

**Progress Report for the
South Central West Community Wildfire Protection Plan**
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!

In August, 2020 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated preparation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the western portion of south central Nebraska, including Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps 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 western south-central Nebraska.

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 a year or less. Here is a snapshot of what's been accomplished:

Task	Status
Identify stakeholders and establish steering committee	Completed 9/14/2020
News release, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 9/29/2020
Gather baseline data; develop maps and tables	Completed 10/27/2020
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 11/24/2020
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 1/22/2021
Prepare draft document	Completed 2/2/2021
Public review of draft CWPP	Completed 2/25/2021
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	Completed 2/26/2021
Adoption by local officials	Completed 4/13/2021
Publish and distribute final CWPP	Completed 4/19/2021

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