/2020
Organizational meeting, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	1/22/2020
Gather baseline data	3/31/2020
Develop maps and tables	4/28/2020
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	5/11/2020
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	5/27/2020
Prepare draft document	6/22/2020
Public review of draft CWPP	7/31/2020
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	8/3/2020
Adoption by local officials	8/20/2020
Publication and distribution of final CWPP	In progress

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