



CPAW ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO-DATE

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Since its founding in 2015, the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program has been working with communities to reduce wildfire risk through improved land use planning. CPAW develops customized land use planning recommendations and trainings for communities, relying on stakeholder input to identify local priorities.

National Reach

- CPAW has engaged 26 communities in 13 states, connecting with more than 300 stakeholders in dozens of site visits.
- CPAW has trained and increased capacity for more than 600 planners, fire personnel, elected officials, researchers, and other stakeholders through 19 workshops, webinars, and events.
- CPAW was cited in more than 45 stories in local and national media, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *ProPublica*.

Community-Driven Results

Through CPAW, many communities have learned how to modify their land use regulations to incorporate wildfire risk. Examples include:

- Chelan, WA adopted regulations requiring ignition-resistant buildings and landscaping.
- Missoula County, MT is using detailed maps of wildfire exposure and at-risk areas to inform development decisions.
- Lewis & Clark County, MT and Bemidji, MN have also received detailed wildfire hazard mapping.
- Taos County, NM is using CPAW recommendations to develop regulations based on wildfire risk.
- Wenatchee, WA has adopted wildfire information into their guiding policies.

“Our efforts would not be possible, or be as effective, without the considerable talent of the personnel on the CPAW team, at the Rocky Mountain Research Station, and our other partner organizations.”

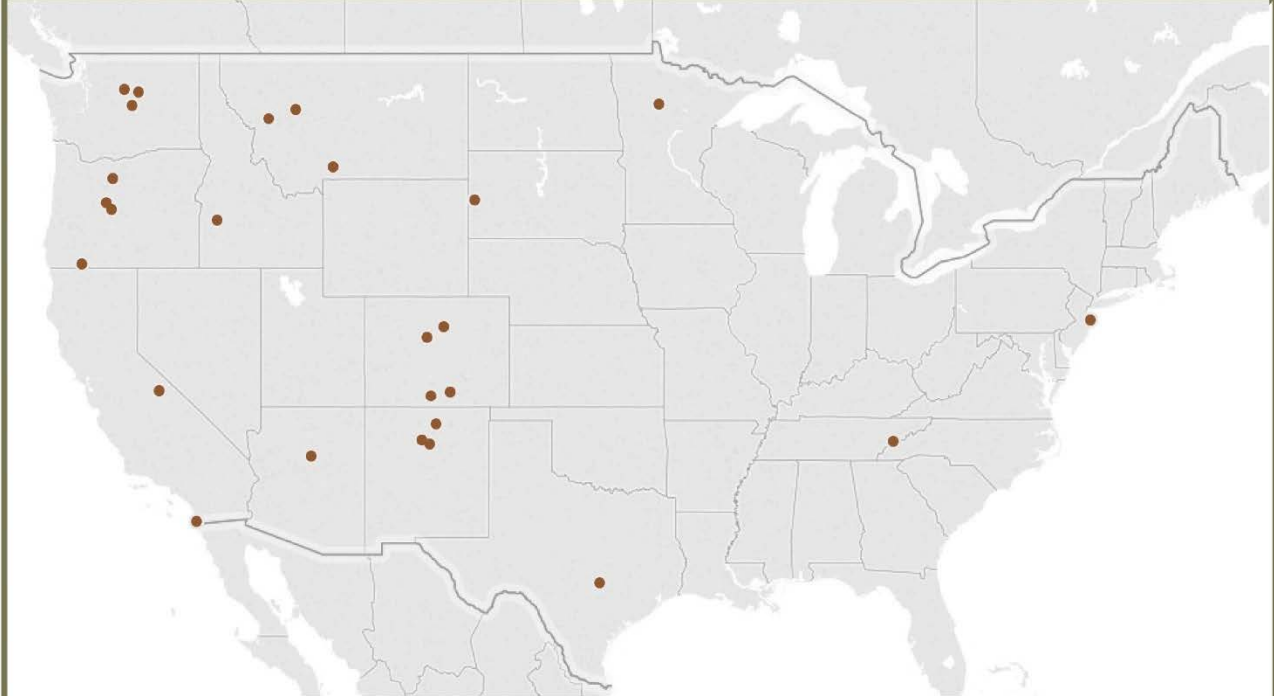
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For more community stories, see <https://planningforwildfire.org/where-we-work/>

Customized Science and Research

- CPAW [profiled best practices in five urban areas](#), to help other communities learn about innovative efforts to mitigate wildfire risk.
- CPAW created a customized, interactive [tool for Santa Fe](#) that compares the geography of wildfire risk with vulnerable populations to facilitate prioritization of mitigation projects, targeted outreach and education, evacuation planning, and post-disaster recovery planning.
- CPAW [synthesized](#) Montana’s opportunities and challenges for applying land use planning tools to reduce wildfire risk. Park County, Montana is using the information to explore new land use planning strategies.
- Research forthcoming in 2018 includes a summary of methods to develop risk assessments for land use planning applications (with USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station); an analysis of the true, long-term, comprehensive costs of wildfire, especially those borne at the local level; and an analysis of material costs for building an ignition-resistant home (with the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety).

CPAW Communities



Arizona

Flagstaff

California

Mammoth Lakes

San Diego

Colorado

Boulder County

Huerfano County

San Luis Valley

Summit County

Idaho

Boise

Minnesota

Bemidji

Montana

Lewis & Clark County

Missoula County

Park County

New Jersey

Township of Ocean

New Mexico

Los Alamos County

Santa Fe

Taos County

Oregon

Ashland

Bend

Sisters

Wasco County

South Dakota

Deadwood

Tennessee

Pigeon Forge

Texas

Austin

Washington

Chelan City

Chelan County

Wenatchee

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