



Statewide Wildfire Threat Assessment and Mitigation Plan

Overview

A. Why is the Nevada Fire Safe Council conducting this planning project?

1. The Nevada Fire Board of Directors composed of the chief fire control officials of state and federal agencies commissioned the Nevada Fire Safe Council to assist them in identifying high threat locations and prioritizing mitigation projects. The Nevada Fire Safe Council solicited bids from 20 contractors and received nine proposals. A technical review committee reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews with the top four companies. Resource Concepts, Inc. of Carson City was rated number one and has accepted the contract to complete this challenging project.

B. Why do we need this project?

1. Effective fire suppression and curtailed management activities have resulted in the accumulation of hazardous fuels on both public and private lands. This large volume of fuel coupled with continued development of housing projects in high risk, high hazard environments has created the potential for disastrous losses of natural resources, property, and human life.
2. The mitigation of risks and hazards facing highly vulnerable communities is crucial to long term survival. To effectively accomplish the desired increased protection, risks and hazards must be identified, described, and prioritized. Corresponding mitigation projects must be carefully prescribed and implemented. All of this requires thoughtful consideration, analysis, and justification brought together in a threat assessment and mitigation plan.

C. What are the goals of this project?

1. Complete individual threat assessment and mitigation plans for urban interface communities within each county.
2. Assess both the risk of ignition and the fire behavior hazard.
3. Propose mitigation strategies and projects to reduce the identified threat.
4. Assess fire protection preparedness and capability.
5. Produce a final plan that is easily updated and includes maps that clearly show the findings of the assessment and location of proposed mitigation projects.

D. What is the source of funding?

1. This statewide effort is funded with federal dollars appropriated under the National Fire Plan through the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management. Nevada's state BLM office is the primary source of support for this project. Other cooperating agencies include the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the Nevada Division of Forestry.

E. What are the benefits to the county and the communities?

1. The plan will identify the priority mitigation projects and provide a blueprint for reducing the fire threat and increasing community protection.
2. Completion of the plan will position the county and threatened communities to compete favorably for grant funds to assist in the implementation of mitigation projects.
3. The plan will contribute to the completion of the county's FEMA plan.