



Wildland Urban Interface Land Use Policy Summit for the Colorado Front Range - 2013

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Consensus Building Institute (CBI), and the Fire Protection Research Foundation are working with regional and national stakeholders to engage Colorado decision makers on the potential for locally crafted land use policies to lessen wildfire risks.

The goal of this collaborative effort is a) to increase the dialogue among state and local policymakers around opportunities and barriers to implementing land use policies and regulations for the wildland urban interface, and; b) to equip local fire practitioners with information and resources to assist in the future implementation of land use plans, policies, and regulations that reduce the growing threat of wildfire across the Colorado Front Range.

Intended outcomes of this effort include:

- A facilitated one day workshop in spring 2013 to engage policy makers, fire practitioners, land use planners, building code officials, and emergency management personnel on the issue of land use policies and regulations to address the wildland urban interface. The workshop will be hosted by NFPA, CBI, and other local stakeholders, and will provide a forum for discussion, exchange of information, and hands-on guidance from local planning and zoning experts.
- A summary report to provide workshop highlights, identify current and future tools to advance the uptake of regulations, and offer a pathway for a replicable model in other regions of the U.S. concerned with wildfire.
- A punch list of potential next steps and opportunities for continued local progress on this issue.

Potential stakeholders will include local, regional, and national organizations with an interest in wildfire hazard, community protection, land use planning, natural resource and land management, and state and local government agencies.

NFPA is an international nonprofit established in 1896, whose mission is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

CBI is a nonprofit whose mission is to help public, private, and civic groups solve pressing problems through collaboration, negotiation, and shared governance. CBI deploys training, stakeholder assessment, facilitation and mediation to engage on energy, environmental, land, and natural resource issues.

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