



Rocky Mountain Region

**Fire Prevention/Mitigation Program**

***Strategic  
Plan***



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# **Rocky Mountain Regional Fire Prevention/Mitigation Program Strategic Plan**

## **MISSION**

Provide a comprehensive Regional Fire Prevention/Mitigation Program that supports the Region's emphasis on Forest and Grassland Health, Recreation, and Water.

## **OBJECTIVE**

Provide a cost effective Regional Fire Prevention/Mitigation Program that incorporates the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy goals for resilient landscapes, fire adapted communities and response to wildfires while supporting Forest and Grassland health and protecting recreation and water values.

## **GOALS**

1. Increase landscape resiliency through collaborative projects and educational outreach.
2. Adopt concepts that lead to communities that are fire adapted by:
  - a. Ensuring CWPP's are addressing Fire Adapted Community elements
  - b. Ensuring line officer engagement
  - c. Participation in collaborative groups for education outreach
3. Response to wildfires:
  - a. Education
  - b. Engineering
  - c. Enforcement

## **BACKGROUND**

The Rocky Mountain Region is complex in its landscapes, partners, policies and wildfire potential. A comprehensive approach to wildfire prevention and mitigation activities is needed to provide: landscapes that are resilient, communities who are adapted to wildfire, and an effective response to wildfires.

With the growing complexity of wildfires and the establishment of the National Cohesive Strategy, a regional assessment of the fire prevention and mitigation program was conducted in 2013 to identify current conditions (landscapes and communities), how our current program addresses the risks to wildfires, and how to broaden the program to address the National Cohesive Strategy goals. Recommendations were developed based on the overall observations. These recommendations include coordinating with staffs and interagency partners on programs/projects that support National Cohesive Strategy goals; support and maintain integrated efforts to provide consistent messages to our public and stakeholders; and maintain and/or improve our response to wildfires through education, engineering, and enforcement.

The assessment recommendations support the goals of this strategic plan and how it will be implemented.

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## **IMPLEMENTATION**

This Strategic Plan will be implemented at both the Regional and Unit level. A Regional Action Plan provides specific tasks, person or position responsible, and the status of work completed. The Regional Action Plan will be updated on an annual basis (See Appendix A for Action Planning Matrix).

A Unit Wildland Fire Prevention Guide will support this strategy at the local level. (See Wildland Fire Prevention Guide Template in Appendix B)

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

Periodic review both internally (See Appendix C for R2 Contacts) and externally (See Appendix D for External Contacts) will determine the effectiveness of the Action Plan.

### **1. Monitoring Schedule.**

#### **a. Year 1, Establish revised Strategic Plan.**

October 2016 — Present draft to SFAM Director for review/approval.

January 2017 — Implement Regional Strategic Plan.

December 2017 — End of Year Review.

#### **b. Years 2 through 5.**

January – Begin implementation of any changes/recommendations from prior Year's Review.

March — Review prior to field season.

June — Review during fire season.

November/December — End of Year Review.

### **2. Evaluation Criteria.**

- a. Are the Regional objective and goals being met?
- b. Are the R2 Action Plan and Unit Wildland Fire Prevention Guides effective?
- c. Have the statistics changed from baseline numbers (Trends from assessment)?
- d. What influences were observed?
- e. Evaluate the statistical fire cause trends.

## **REPORTING**

All fire prevention reporting will be accomplished in compliance with Forest Service direction. The SFAM Director may request program accomplishment reports annually at a minimum.

## APPENDIX A

### Draft FY2017 R2 Fire Prevention/Mitigation Program Action Planning Matrix

Strategic Goals	Action Items	Assigned Tasks	Status
Increase landscape's resiliency to wildfires through collaborative projects and educational outreach.	Support grant projects and/or programs that increase landscape resiliency and outreach in communities at risk.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See how CS projects are addressing resiliency and determine if can be utilized as an example for others</li> <li>2. Other collaborative projects for landscape resiliency?</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper South Platte (Fuels); Tri-Lakes (Coop Fire)</li> <li>• Work with EA to share success stories</li> </ul>
	Provide lessons learned, success stories, and information on landscape resiliency and the role of fire.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify best way to network lessons learned, resources, etc. both internally and externally</li> <li>2. Need to keep a consistent message regarding landscape resiliency and the role of fire.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long duration talking points being developed by the RMA Commo/Ed Committee – Messages support resiliency and fire's role on the landscape</li> </ul>
Adopt concepts that lead to communities that are Fire Adapted by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensuring CWPP's are addressing FAC elements</li> <li>b. Ensuring line officer engagement</li> <li>c. Participation in collaborative groups for education outreach</li> </ol>	Work with States to ensure CWPP's support the FAC concept	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RMA State CWPP questionnaire</li> <li>2. Conference call with states</li> <li>3. Work on barriers, issues with States</li> <li>4. Need to ensure that local fire/fuels staff are participating in the development/updates of CWPPs to ensure that fuels issues are identified and mitigation developed in a coordinated effort between USFS/State/Pvt in "planning" for mitigation efforts.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed questionnaire and call with states – group interested in funding specific for CWPPs; scope of CWPPs – not a good fit for grassland communities</li> </ul>
	Work with Forest Supervisors'/District Rangers/FMO's to provide information and support for FAC elements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify opportunities to present and/or support line officers on how to incorporate FAC concepts</li> <li>2. CMAT pilot program information</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	Establish and/or maintain participation in groups working on FAC elements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. USFS Liaison to FACO</li> <li>2. WY CWPPs</li> <li>3. Others – Yampatika</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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Response to wildfires through: a. Education b. Engineering c. Enforcement	Maintain/improve education outreach regarding top fire causes. Coordination with interagency partners for consistent messaging.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to support the RMA OLS campaign</li> <li>2. Identify key RMA events – Determine potential impacts and what can be done to minimize impacts</li> <li>3. Camping tips that support fire prevention</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Eclipse viewing Aug. 21 in WY and NE – Possible increase in visitors; look at targeting areas with increased outreach</li> </ul>
	Fuels treatments – Needs, successes, lessons learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify examples of various fuels treatments and determine the most effective way to share lessons learned with others</li> <li>2. Fires that test USFS fuels treatments</li> <li>3. Establish way to share annually – Engage State partners and EA</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	Fire restrictions are utilized appropriately and messages regarding them are consistent.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need to coordinate with R2 Recreation and EA to ensure fire restrictions messages are consistent</li> <li>2. Update and post R2 Fire Restrictions Toolbox</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	Unit fire prevention plans are in place and effective to meet the local unit's need and capacity to implement.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with Operations to ensure prevention plans (includes restrictions) are in place and up to date</li> <li>2. Provide prevention plan technical support to the R2 forests as needed</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX B

### Wildfire Prevention Guide Template

<u>Component</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.0 Wildfire Prevention Guide	
1.1 Signature Page	Prepared By, Recommended By, Approved By
1.2 Table of Contents	1-2 pages listing topics and page numbers
1.3 Purpose	Example: The purpose of this Wildfire Prevention Guide is to help managers develop and implement fire prevention programs.
1.4 Mission	What the unit's fire prevention program should accomplish.
1.5 Objectives	Itemized achievements to work towards.
1.6 Introduction	
1.61 Unit Description	Unit's geographic location and size.
1.62 Organization	Fire prevention positions or fire positions with prevention assigned and their areas of responsibility.
1.63 Large Fire Potential	Areas of high risk.
1.64 Fire History	Fire activity of past years listed by number of fires, locations, causes.
2.0 Planning	
2.1 Risk Hazard Values Assessment	Rating of risks (human activities), hazards (fuels and topography), and values (areas where loss to wildfire would be unacceptable).
2.2 Setting Priorities	Identifying where work should be focused based on assessment.
2.3 Responsibilities	List by position.
2.4 Summary of Fire Prevention Ratings by Fire Management Unit	Fire Program Analysis data.

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### 3.0 Fire Prevention Program

#### 3.1 Education

- 3.11 Fire Danger Signs Postings and locations.
- 3.12 Smokey Bear Program Message, costumed appearances, and materials.
- 3.13 Fire Adapted Communities Implement with partners and public, as applicable.
- 3.14 Recreation Activities Provide public with information.
- 3.15 Patrols Locations and scheduling.
- 3.16 School Programs Present information in the classroom or on field trips.
- 3.17 Community Involvement Identify ways to raise community's awareness of fire prevention program.

#### 3.2 Engineering

- 3.21 Inspections and Permits Reference Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, 16 USC 551; 36 CFR 261.5
- 3.22 Industrial Operations List inspections to be done.
- 3.23 Power line Inspection List inspections to be done.
- 3.24 Spark Arrestors List inspections and procedures.
- 3.25 Dispersed Campsites Visit and document violations.
- 3.26 Signs List locations, responsibilities, and due dates for posting and maintaining signs.

#### 3.3 Enforcement

- 3.31 Fire Closure/Restriction Plan Attach as Appendix.
- 3.32 Fire Prevention Mitigation Code Enforcement Show references.
- 3.33 Fire Investigation Standards Show references.
- 3.34 Signing Post fire danger signs and/or restrictions.



3.35	Travel	Use of designated roads.
3.36	Patrols	List enforcement responsibilities for patrolling.
3.37	Permits and Inspections	List projects and areas where compliance would be checked.
3.38	Wood Cutting	Show duties for checking operations.
3.39	Arson Fires	Show planning for increased patrolling and law enforcement involvement.
3.4	Administration	
3.41	Planning	Plan fire prevention program.
3.42	Staffing	Show staffing needs.
3.43	Budget	Show budget needs/constraints.
3.44	Job Standards	Reference applicable standards.
3.45	Equipment	Show equipment needs.
3.46	Training	Show required and recommended training courses and workshops.
3.47	Prevention Atlas	Develop reference material for fire prevention vehicles.
3.48	Interagency Cooperation	Explain how to identify and work with cooperators.
4.0	Communications	
4.1	Public Information	Show how to convey fire prevention information to the public
4.2	Community Outreach	Identify public groups and fire causes to target in fire prevention campaigns.
5.0	Evaluation	Annual review and update of this Fire Prevention Guide.
6.0	Appendices	
6.1	Glossary	Definitions of terms.

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| 6.2 | Organization Chart                                | For the unit or for the prevention program.                              |
| 6.3 | Fire Danger Posters/Signs Inventory and Locations | List what signs are in use, and their geographical locations.            |
| 6.4 | Action Plan                                       | List tasks, who are responsible, due dates, and accomplishment tracking. |
| 6.5 | Other   | Any other documents applicable to unit's fire prevention program         |

## APPENDIX C

### Rocky Mountain Region Fire Prevention Contacts

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