

## Executive Summary

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Recent fires in Oregon and across the western United States have increased public awareness of the potential losses to life, property, and natural and cultural resources. In June of 2004, the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners (BCC) directed the County Departments to work with state and federal agencies, fire agencies, and community organizations to develop an integrated Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The BCC adopted this plan in 2005 in a commitment to reduce wildfire risk to citizens, the environment, and quality of life within Clackamas County. This 2017 Update was adopted to ensure that the CWPP remain an up-to-date and relevant document.

### Clackamas CWPP Mission Statement

The mission of the Clackamas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is to provide a consolidated reference documenting wildfire hazards, prevention and response efforts, and resource-sharing information for all participating local, state, and federal fire agencies. The CWPP improves upon historical fire planning efforts by providing a more localized and accurate approach for determining wildfire hazards and implementing best practices for wildfire protection in balance with sustainable ecological management and economic activities throughout Clackamas County.

### 2012-2017 Clackamas CWPP Accomplishments & Action Plan

The 2012 CWPP included an action plan to address the following focus areas: Risk Assessment, Fuels Reduction & Biomass Utilization, Emergency Operations, Education & Outreach and Structural Ignitability. The CWPP Action Plan has been updated and revised to ensure that actions are clear, implementable and relevant (Table 1-1. 2017 CWPP Action Plan).

The CWPP enabled CWPP partner agencies to be more competitive for grant funds to build capacity for implementing projects. These accomplishments are illustrated in Table 1-2. CWPP Grant-Funded Projects 2012-2017. The total grant-funded accomplishments are as follows:

- Fuels Reduction: \$1,121,957
- Outreach/Protection: \$1,242,286
- **Total Funding Generated from the Clackamas CWPP: \$2.36 Million**

### Fire District Coordination

The 2017 CWPP Update continued a focus on taking a localized approach to wildfire planning by creating individual CWPP's for each fire agency. *Chapter 10: Fire Agencies* includes a brief description of wildfire hazards, emergency operations, structural ignitability, community outreach and education and fuels reduction priorities for each local fire agency. Local Communities at Risk were also identified. Each local CWPP is complete with an action plan to address wildfire issues specific to the community.

### Clackamas CWPP Planning Process

A Wildfire Planning Executive Committee (WFPEC) guided the development of the CWPP, identifying the primary issues to be addressed and collaborating with the Clackamas Fire Defense Board to develop priorities for action. The CWPP Action Plan includes over fifty actions that can be taken to reduce wildfire hazards and improve response efforts. The following chapters of the CWPP document the objectives of the CWPP and highest priority strategies for action:

<b>Clackamas CWPP Focus Area</b>	<b>Priority Actions</b>
<i><b>Wildfire Risk Assessment (Chapter 4)</b></i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Maintain and update the Fuels Reduction (FR) and Communities at Risk (CAR) maps and databases.</li> <li>2.) Continue to track structural vulnerability data throughout the County through structural triage assessments.</li> <li>3.) Update the Overall Wildfire Risk Assessment as new data becomes available.</li> </ol>
<i><b>Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Biomass Utilization (Chapter 5)</b></i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Develop and maintain an inventory of potential and successful FR projects by meeting with parks and natural lands managers quarterly.</li> <li>2.) Continue securing funding to implement projects/ hire seasonal ODF staff.</li> </ol>
<i><b>Emergency Operations (Chapter 6)</b></i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Develop an FDB Communications Work Group.</li> <li>2.) Conduct a Conflagration Exercise.</li> </ol>
<i><b>Education and Community Outreach (Chapter 7)</b></i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Develop Firewise toolkit for CAR's.</li> <li>2.) Create incentives for fuels reduction.</li> <li>3.) Update and distribute the Burn Permitting and Fire Restrictions Brochure.</li> <li>4.) Continue to improve address signage throughout the County.</li> </ol>
<i><b>Structural Ignitability Policies and Programs (Chapter 8)</b></i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Identify a DTD representative for the WFPEC.</li> <li>2.) Improve coordination with Rural Fire Agencies.</li> <li>3.) Integrate WUI into Plan Map and include a public outreach strategy.</li> </ol>

## **2017 Clackamas CWPP Major Revisions**

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 those sources for funding are strained, which means less can be accomplished. Now that each action has been examined, we have created a list of realistic, obtainable goals.

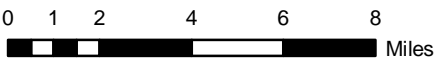
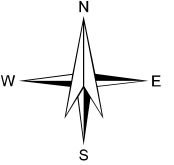
## **Sustaining Fire Plan Efforts**

The Wildfire Planning Executive Committee (WFPEC) is responsible for guiding Clackamas CWPP implementation and is comprised of representatives from the Clackamas Fire Defense Board, Clackamas County, and public land management agencies. This oversight committee meets annually to facilitate a collaborative approach to CWPP implementation.

# Clackamas County Fire Agencies 2017

- ★ Fire Stations
- ▬ Oregon Department of Forestry
- ▨ Bureau of Land Management
- ▭ Mt Hood National Forest
- ▭ City Boundaries

Map #1



**CLACKAMAS COUNTY**  
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