

WEST REGION WILDFIRE COUNCIL

Wildfire Risk Reduction Programs



Helping Landowners Mitigate Risk

Site Visit and MyWildfireRisk Program

WRWC offers free Site Visits for private landowners with homes or properties in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) in Delta, Hinsdale, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties.

A WRWC staff member meets with the landowner at their home or property for a 60-minute consultation - which involves evaluating and discussing major wildfire risk factors such as home ignition & home hardening, vegetation management and defensible space, and safety measures including ingress/egress. WRWC then provides the landowner with site-specific recommendations on how they can reduce their wildfire risk. Landowners can also enroll in the MyWildfireRisk Program and will receive a mitigation report which outlines recommendations made during the Site Visit.

Request a site visit at: www.COwildfire.org/site-visit



Vegetation Management Cost-Share Program

For eligible landowners who have completed a Site Visit and are seeking additional technical and financial assistance to complete the work, WRWC offers a cost-share program that reimburses participants up to 75% of the cost for their completed vegetation management project.

For a service fee, WRWC and the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) will help facilitate mitigation work and oversee the entire process – which includes designing and laying out the mitigation projects, developing a project scope of work based upon relevant local, state, and national standards and BMPs, and showing the projects to and soliciting competitive bids from professional contractors. The homeowner then selects and hires the contractor to complete the mitigation work. Once work is completed and a final compliance inspection is done, WRWC reimburses the landowner based on a previously executed award agreement.

Learn more online at: www.COwildfire.org/cost-share



Fuel Mitigation Project Layout

For landowners who have completed a Site Visit and are interested in doing fuel reduction mitigation (vegetation management) on their property but NOT interested in participating in WRWC's cost-share program, WRWC provides technical assistance with project design and layout.

For an hourly rate, WRWC can help design and layout mitigation projects to create defensible space around a home or at a landscape level – which involves selecting (painting/flagging) individual trees/shrubs that need to be cut and/or pruned. This is a good option for landowners who want to extend out the existing defensible space around their home or for those who want to cut the trees themselves but need professional guidance on which trees to cut.



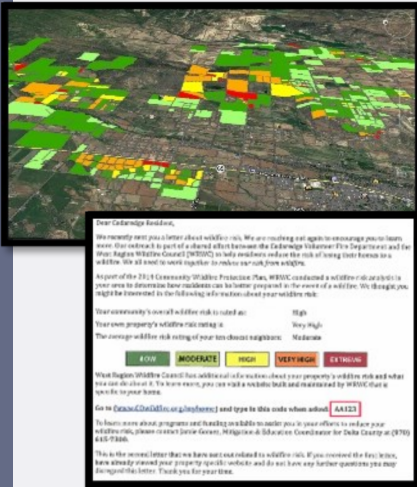
Helping Communities Develop Capacity and Mitigate Risk

Rapid Wildfire Risk Assessments, Outreach Letters and MyHome Pages

WRWC conducts Rapid Wildfire Risk Assessments (RWRA) to quickly assess each home's wildfire risk within a community.

In conjunction with local fire departments and Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), WRWC staff drives through high-risk Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) communities and uses a curbside, census-style approach to assess each home's wildfire risk based on eleven parameters, including home hardening, defensible space, and ingress/egress. When funding permits, WRWC occasionally sends the results of these "curbside" assessments to homeowners with an outreach letter that summarizes their wildfire risk assessment. The letter also includes a unique online access code that allows homeowners to access their MyHome page and view their personal detailed risk assessment results.

Learn more online at: www.COwildfire.org/myhome



Community Wildfire Risk Assessments

WRWC facilitates Community Wildfire Risk Assessments to help communities identify their wildfire risks and develop a plan to mitigate those risks.

WRWC brings together partners in wildfire mitigation - such as county representatives, local fire departments, and federal and state partners - to work with HOAs or other community organizations to conduct a community specific assessment of wildfire risk and develop a written plan of action to reduce the risk. These assessments can be based on Rapid Wildfire Risk data, but they entail more of a "community level" view of wildfire risk and are geared towards building community capacity to address wildfire risks at a broader scale.



Community Wildfire Planning

WRWC also assists with other wildfire planning efforts, including Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) and County All-Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Due to the significant amount of time associated with each type of planning effort, WRWC may seek additional funding to recover costs associated with facilitation. Please inquire with WRWC to discuss your community's specific needs.

Learn more online at: www.COwildfire.org/cwpps/



Community Meetings

WRWC welcomes the opportunity to meet with communities, such as Homeowner Associations, Fire Protection Districts, neighborhoods, or other types of communities to discuss the key factors that affect wildfire risk and how WRWC can support wildfire risk reduction measures in their specific area.

If you would like to learn more about wildfire and wildfire risk in your community and how WRWC can support your efforts through our various program, please contact us!

About the West Region Wildfire Council:

The West Region Wildfire Council promotes wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation education throughout Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties. Our mission is to mitigate loss due to wildfire in wildland urban interface communities while fostering interagency regional partnerships to help prepare counties, fire protection districts, communities and agencies to plan for and mitigate potential threats from wildfire.

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