

**September 2009**

**Cassia County Idaho  
WUI Wildfire Mitigation  
Plan—County Fire Plan  
Update**

**Cassia  
County**



## **Community Wildfire Protection Plan County Fire Plan Amendment — 2009**

This document was developed by the Cassia County Fire Working Group in cooperation with the Mid-Snake RC&D, Twin Falls District BLM, Sawtooth National Forest and the Idaho Department of Lands.

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# **Appendix A**

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### **Cassia County Idaho**

### **Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

This document has been prepared as an amendment to our 2006 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Amendment. The need to amend and update our existing fire mitigation plan for Cassia County was a collaborative effort to inventory projects that have been completed and develop new planning, WUI map updating, mitigation and equipment needs county wide.

The wildland – urban interface (WUI) is commonly described as the zone where structures and other human development meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. This WUI zone poses tremendous risks to life, property and infrastructure in associated communities and is one of the most dangerous and complicated situations firefighters face.

Cassia County has taken the steps in developing a County Wide Fire Protection Working Group, a County Wide Fire Protection Plan - 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: Julie Thomas, Coordinator, Mid-Snake RC&D

#### **Other Members:**

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  
Steve Hamilton, Chief – Burley City Fire Department  
John Pons – North Cassia Fire Protection District  
Joe Wight, 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  
Dave Bassler, Planner – USFS, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office

These members were vital in the CWPP Amendment for 2009 which supersedes the CWPP Amendment 2006.

#### **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 II 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.
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.

#### **C. Hazardous Fuels Treatments, Federal Lands**

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1. Conner WUI, Phase 4. Mechanical, bio-mass utilization. Federal lands.
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.
3. Goose Creek Restoration. Oakley Fire. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
4. City of Rocks Restoration. ACE Fire. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
4. Cotterels Restoration. Albion/Malta. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting, biomass utilization. Federal and State Land.
5. Isolated Tracts. Oakley, Albion, Malta. Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Federal Lands.

6. Elba II. Federal lands. Mechanical, biomass utilization. Federal lands.
7. Minidoka NE Cassia (unit 10). 257 acres prescribed fire. Federal lands.
8. Minidoka NE Cassia (unit 3/4) 268 acres mechanical. Federal lands.
9. Minidoka Howell Canyon. 1846 acres. Mechanical, biomass. Federal lands. 2009-2011.
10. Minidoka Fuelwood piles. 250 acres total (75 WUI). Prescribed fire. Federal lands. 2009-2012
11. Minidoka Rock Creek Aspen. 600 acres. 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.
4. Update County WUI Maps.

#### **F. WUI Map**

See attached WUI map.

#### **G. Document Prepared by:**

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Title: Fire Education Coordinator, Mid-Snake RC&D

## H. Signature Page

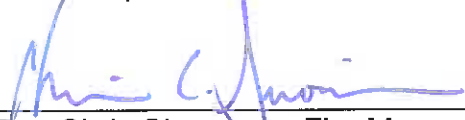
This Amended Cassia County Wildland Urban Interface Wildfire Mitigation Plan has been updated in cooperation and collaboration with the county fire working group represented above and approved by the following organizations, agencies and individuals.

  
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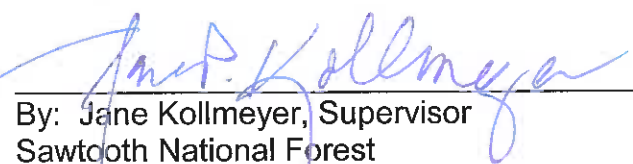
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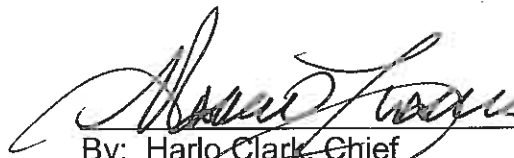
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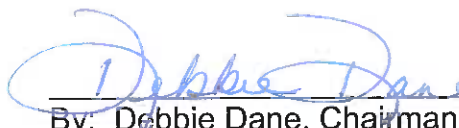
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# COUNTY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN - ADDENDUM

County:

Cassia

Updated:

Sep-09

## Project Description Explanation:

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**Fire Prevention** - Public education & activities to reduce wildfire ignitions.

**Assist** - Increase Local Fire Protection Suppression capabilities with assistance.

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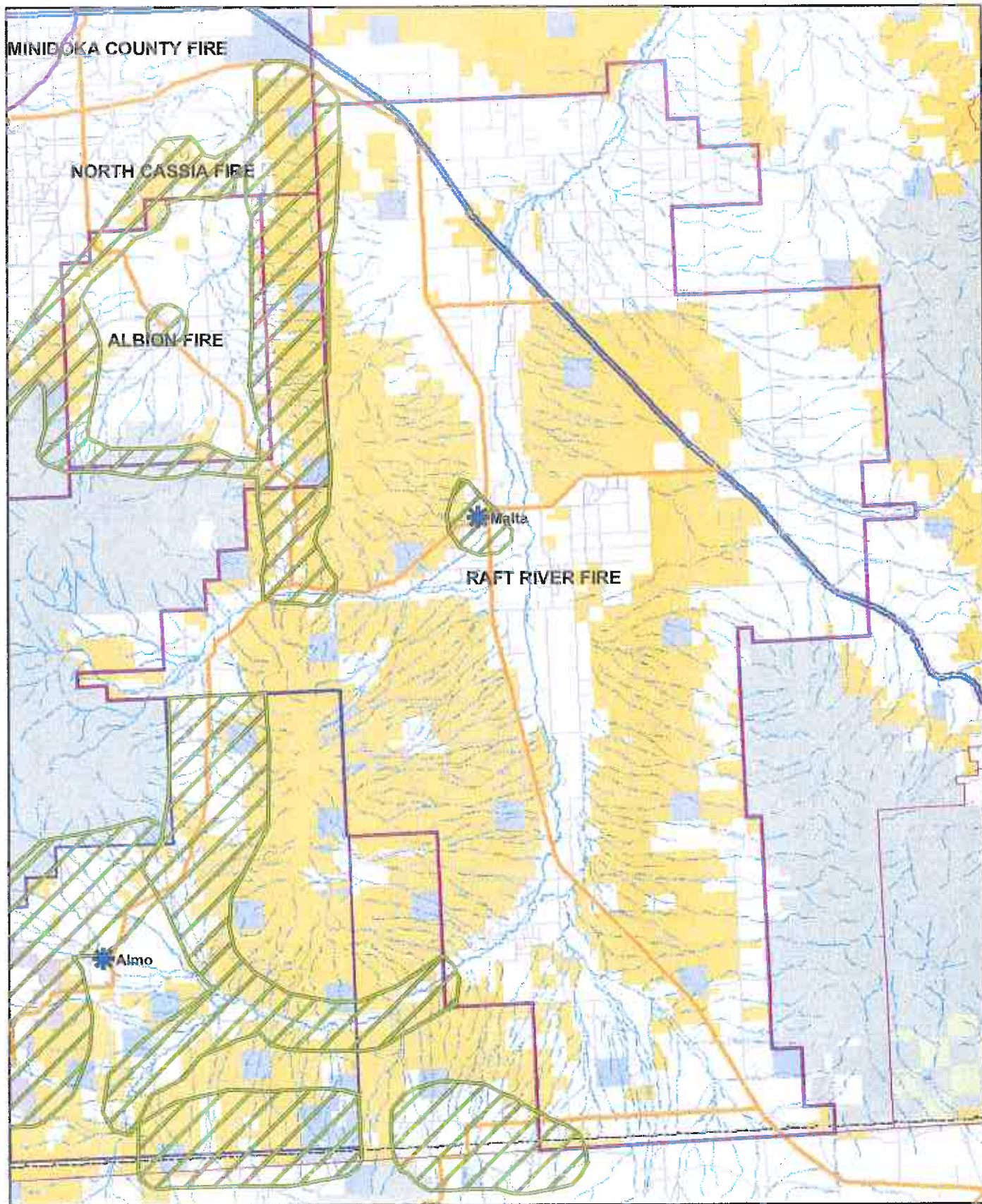












# OAKLEY FIRE

- Guard Stations
- WUI Project Areas
- Volunteer Fire District
- Rural Fire District
- BLM Offices
- County Boundary

- Limited Access
- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Minor Road
- Other Road

- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Intermittent Canal
- Lake

- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Military, Department of Defense
- Bankhead-Jones Land Use
- Department of Energy
- National Grasslands
- Forest Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service

- National Park Service
- Native American Reservation
- Private
- State
- Water

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