

A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN



FOR RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN COCONINO COUNTY

BACKGROUND

The Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP), a nonprofit since 1996, was awarded a Community Wildfire Defense Grant to develop a novel Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for nine fire districts and six tribal communities in rural Coconino County.

GFFP AND COCONINO COUNTY RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION

Coconino County acknowledges wildfire and post-wildfire flooding as the top public safety threat, having endured nine major wildfires and over 255,000 acres burned since 2010. The County has higher wildfire risk to homes than 84.5% of U.S. counties. Given this threat, this CWPP will provide local solutions to reduce the risk of wildfire across the County.

Existing CWPPs are outdated or limited to urban areas, excluding many rural and tribal communities. To address this, this new CWPP will include both incorporated and unincorporated areas, providing local solutions to reduce wildfire risk and strengthen community resilience.

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

- Havasupai
- Hopi
- Hualapai
- Kaibab Paiute
- Navajo
- San Juan Southern Paiute

FIRE DISTRICTS (FD) INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

- Blue Ridge FD
- City of Williams Fire Department
- Forest Lakes FD
- Fredonia FD
- Greenhaven FD
- High Country Fire & Rescue
- Kaibab Estates West FD
- Sherwood Forest Estates FD
- Tusayan FD

LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT FOR FIRE PRACTITIONERS

1. Act as a Core Team member
2. Participate in a community survey **(see QR code)**
3. Plan for and attend community meetings
4. Participate in a tribal interview to identify priority areas for wildfire risk reduction and community assets

LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC

1. Participate in a community survey **(see QR code)**
2. Attend your community meeting
3. Submit comments on the draft CWPP
4. Implement FireWise, or similar practices, on your property



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETING DATES

FIRE DISTRICT (FD)	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
City of Williams Fire Dept., High Country Fire & Rescue, Sherwood Forest Estates FD	August 27, 2025	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Grand Canyon Railway Hotel (Santa Fe Room) 235 N Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams, AZ 86046
Blue Ridge FD	September 9, 2025	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Blue Ridge Fire District - Station 1 5023 Enchanted Lane, Happy Jack, AZ 86024
Forest Lakes FD	September 10, 2025	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Forest Lakes Community Center 1111 Merzville Road, Forest Lakes, AZ 85931
Kaibab Estates West FD	September 23, 2025	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Kaibab Estates West FD Fire Station 3918 Double A Ranch Rd, Ash Fork, AZ 86320
Tusayan FD	October 1, 2025	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Holiday Inn Resort the Squire at Grand Canyon (Navajo Room) 74 AZ-64 Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

THE CWPP PROCESS

The CWPP process will involve public input to guide fuels management planning and wildfire risk reduction for rural communities across Coconino County. **Specifically, the CWPP will produce separate analyses for each of the communities, including a community-based "Action Plan" to implement prioritized on-the-ground fuel reduction projects for highly valued community resources and assets.**

The CWPP, expected by June 2026 and is overseen by GFFP, Coconino County, SWCA Environmental Consultants, and a Core Team of diverse agency and community representatives. Fire districts and tribal leaders will play key roles in prioritizing treatments, identifying valued resources, and maintaining the Action Plan.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE CWPP PROCESS?

1. Create Community Risk Assessment and Recommendations
2. Plan Landscape Scale Wildfire Mitigation Measures
3. Increased Capacity and Resources
4. Create an Actionable, Fundable Plan
5. Deliver a Community-Supported Plan

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION BE SHARED AND PROTECTED?

The completed CWPP will be available on the project's website, featuring an ArcGIS Hub and an easy to navigate StoryMap. The website will contain all information and tools needed to complete, understand, and update this CWPP. While most data used will be publicly sourced, sensitive tribal data will be protected and not shared.



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