



What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?

A CWPP is a plan developed by local communities, resource managers, large landowners, city planners, County/State/Federal agencies including emergency responders, state foresters, and other interested parties to:

- Comprehensively assess local wildfire hazards (*Completed by HWMO as of Aug 2013*)
- Conduct a community risk assessment (*Completed by HWMO as of Aug 2013*)
- **Establish hazard reduction priorities**
- **Recommend and prioritize actions and projects**
- **Influence wildland-urban interface (WUI) wildfire mitigation planning and funding**

A CWPP helps communities clarify and refine priorities for the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructure in the WUI areas. It is intended to create a foundation of collaboration and communication among diverse parties toward achieving wildfire risk reduction goals.

What are the benefits of having a CWPP?

- Provides communities with a tremendous opportunity to influence where and how agencies implement fuel reduction projects and how federal funds may be distributed for projects on nonfederal lands.
- Helps at-risk communities establish recommendations and priorities that protect their citizens, homes, and resources from the destruction of catastrophic wildfire in WUI areas.
- Gives a community the opportunity to define its own WUI boundaries for mitigation and protection funding (otherwise it is considered ½ mile from community boundary). *For the purposes of covering all hazards to WUI areas, boundaries will be defined per agency input.*

What should interested individuals come prepared to discuss?

- Wildfire concerns
- Areas of priority for fuels management and risk reduction
- Recommended actions
- Project suggestions with possible implementation strategies



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WHO WE ARE

Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to protecting communities and natural resources from wildfire through fire planning, mitigation, education, and technical assistance.

WHAT WE DO

- Collaborative wildfire preparedness planning
- Fuels management projects
- Educational activities (youth and adults) related to wildfire prevention and preparedness
- Projects to re-establish native plants that are more drought tolerant and/or fire resistant
- Research and technical support, including GIS analysis and mapping
- Defensible space inspections

THE CHALLENGE

Hawaii's ecosystems are not adapted to fire.

Wildfires:

- Threaten homes and lives
- Destroy native forests and habitat
- Cause soil erosion that:
 - Increases run off, impacting nearshore resources and water quality
 - Creates dust in high wind, affecting air quality and impacting human health
- Increase the spread of invasive plants that are highly flammable

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