

**Progress Report for the  
Wildcat Hills Region Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update  
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!**

In December 2020 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated the update of the 2015 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Wildcat Hills Region of Nebraska, including Banner, Cheyenne, Kimball, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff 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 planning team	Completed 12/15/2020
Organizational meeting, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 12/21/2020
Gather baseline data	Completed 3/15/2021
Develop maps and tables	Completed 4/5/2021
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 4/26/2021
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 4/26/2021
Prepare draft document	Completed 6/3/2021
Public review of draft CWPP	Completed 7/9/2021
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	Completed 7/12/2021
Adoption by local officials	Completed 7/20/2021
Publication and distribution of final CWPP	Completed 7/27/2021

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