

Wildfire Preparedness

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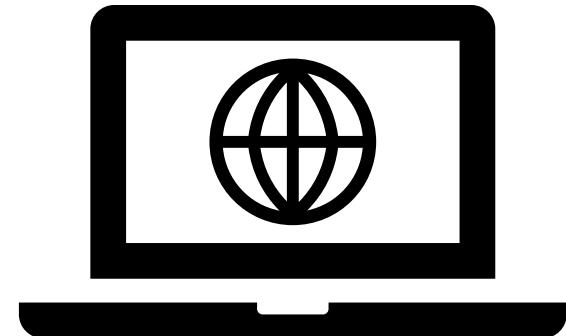


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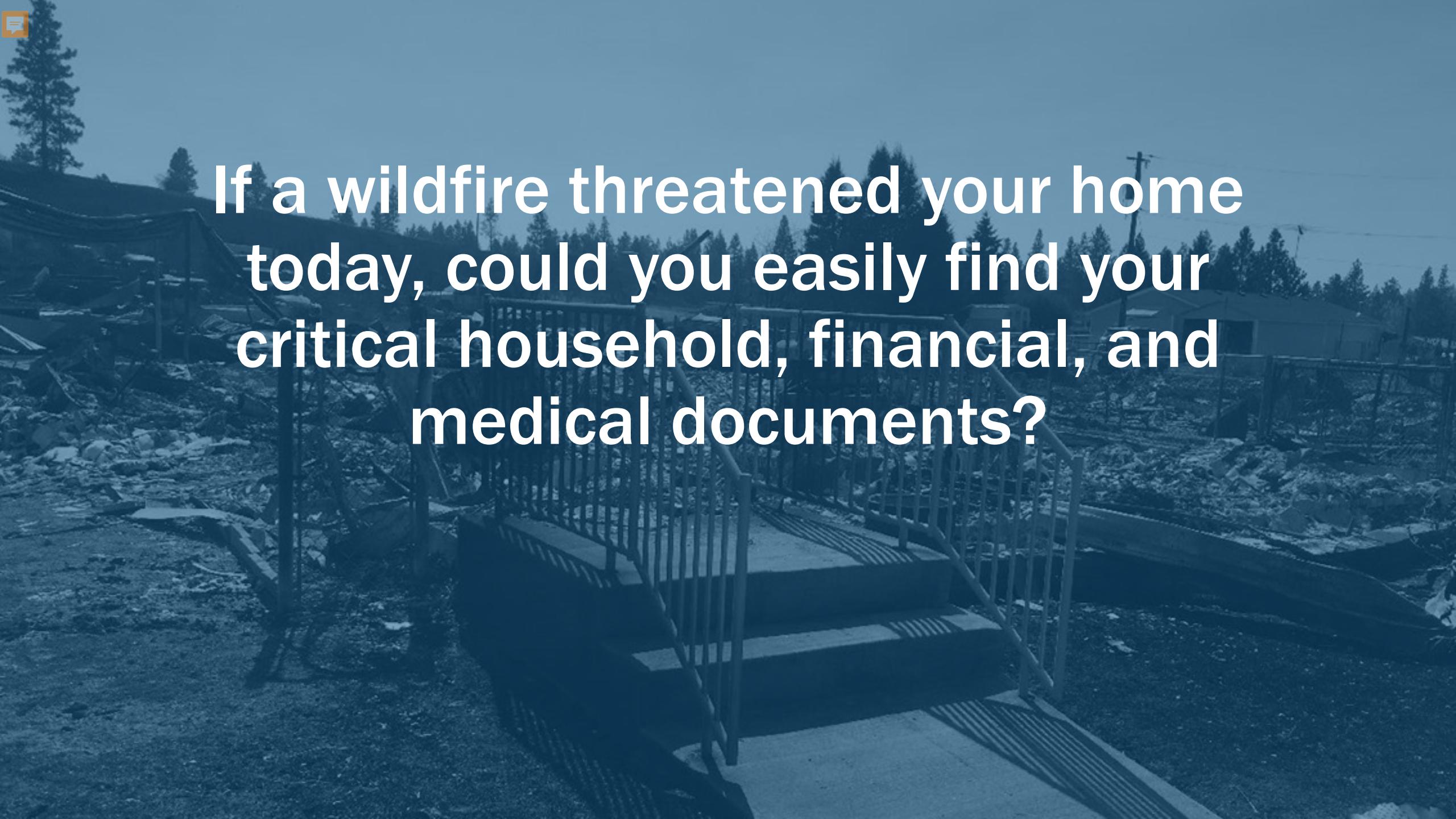


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A dark, smoky landscape showing the aftermath of a wildfire. In the foreground, a metal fence stands amidst charred trees and debris. The background is filled with more burnt-out structures and a hazy sky.

If a wildfire threatened your home today, could you easily find your critical household, financial, and medical documents?



Organize and Safeguard Important Documents

- Use a fireproof safe or document holder
 - Grab and Go options are typically \$15 - \$30
 - Stationary options cost anywhere between \$100 - \$400
- Use free online tools to organize and store documents



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Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)

Strengthen Your Financial Preparedness
for Disasters and Emergencies

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The free [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit](#) (EFFAK) includes checklists to help you ensure nothing is missing.



Household Identification



Financial and Legal Documentation



Medical Information



Insurance Information



Household Contacts

The EFAK has a screen fillable form so you can create an electronic version of all your documents

Resources for Recreating Documents

- EFFAK or other electronic storage
- Federal/State/Local benefits and services
 - Typically, available online or in-person
- Pro Bono Legal Services/Disaster Legal Services (DLS)*
 - Washington: [Washington Pro Bono Council](#)
 - Oregon: [Oregon Law Help](#)
 - Idaho: [Idaho Law Foundation](#)
 - Alaska: [Alaska Legal Services Corporation](#)
 - *DLS only available if federally declared





FEMA Options for Proof of Ownership and/or Occupancy

Occupancy

- Utility and other bills (bank, phone)
- Pay stubs or employer statements
- Lease/housing agreement; landlord statements
- Public Official's documents
- Identification card
- Social service organization documents
- Local school documents
- Federal or state benefits documents
- Vehicle registration
- Court documents

Ownership

- Deed or official record
- Mortgage or insurance documents
- Property Tax bill/receipt
- Bill of sale or bond for title
- Will or affidavit of heirship
- Quitclaim deed
- Contract for deed
- Receipts for major repairs or improvements
- Court documents
- Public Official's Letter
- Vehicle registration (travel trailer, RV)



Fire Adapted Communities - What is Your Role?

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National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

THREE GOALS

- Effective Firefighter Response
- Creating Resilient Landscapes
- Fire Adapted Communities
 - Communities that are adapted to the threat of wildfire
 - Fire is necessary and ecologically appropriate
 - Living with fire
 - Wildfire is everyone's fight!
 - We all have a role to play

National Programs

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA

- neighborhood certification program

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Ready, Set, Go!

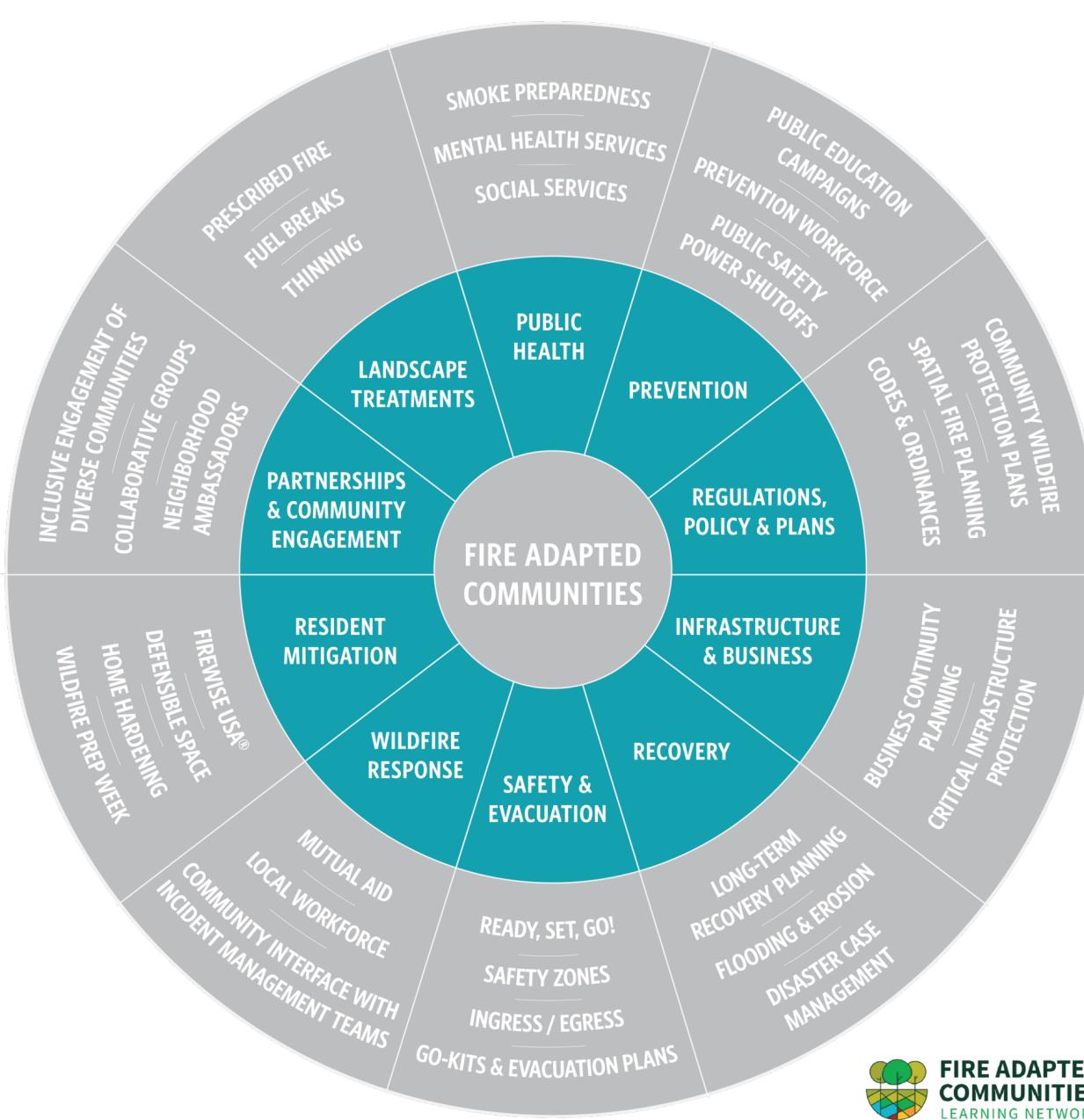
- fire department program

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC Net)

- core and affiliate members



Fire Adapted Communities



What is a Fire Adapted Community?

- Public Health
 - Prevention
 - Regulations, Policy & Plans
 - Infrastructure & Business
 - Recovery
 - Safety & Evacuation
 - Wildfire Response
 - Resident Mitigation
 - Partnerships & Community Engagement
 - Landscape Treatments



Examples of Resident Mitigation?

- Firewise USA®
- Defensible Space
- Home Hardening
- Wildfire Preparedness Week

Types of Fire of Concern

High-Intensity
Canopy/Crown Fire



Photo by US Forest Service Northern Region.

Low-Intensity
Surface/Ground Fire



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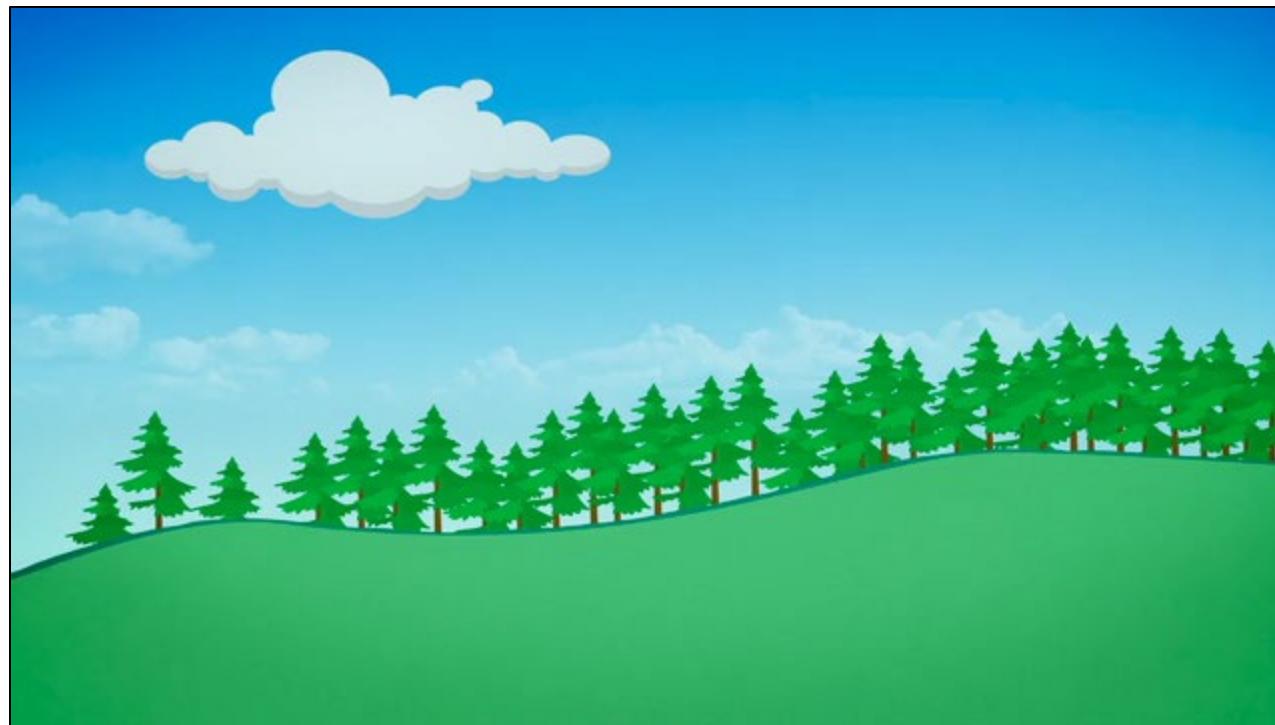
Firebrands/Embers



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North40 Ember Animation



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Home Ignition Zone Areas of Emphasis

Immediate Zone (0 – 5 feet)

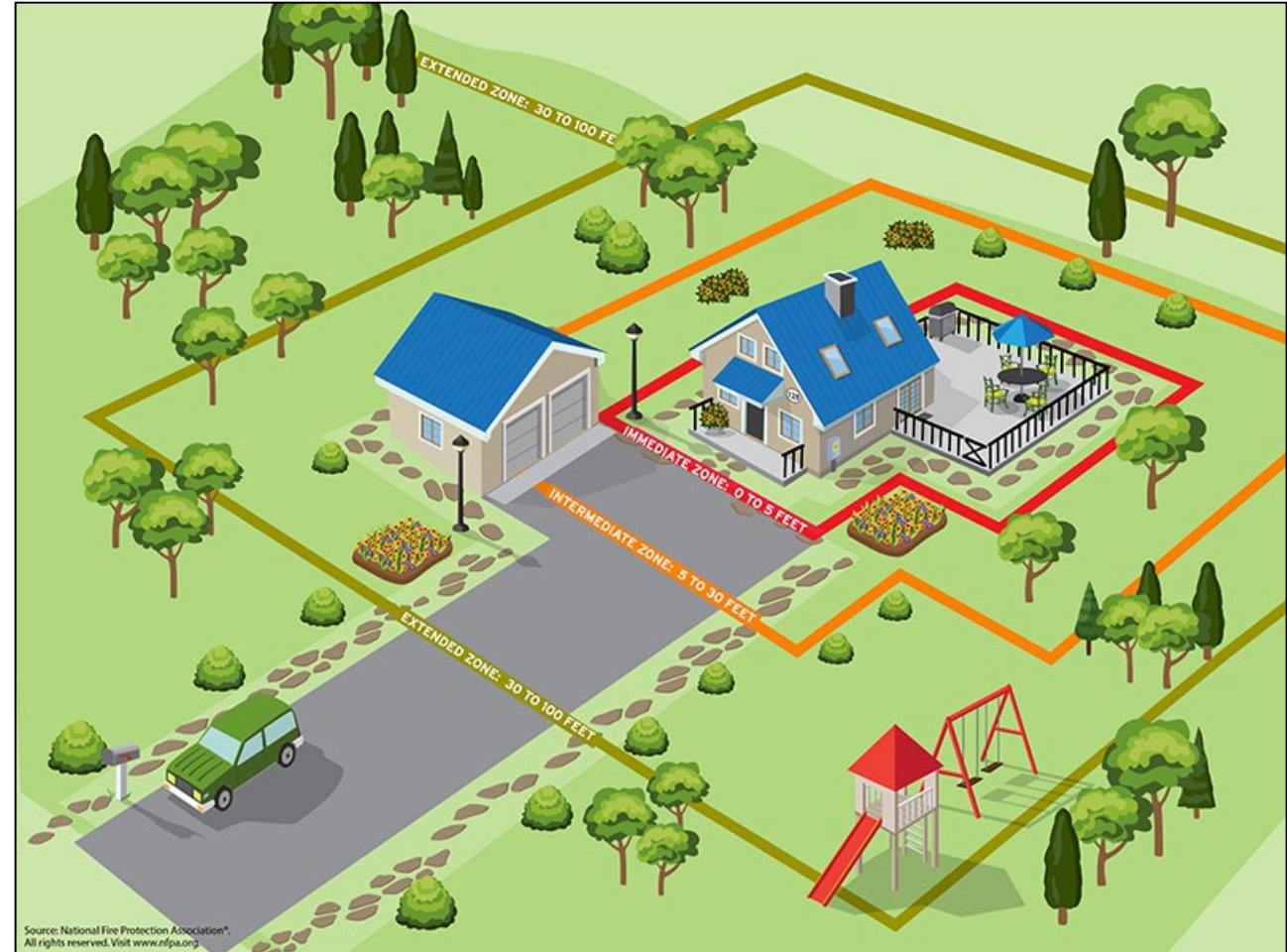
- Home and immediate surrounding
- Fuel-free area vs. vegetation free area

Intermediate Zone (5 – 30 feet)

- Focus on vegetation management

Extended Zone (30 – 100+ feet)

- Focus on vegetation management



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Devastation from Wildfire

Was the loss of this home preventable?



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The Good News



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You can have an aesthetically pleasing home and landscaping and still be safer from the threat of wildfire.

What Can You Do?

- Educate yourself
- Engage with your community
- Mitigate risk around your home/property
- Sign up for emergency notifications
- Prepare and plan
- Become a Firewise USA® site
- Support wildfire mitigation efforts and codes
- Support prescribed fire efforts

Excellent Preparedness Resources

NFPA Reducing Wildfire Risk To People and Property

- <https://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepreparedness>

IBHS Wildfire Ready Virtual

- <https://disastersafety.org/wildfire/wildfire-ready-virtual>

FEMA Ready

- <https://www.ready.gov>

Partner to Make Your Community More Fire Adapted!

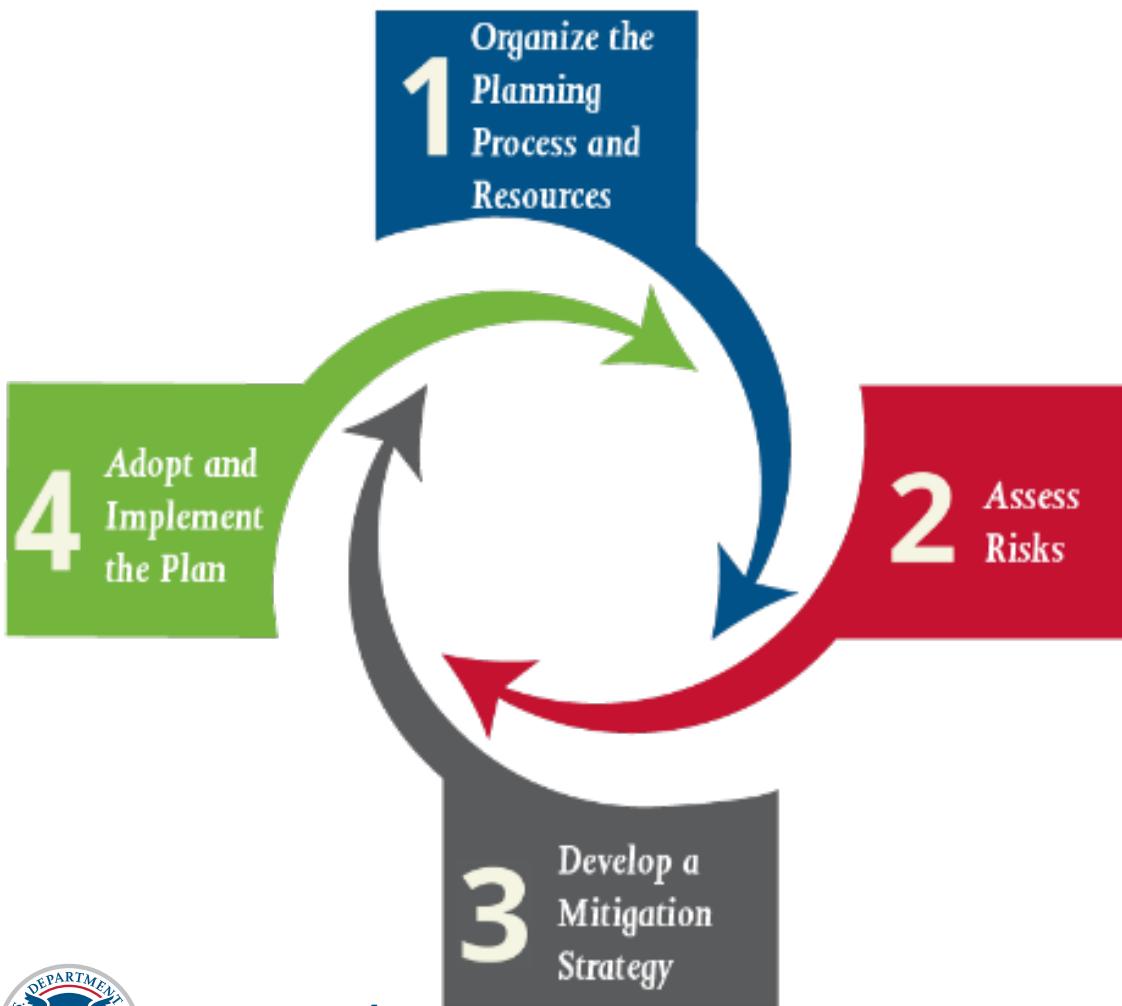


Do Something Today!

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Taking Action through Hazard Mitigation Planning



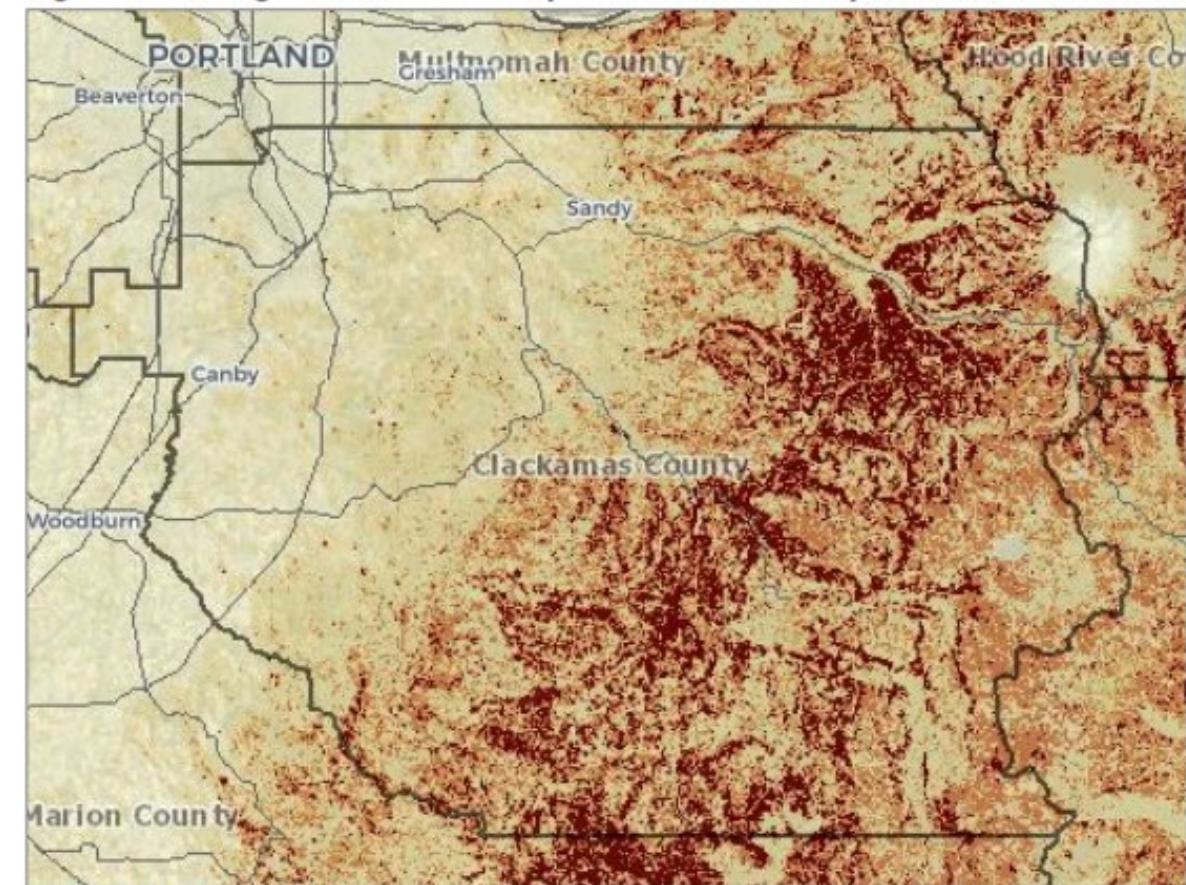
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Determine your Risk to Wildfire

- Risk Information Captured in the Plan
 - Location
 - Previous Occurrences
 - Future Probability
 - Potential impacts and vulnerabilities

Figure 2-23 Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer – Potential Impact to Structure



Source: [Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer](#)



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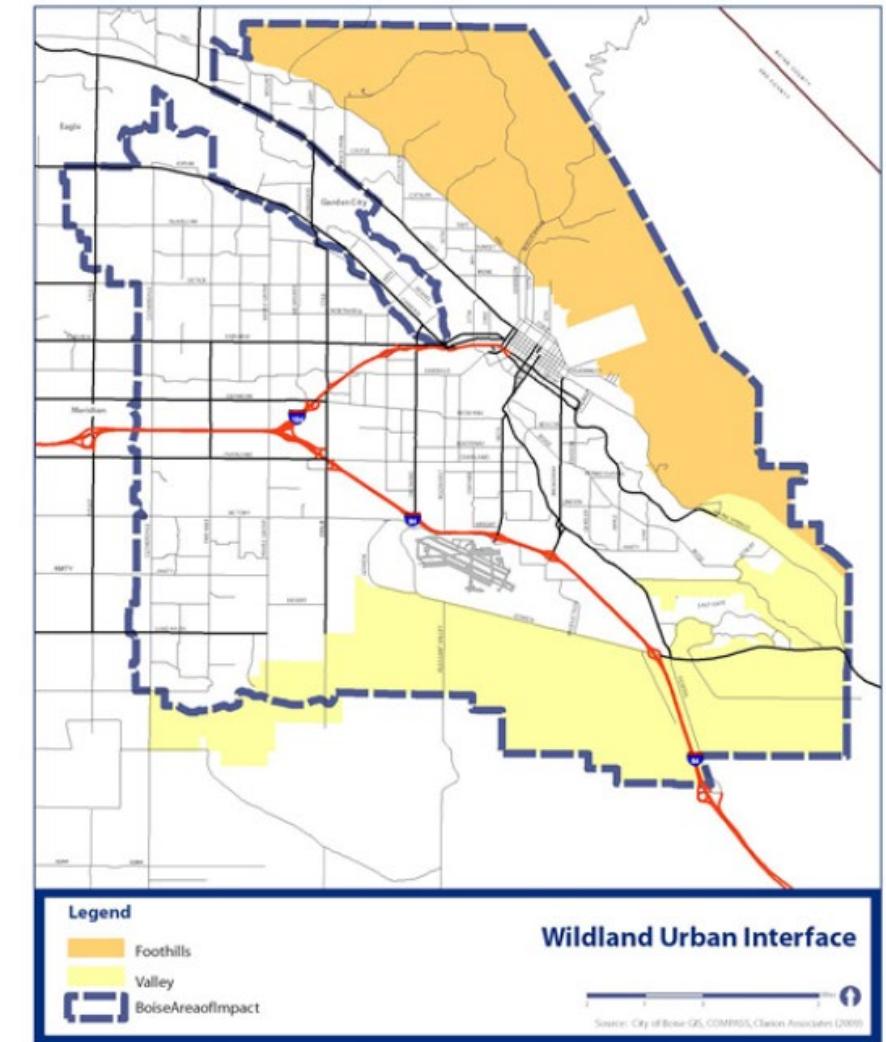
Taking Action to Reduce your Communities Risk

- Community Fuels Reduction Program
- Regulating Development in High-Risk Areas
- Ignition Resistant Construction Techniques



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Opportunities to Get Involved

There are many different opportunities to get involved in the planning process

Be on the lookout for :

- Community Surveys/Questionnaires
- Public Meetings/Gatherings
- Community Events
- Annual Plan Maintenance Meetings



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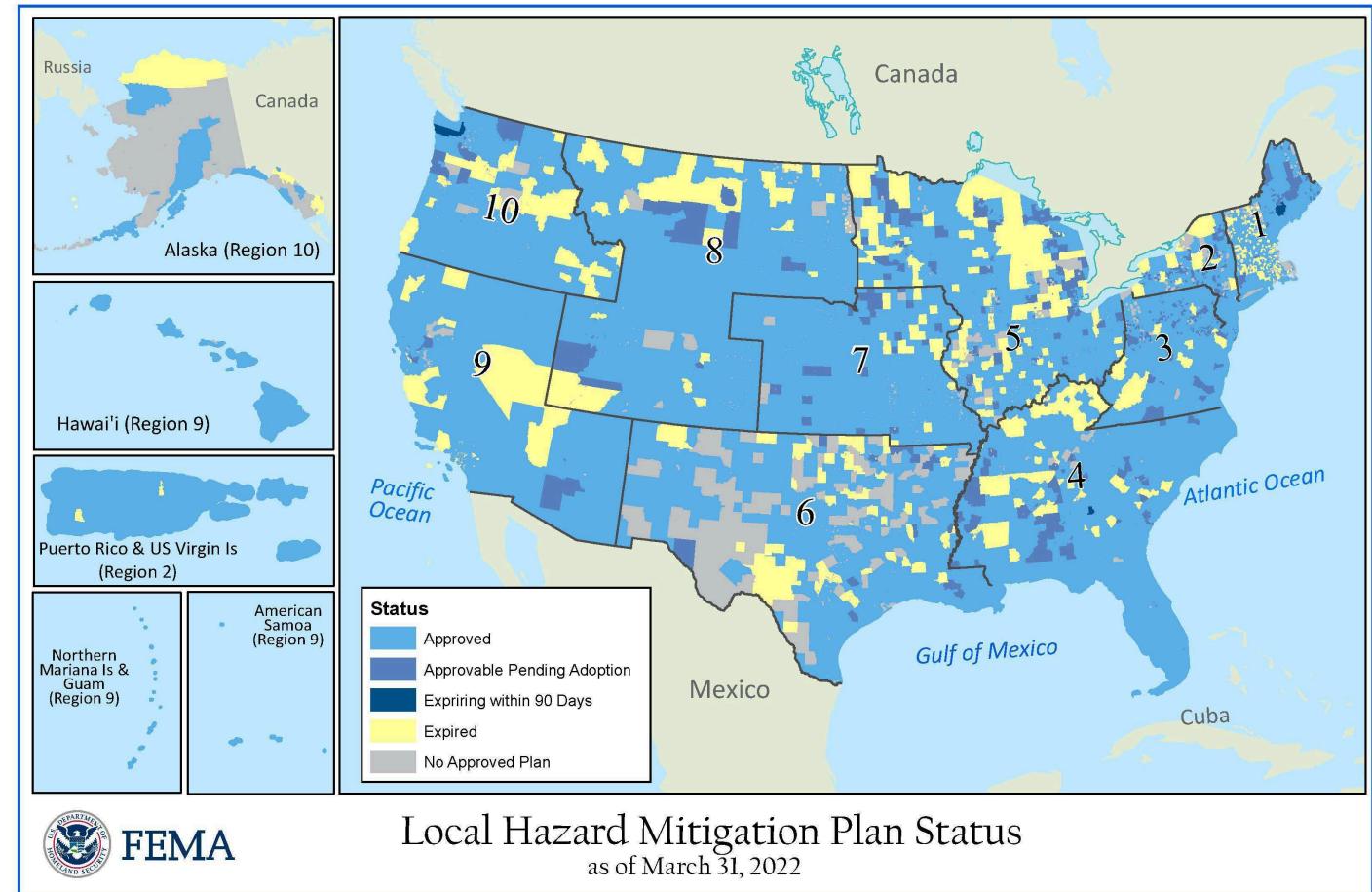
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Help Build Resilience in Your Community

For additional information and to learn more about your community's hazard mitigation plan, reach out to your local emergency management or community development agency.

You can learn more about mitigation planning and find additional resources at [Hazard Mitigation Planning | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning)



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