

September 2009

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

**Minidoka
County**



Community Wildfire Protection Plan County Fire Plan Amendment — 2009

This document was developed by the Minidoka 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

August 2009

Minidoka 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 Minidoka 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.

Minidoka 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 Minidoka 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:

- Mike Brown, Chief – Minidoka Rural Fire District
- Larry Pool, Chief – Rupert City Fire Department
- Randy Sutton, Chief – West End Fire Protection 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, Fire Ecologist – USFS, Sawtooth National Forest

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. Isolated Tracts Hazardous Fuels Reduction. Kimama area
Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting.

C. Hazardous Fuels Treatments, Federal Lands

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2. Isolated Tracts Hazardous Fuels Reduction. Kimama area.
Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting.
Federal lands.
3. Arco-Minidoka Hazardous Fuels Reduction. Kimama/Norland area.
Prevention/education, prescribed fire, mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting.
Federal and State lands.
3. Split Butte Hazardous Fuels Reduction. Cream Can area. Prescribed fire,
mechanical, chemical, seeding/planting. Federal and State lands.
4. Minidoka Fuel Break. Minidoka Rural Fire District. Prescribed fire, mechanical,
chemical, seeding/planting. Federal and State Land.

D. Firefighting Assistance Funds

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

1. Acquire new station for East End of Minidoka Fire Protection District.
2. West End Fire District needs a new building and training tower at current station.
3. Replace Type VI Truck for West End Fire District.
4. New Type I Pumper for West End Fire District.
5. Type IV Heavy Truck for City of Rupert.
6. Replace on 1977 Class A Pumper for City of Rupert.
7. All Minidoka County Fire Districts need updated personal protection equipment (PPE).
8. Wildland firefighting training and volunteer recruitment needs improved for all fire departments within Minidoka County; including electronic equipment such as DVD players, laptops, and computers.
9. 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 and annexation for road easements and access county wide, including county addressing.
4. Update County WUI Maps.
5. Continue updating RedZone within the county.

F. WUI Map

See attached WUI map.

G. Document Prepared by:

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H. Signature Page

This Amended Minidoka 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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 Minidoka County Commissioner
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 Idaho Department of Lands
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By: Mike Brown, Chief
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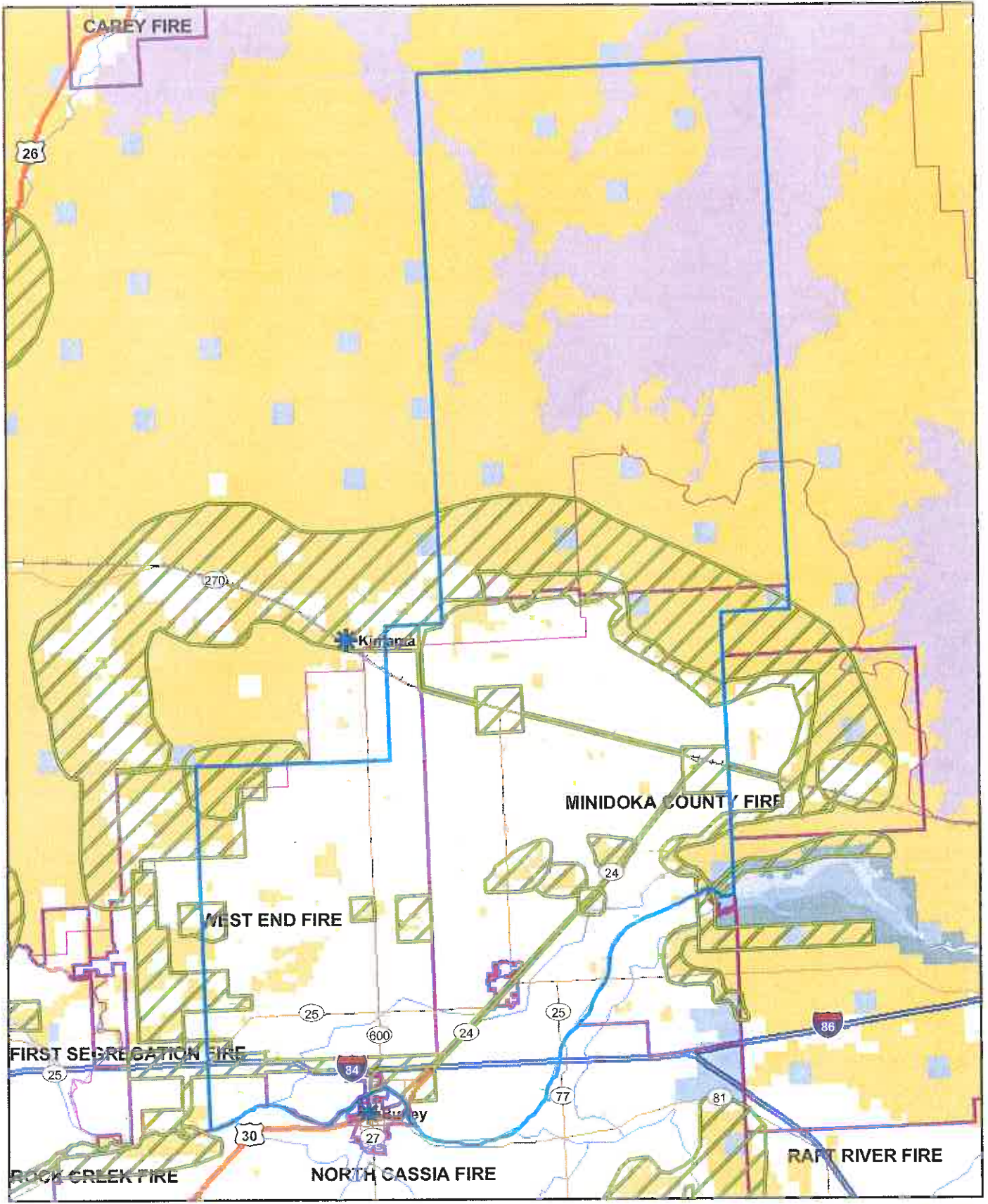
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- Guard Stations
 - WUI Project Areas
 - Volunteer Fire District
 - Rural Fire District
 - BLM Offices
 - Selected County
 - County Boundary

- Interstate
- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Minor Road
- Other Road
- Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Canal
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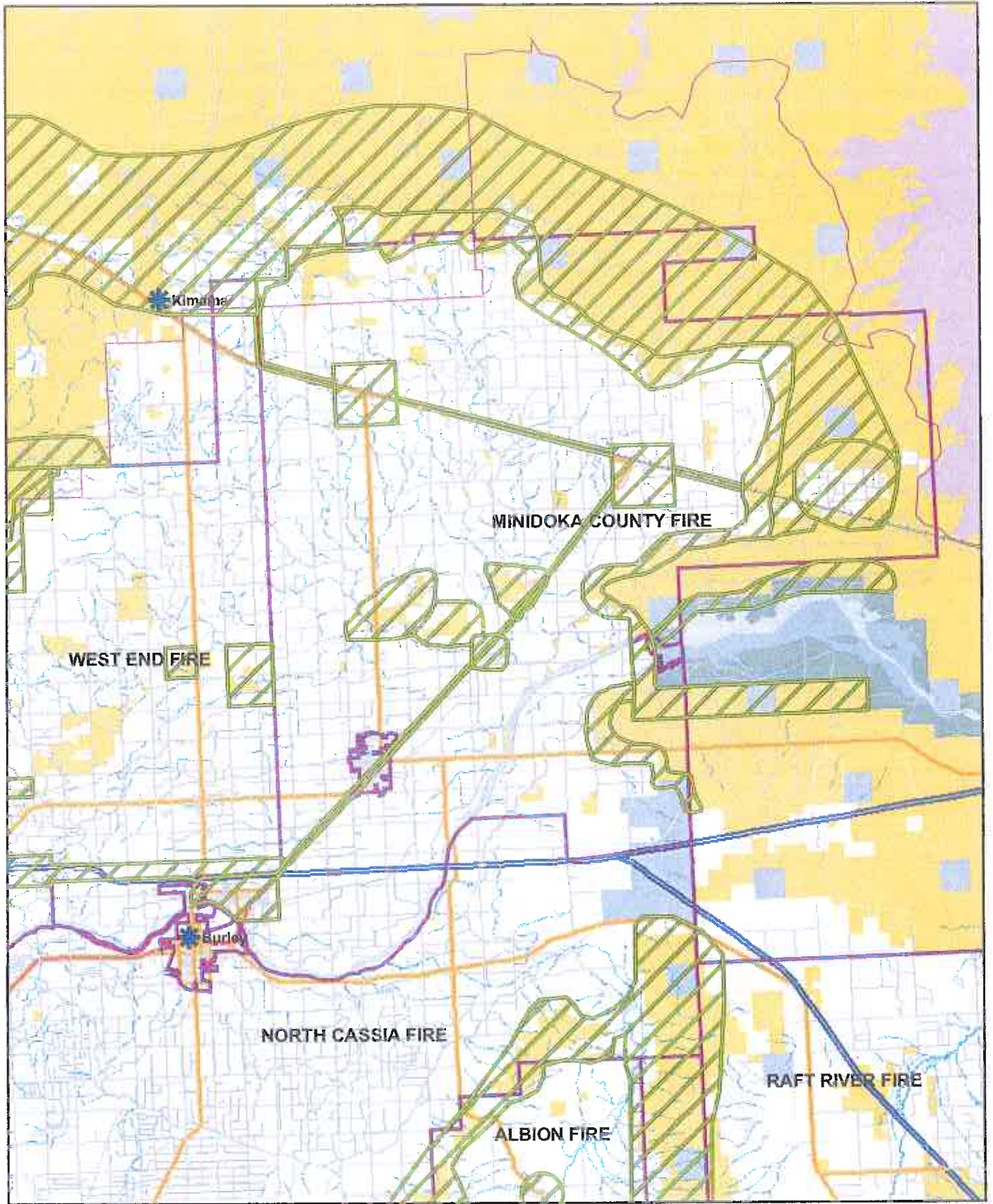
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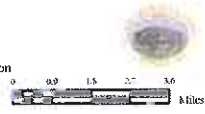
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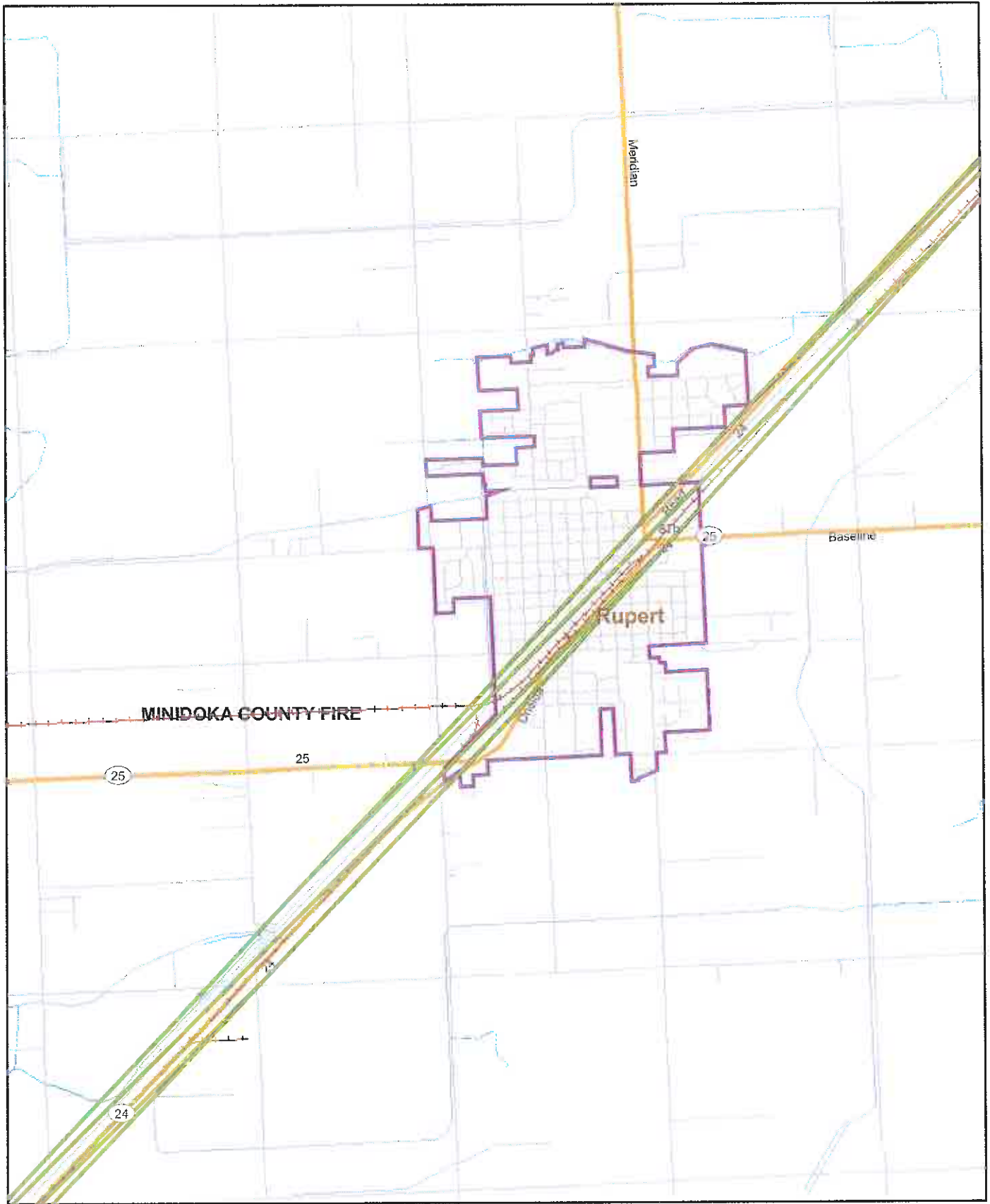
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| WUI Project Areas | Highway | Intermittent Stream | Bureau of Reclamation | Native American Reservation |
| Volunteer Fire District | Major Road | Intermittent Canal | Military, Department of Defence | Private |
| Rural Fire District | Local Road | Lake | Bankhead-Jones Land Use | State |
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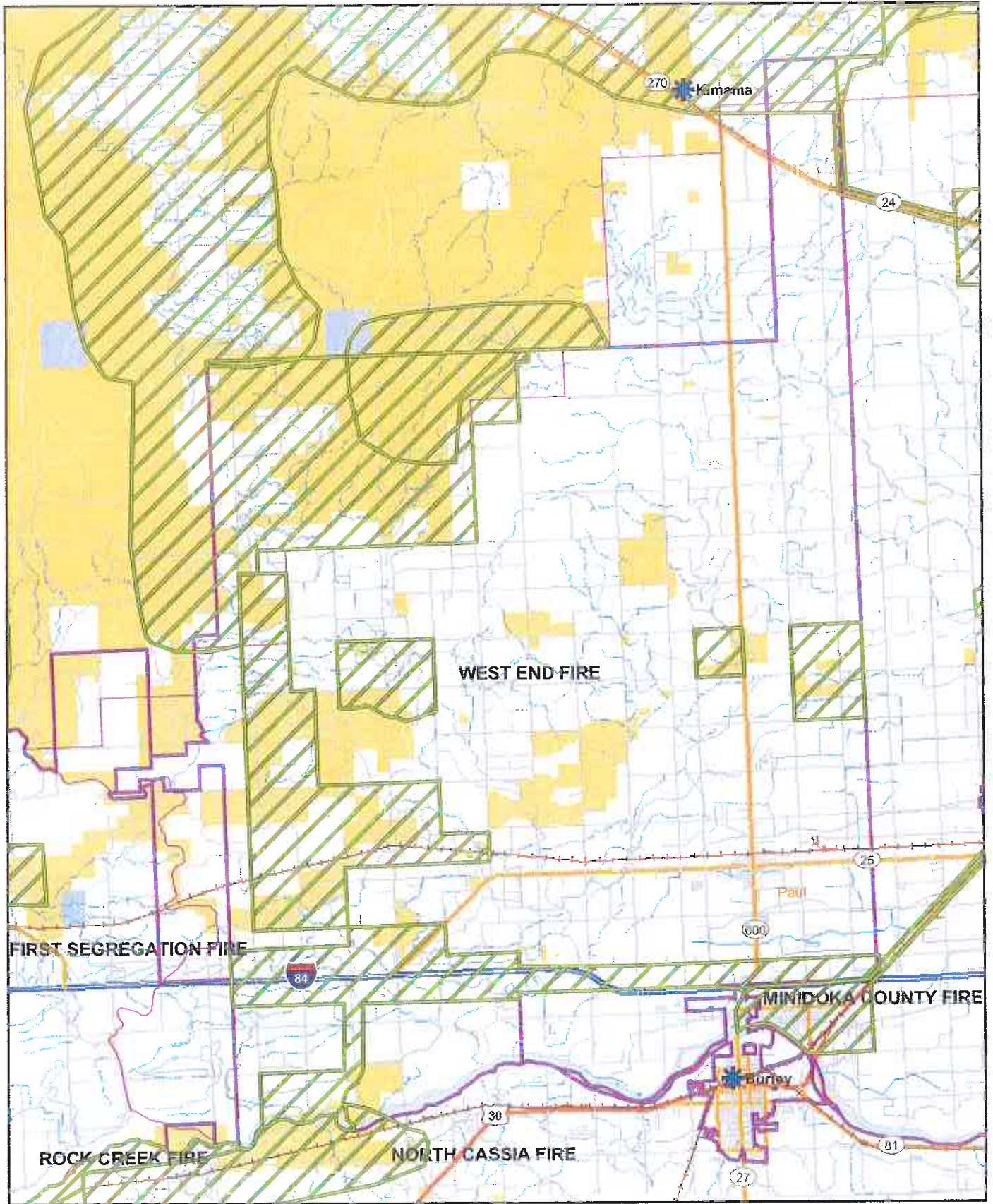
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West End FIRE

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- WUI Project Areas
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- County Boundary
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COUNTY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN - ADDENDUM

Updated: Sep-09

County: **Minidoka**

Project Description Explanation:

- Admin** - Mitigation Coordinator and support items for program oversight.
- WUI/Haz-Fuels** - Actions to decrease risk of wildfire to urban interface areas.
- Restoration** - Restore ecosystem components to a more fire resistant nature.
- Timber Sale/BioMass Utilization** - Reduce wildfire by removing haz-fuels.
- Weeds** - Reduce wildfire risk and improve vegetation cover through treatment.
- Fire Prevention** - Public education & activities to reduce wildfire ignitions.
- Assist** - Increase Local Fire Protection Suppression capabilities with assistance.
- Pending** - Projects type & implementation action is in the planning phase.

Project & Community

#	Addendum # & Project Name	Associated Community(s)	Associated Projects	Status			Mitigation Action								Sponsor				Ownership				
				Planned	On-Going	Completed	Prevention/Ed	FD/VFD Assist	Prescribed Fire	Mechanical	Chemical	Seeding/Planting	Stewardship	Biomass Utilization	Other -	Federal	County/RFD	State -	Other -	Private	Federal	State	Other -
1	RedZone	County wide			X		X												X				
2	Burn Permits	County wide		X			X												X				
3	County Addressing	County wide		X			X												X				
4	County Prevention	County wide		X			X												X				
5	Grant Research	County wide		X			X												X				
6	Update WUI maps	County wide	Redzone		X		X												X				
7	Laidlaw Restoration	Kimama, Norland	Kimama Restoration			X	X						X	X					X				X
8	Isolated Tracts Hazardous Fuels	Kimama, Norland	Kimama Restoration	X			X						X	X					X				X
9	Kimama Restoration	Kimama	Kimama 1, Kimama2, Kimama 3, Whiskey Lake, German Lake			X	X						X	X					X				X
10	Arco-Minidoka Az-Fuels	Kimama, Norland	Kimama 1, Kimama2, Kimama 3, Whiskey Lake, German Lake	X			X						X	X					X				X
11	German Lake Haz-Fuels	Kimama	German Lake Restoration			X	X						X	X					X				X
12	Kimama 3 Restoration	Kimama	Kimama, Kimama 1, Kimama 2, Whiskey Lake, German Lake			X	X						X	X					X				X
13	Cream Can Restoration	Kimama	Kimama, Kimama 1, Kimama 2, Whiskey Lake, German Lake			X	X						X	X					X				X
14	Split Butte		Cream Can			X	X						X	X					X				X
15	Minidoka Fuel Breaks		Split Butte			X	X						X	X					X				X