

Chapter 6. Summary of the Plan

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The Southwest Utah Regional Wildfire Protection Plan (SURWPP) was developed to essentially meet the general requirements of a CWPP as specified in HFRA. The Southwest Utah RWPP is one of five regional plans completed in the state of Utah and the primary goal of the plan is to assist Utah regions, counties, and communities, and government agencies in reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire within the region.

The Southwestern Utah RWPP used a collaborative process involving federal agency and local government representatives to identify the highest risk areas in southwest Utah and to make recommendations of actions designed to reduce the risk to life and property due to catastrophic wildland fire, with focus specifically in the WUI areas containing state of Utah identified "communities at risk" (CARs).

Federal agency and local government representatives established a core planning team to guide the development of the plan and process. The Core Team helped develop a regionally appropriate definition of the WUI area and established parameters of the base map. The team also provided data necessary to develop a community risk assessment that considered fuel hazards, risk of wildfire occurrence and location of communities at risk (as identified by the state of Utah).

A cooperative planning process was utilized during the development of this plan and should be encouraged to be continued as the identified priority projects are implemented. RWPP implementation and monitoring will be the responsibility of the Color Country Interagency Fuels Committee. The plan should be updated annually or as deemed necessary by the Fuels Committee.

Individual project implementation plans will be developed by the appropriate agencies for each of the ten focus areas described in Chapter Four, and will include specific timeframes, goals, and measurable criteria.