

**Progress Report for the  
Missouri River Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan  
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!**

In November 2021 the Nebraska Forest Service began updating the 2015 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Missouri River Northeast part of Nebraska, including Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, and Knox 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.

Here is a snapshot of what's been accomplished:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Status</b>
Identify stakeholders and establish steering committee	Completed 11/1/2021
News release, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 11/19/2021
Gather baseline data; develop maps and tables	Completed 12/21/2021
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 2/28/2022
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 3/18/2022
Prepare draft document	Completed 4/20/2022
Public review of draft CWPP	Completed 5/27/2022
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	Completed 5/31/2022
Adoption by local officials	Completed 6/14/2022
Publish and distribute final CWPP	Completed 6/16/2022

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