

Chapter 2: Planning Process

Clackamas Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2017 Update Process

The 2017 Clackamas CWPP Update process was developed in collaboration with the Clackamas Fire Defense Board and the Clackamas Wildfire Executive Planning Committee. These collaborative groups evaluated the effectiveness of the plan with regard to oversight of the CWPP as well as the five focus areas: Risk Assessment, Fuels Reduction, and Emergency Operations, Education and Outreach, and Structural Ignitability. The 2017 Clackamas CWPP improves upon the Forest Conditions section. Drier weather has played a big role in the wildfires in this area and therefore it has been addressed in chapter 3. The update also sets more realistic goals based on current funding. In 2012, there was grant money to finance projects but now in 2017 the budget is strained, which means less can be accomplished. Now that each action has been examined, we have created a list of realistic, obtainable goals.

Wildfire Planning Executive Committee (WFPEC)

The Wildfire Planning Executive Committee was charged with oversight of the CWPP. Although the WFPEC continued to meet annually, the roles of the WFPEC member agencies were difficult to sustain over the last several years due to staffing and programmatic changes of partner agencies. The 2017 CWPP Update process strengthened the WFPEC by providing more structure for meetings and creating a more realistic action plan. The WFPEC is also developing a series of bylaws for consistency in agency representation and participation.

Clackamas Fire Defense Board

Technical Subcommittees

Since 2012, the responsibilities of the technical subcommittees have been transferred to the Clackamas Fire Defense Board (FDB). The FDB meets monthly to discuss issues surrounding fire operations and emergency response. The board consists of rural fire districts, County Emergency Management, wildland fire agencies, and other officials. The FDB also appoints a chairman, who is the point person for the FDB for State Mobilization requests and also serves on the State Fire Defense Board.

Emergency Operations

The Clackamas Fire Defense Board is responsible for coordinating fire operations issues and procedures for all fire districts in Clackamas County. The FDB extended its membership to wildland fire agencies to address potential wildfire issues. This also allows for better communication during the wildland fire season, as the rural and wildland agencies often work together. The FDB meets monthly and addresses the different issues surrounding fire operations and emergency response.

Education and Outreach

The Clackamas County Fire Prevention Cooperative (Co-op) is a consortium of structural and wildland fire agencies, and other fire prevention stakeholders. The Co-op has been successful in implementing proposed CWPP activities. The Fire Co-op meets monthly and works collaboratively to seek grant funding to continue supporting projects identified in these action plans.

Structural Ignitability

In order to effectively reduce structural ignitability, there must be coordination and communication between fire professionals and regulatory agencies. Since 2005, a great deal of progress has been made to strengthen these relationships, which has resulted in more effective implementation of the Oregon Fire Code. The 2017 CCWPP Update process identified additional actions that will continue to enhance coordination and reduce structural ignitability.

Wildfire Risk Assessment

The Overall Wildfire Risk Assessment is shown in Map #4. The primary landscape-level change would be additional development in the WUI, which is captured in the Wildland Urban Interface Map #3. The data used to determine the Overall Wildfire Risk Assessment are outlined in Table 4-2.

Table 2.1 Clackamas Communities Wildfire Protection Plan Maps

Clackamas CWPP Map Directory
Map # 1 Clackamas Fire Agencies
Map # 2 Clackamas CWPP Communities at Risk
Map # 3 Wildland Urban Interface
Map # 4 Overall Wildfire Risk (County)
Map # 5 Fuels Reduction Projects
Map # 6 Communities at Risk & Fuels Reduction Projects
Map # 7 Structural Triage & Home Assessments
Map # 8 Aurora Fire
Map # 9 Canby Fire
Map # 10 Clackamas Fire
Map # 11 Colton Fire
Map # 12 Estacada Fire
Map # 13 Gladstone Fire
Map # 14 Hoodland Fire
Map # 15 Lake Oswego Fire
Map # 16 Molalla Fire
Map # 17 Monitor Fire
Map # 18 Sandy Fire
Map # 19 Silverton Fire
Map # 20 Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Map # 21 Wildland and Unprotected Areas