

Appendix A

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Cassia County Idaho

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Cassia County has taken the steps in developing a County Wide Fire Protection Working Group, a County Wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan – 2009 and 2006 to compliment the County Fire Plan – 2004. This document serves as an addendum to previous plans and aspiration to continue using this document as a tool to prove useful in helping Cassia County establish recommendations and priorities that protect their citizens, homes and essential infrastructure and resources from the destruction of catastrophic wildfire.

A. County Working Group Membership

Please list the members of your County Working Group who were involved in this decision making process including their affiliation and job title (if necessary):

Coordinator: Brett Ingles, Coordinator, Mid-Snake RC&D

Other Members:

Paul Christensen, Cassia County Commissioner
Kerry McMurray, Administrator, Cassia County
Mike Santini, Chief – ACE Fire Protection Association
Jeff Leach, Chief – Albion Fire Protection District
Harlo Clark, Chief – Oakley Fire Department
Todd Muhlestein, Oakley Fire Department
Keith Martin, Chief – Burley City Fire Department
John Pons – North Cassia Fire Protection District
Joe Wright, Chief Raft River Fire District
Brandon Brown, Supervisory Fuels Specialist – Twin Falls District BLM
John Sabala, Mitigation Specialist – Twin Falls District BLM
Larry Messick, Rural Assistance Coordinator – Twin Falls District BLM
Steve Clezie, Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest
Nathan Lancaster, Fire Management Officer, Sawtooth National Forest
Julie Thomas, Public Information Officer, Sawtooth National Forest
Kevin Simmons, Mini-Cassia LEPC
Tami Pearson, South Central Public Health
Gary Davis, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

These members were vital in the CWPP Amendment for 2011 which supersedes the CWPP Amendment 2009.

B. Hazardous Fuels Treatments, Non Federal Lands

This list of priorities may be changed at any time as projects are completed or as conditions warrant.

1. **Oakley WUI.** County RFD. Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands.
2. **Elba IV Private.** ACE WUI. Mechanical, Private lands.
3. **Albion Fire Protection District WUI – Hohosh Subdivision.** Hazardous fuels reduction project. Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands.
4. **ACE Fire Protection District WUI - Bud Ward Subdivision.** Hazardous fuels reduction project. Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands. Ongoing.
5. **ACE, Albion, Oakley, Raft River WUI Isolated tracts.** Hazardous fuels reduction project. Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands.
6. **Raft River Fire Protection District hazardous fuels reduction buffer strip.** Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands.
7. **Albion Juniper View Area.** Lunch Creek (500 S. Hwy 77) Hazardous fuels reduction project. Prevention/education, FD/VFD Assist, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Private lands.

C. Hazardous Fuels Treatments, Federal Lands

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1. **Conner WUI, Phase 4.** Mechanical, bio-mass utilization. Federal lands. Completed. Ongoing.
2. **Jim Sage Restoration.** Alma, Conner, Elba, Malta. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State land.
3. **Elba Hazardous Fuels Reduction.** Prevention/education, FD/VFD assist, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, stewardship, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
4. **Goose Creek Restoration.** Oakley Fire. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
5. **City of Rocks Restoration.** ACE Fire. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
6. **Cotterels Restoration.** Albion/Malta. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
7. **Isolated Tracts. Oakley, Albion, Malta.** Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Federal Lands.
8. **Elba II.** Mechanical, biomass utilization. Federal lands. Completed.

9. **Elba IV.** Mechanical, biomass utilization. Federal lands.
9. Minidoka Ranger District NE Cassia (unit 10). 257 acres prescribed fire. Federal lands. Completed.
10. **Minidoka Ranger District NE Cassia (unit 3/4)** 268 acres mechanical. Federal lands. (unit 4 completed)
11. **Minidoka Ranger District Howell Canyon.** 1846 acres. Mechanical, biomass. Federal lands.
12. **Minidoka Ranger District Fuelwood piles.** 250 acres total (75 WUI). Prescribed fire. Federal lands.

D. Firefighting Assistance Funds

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1. Albion Fire Protection District needs 1,000-2,000 gallon water storage container.
2. All Cassia County Fire Districts need updated personal protection equipment (PPE).
3. Wildland firefighting training and volunteer recruitment needs improved for all fire departments within Cassia County; including electronic equipment such as DVD players.
4. Albion Fire Protection District needs funding/assistance for rural home inspections annually and fire prevention seminars.
5. Ace Fire Protection District needs WUI Type II or III Engine.
6. City of Burley needs a high pressure air compressor to refill SCBA.
7. Raft River Fire Protection District needs a 5,000 gallon water tender.
8. Single bay fire station for Elba – Raft River Fire Protection District.
9. Fire Prevention/Education for vehicle fires in Raft River Fire Protection District.
10. Purchase Narrow Banded UHF radios for all departments/districts

E. Other Prioritization Needs

1. Continue work on Firewise practices/principles through education and public service announcements.
2. Continue to use and update mutual aid agreements.
3. Continue pre-planning and development of subdivision for road easements and access county wide meeting NFPA standards.
4. Update County WUI Maps as needed.

F. WUI Map

See attached WUI map.

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