

Estes Valley Fire
Protection District
Community Wildfire
Protection Plan

Results and Next Steps



START TIME	FACILITATOR(S)	DESCRIPTION
5:30	Corrina Marshall	Introductions
5:40	David Wolf	The Need for a CWPP
5:45	Kenzie Hartt	CWPP Overview
5:50	Meg Matonis	CWPP Analyses & Prioritization
6:00	Corrina Marshall	Implementation Recommendations
6:10	Project Partners	Success Stories
6:25	Project Partners	Available Programs and Funding (Time for Questions)
6:55	TEA and Project Partners	Q & A
7:25	Corrina Marshall	Next Steps and Closing



Meeting Goals

Discuss community fire risk and priority actions

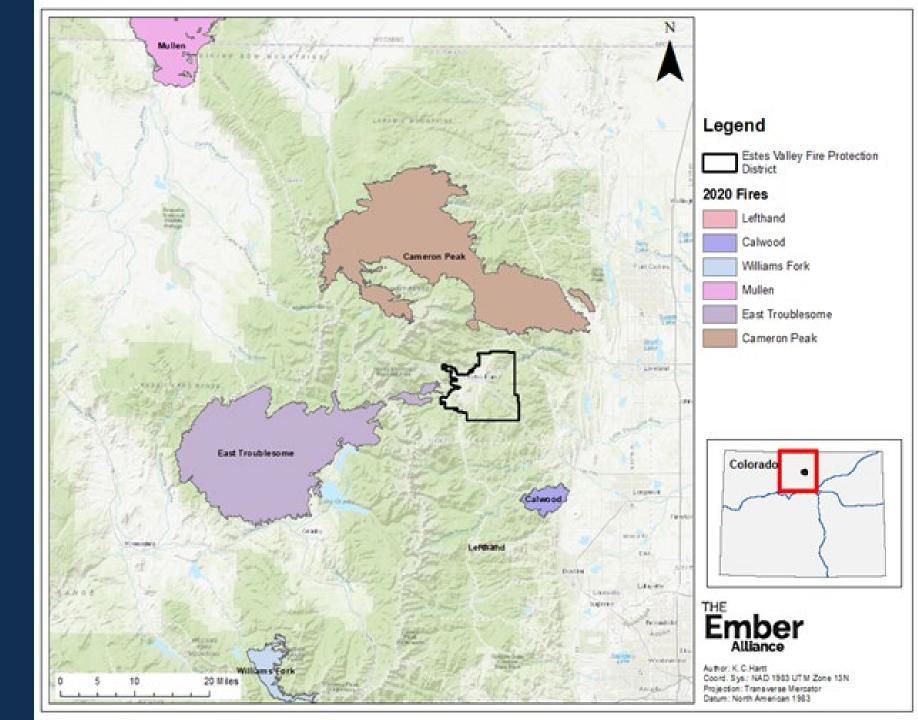
Review actions community and residents can take

Find resources for your next steps



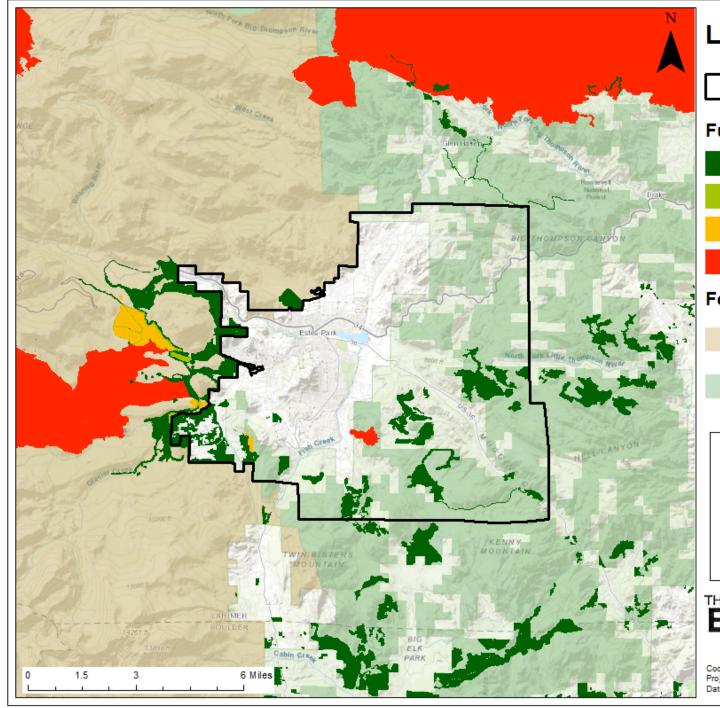


The Need for a CWPP





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Legend

Estes Valley Fire Protection District

Fuel Treatment Type

Thinning

Thinning and Rx fire

Rx fire

Wildfire

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Federal Land

Rocky Mountain National Park

Arapaho-Roosevelt
National Forest





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A community consisting of informed and prepared citizens collaboratively planning and taking action to safely coexist with wildland fire.

(National Wildfire Coordinating Group definition)





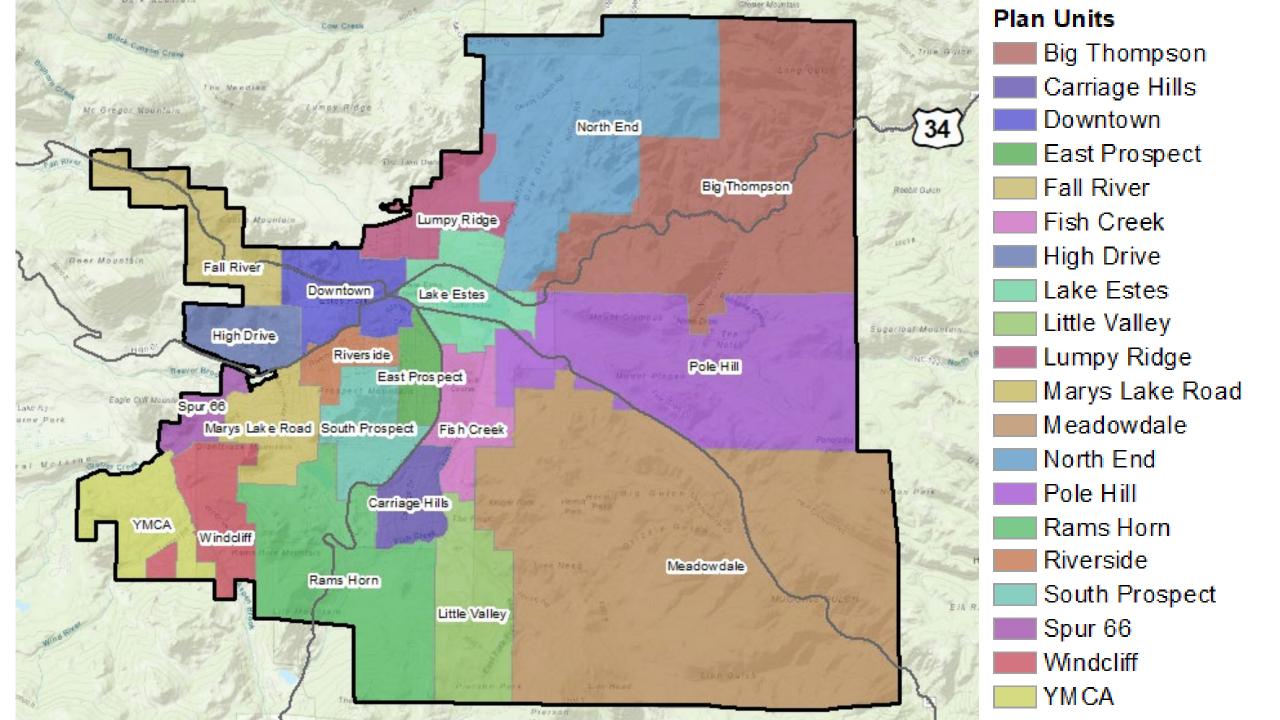
Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Community Engagement

Wildfire Risk Analysis

Project Prioritization

On-the-Ground Action









Diverse Forest and Fuel Conditions

- Mixed conifer forest
- Ponderosa woodlands
- Grassland



Fire Behavior Assessment



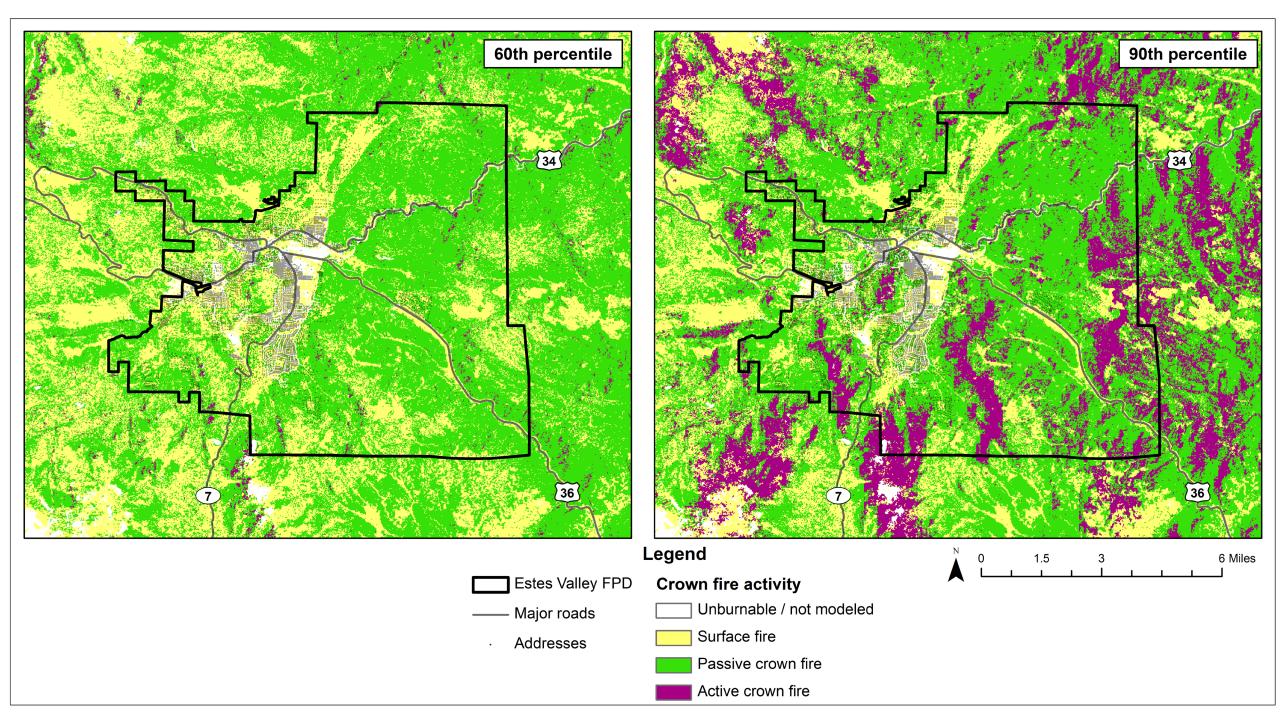
Active crown fire Mainly aerial fuels involved in fire spread across landscape



Passive crown fire
Patches of stand torching
but fire spread mainly
through surface fuels



Surface fire
Mainly surface fuels
involved in fire
spread





Prioritization

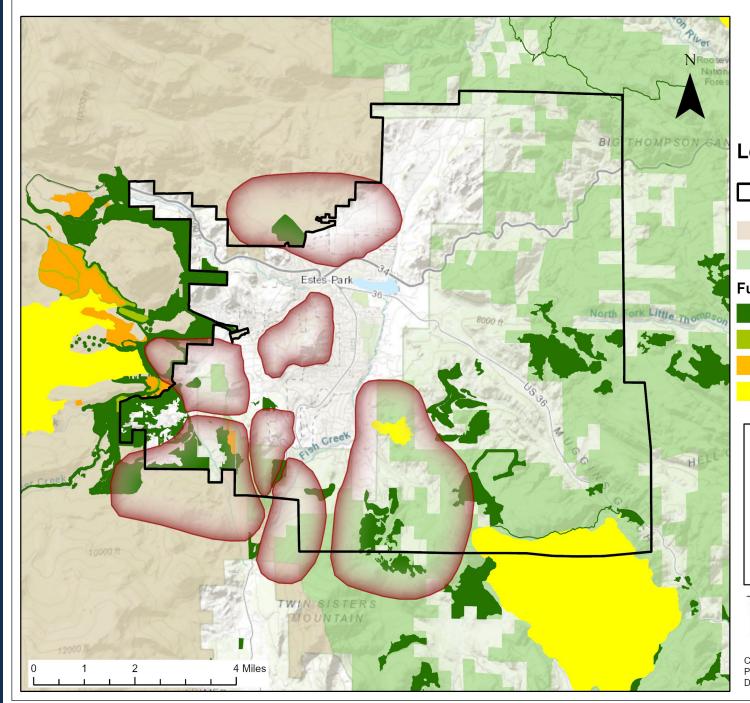
Priority Project Areas

Highest-risk Plan Units

Project Areas

Priority locations for agencies and land managers to direct resources in the next 5 years.

Treatments here will benefit the whole community.



Project Areas

Legend

Estes Valley Fire Protection
District

RMNP

USFS Land

Fuels Treatments

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What if I don't live in a project area?

- All project locations in the valley are important
- Everyone in the valley has a role to play in mitigating wildfire risk
- Follow guidance from the recommendations for your plan unit



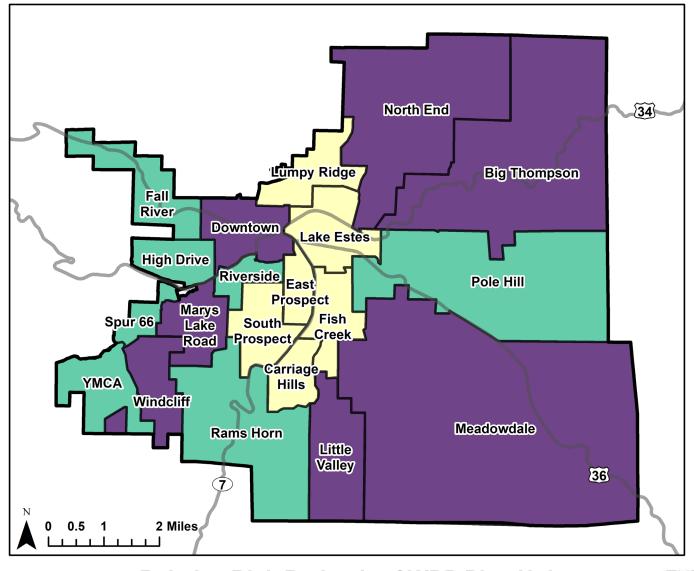
Prioritization: Plan Units Relative Risk to Structures

- Fire Risk
- Fire Suppression (e.g., limited hydrant availability and engine access)
- Evacuation Hazards
- Home Ignition Zone Hazards

Our assessment was based on predictions of fire behavior, radiant heat and spotting potential, roadway survivability, and evacuation time, as well as an on-the-ground assessment of each planning unit.



Overall Relative Risk within Estes Valley Fire Protection District



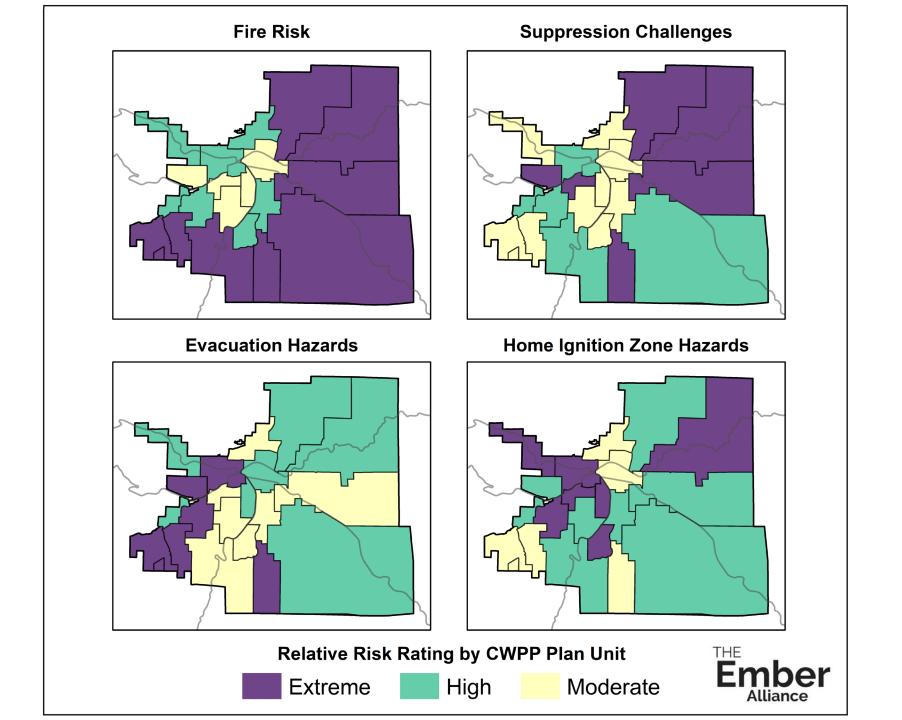
Relative Risk Rating by CWPP Plan Unit













Shared Implementation Responsibility

Individual: Home Ignition Zone and Defensible Space

Communities: Coordinated Mitigation by Plan Unit

District: Strategic landscape and roadway fuel treatments in priority areas

Fire-suppressed forest

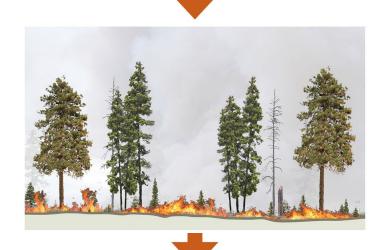




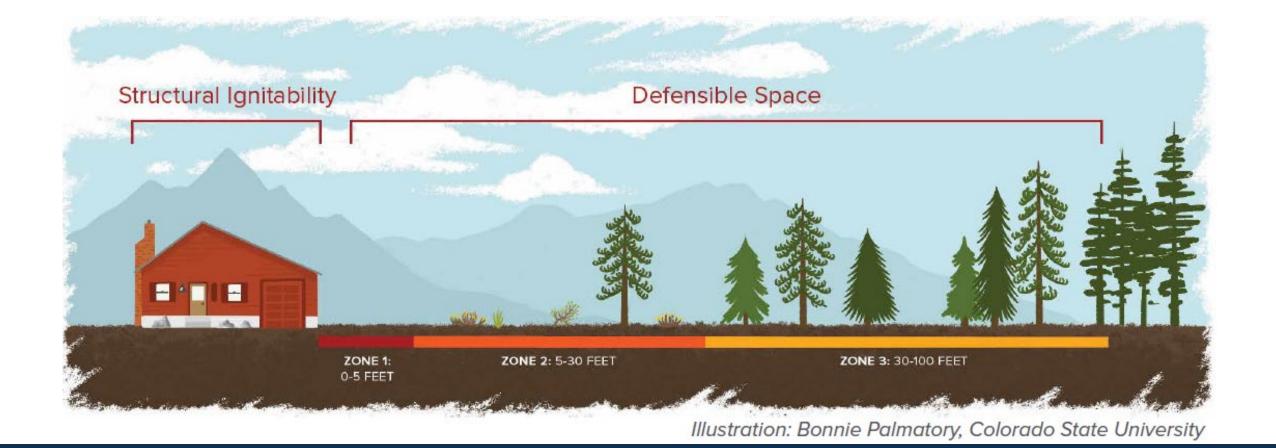




Ecologically managed forest





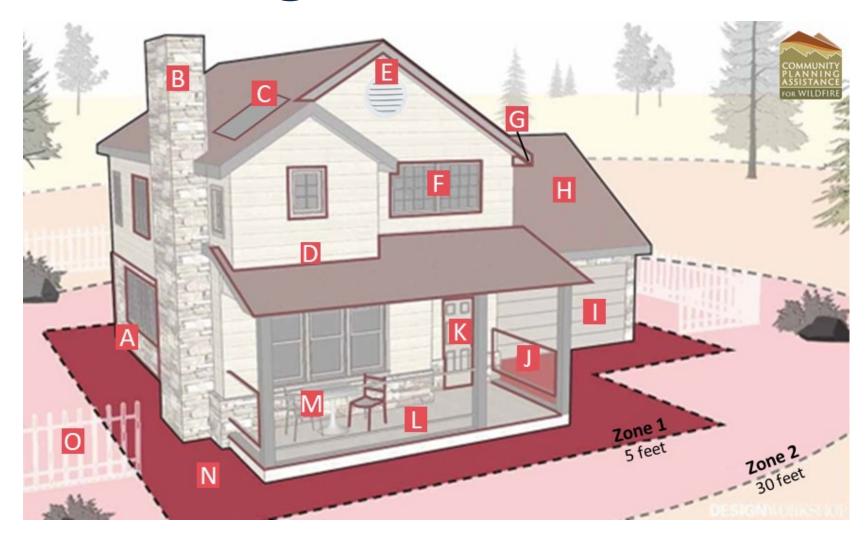


Home Ignition Zone



See the CWPP for practices to mitigate your home ignition zone

Home Ignition Zone



Example home hardening practices:

- A. Use noncombustible or ignition resistant siding and trim
- **G.** Clear debris from roof and gutters regularly. Install noncombustible gutters, gutter covers, and downspouts.
- M. Use noncombustible patio future.
- N. Establish and maintain a 5-foot noncombustible buffer around the home.
- O. Replace wooden fences with noncombustible materials and keep at least 8 feet away from the home.

See the CWPP for home hardening tips associated with each letter in the figure

Community Organization







Recommendations for Plan Units

Neighborhood Champions

Success Stories

Learn about how local residents utilized resources to complete wildfire mitigation



Estes Valley Watershed Coalition





Grassroots organization started in 2015

Primary goal was coordinating flood recovery projects

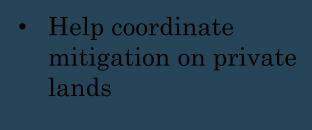
- Coordinating 8 projects and initiatives
- Projects support our mission to protect the water, forests, and wildlife



Marys Lake Project







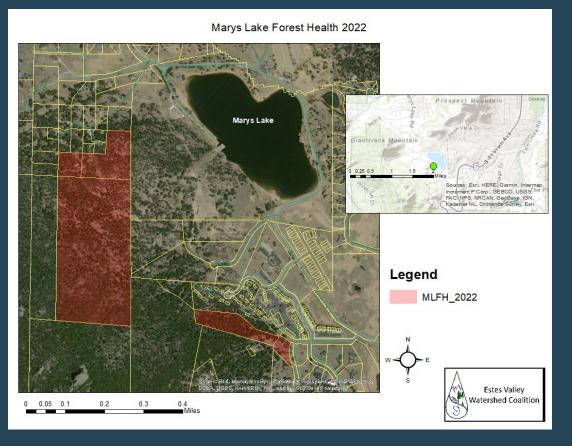
- Reduce wildfire impacts to the water supply and Estes community
- Community engagement and conversations



Partners

S ATTENDED

- Colorado State Forest Service
- Town of Estes Park
- Estes Valley Fire Protection District
- Northern Water
- Village Thrift Shop
- Larimer County OEM



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Takeaways

Areas of High-Risk present in this Fire Protection District

Shared Implementation Responsibility

Estes Valley Fire and agency partners work at landscape scale

Residents can do their part with the Home Ignition Zone



Available Programs, Funding & Resources

Do you have any questions about the CWPP process, risk analysis, and prioritization?





Receive community feedback on CWPP

Finalize CWPP Project on June 30

