

**2016 Los Alamos County CWPP Update  
Core Team Meeting**

Fire Administration Building, 999 Central Ave. Los Alamos, NM  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 1:30-3:30pm

**1. Introductions**

**2. Timeline:**

- June 27th, compile survey responses. The new deadline for survey responses is Friday June 24th.
- Week of July 5th. Core team meeting. We will discuss the public comments and make a recommendation for how to include comments into the 2016 update.
- Week of July 11th: Final Public meeting
  - i. Input on draft (highlighting recent changes)
  - ii. Updated priorities
- Week of July 18th: Final draft available for public review including updated maps with labels and risk ratings.
- Week of July 25th: Landowner supplement completed
- August: Plan approved by Los Alamos County and submitted for signatures. Approved plan sent to NM State Forestry.

**3. Review resident survey responses**

- Discussion: incorporating resident responses into CWPP update

Common themes from the resident surveys included:

- Residents are concerned that their neighbors have not taken steps to reduce the wildfire risk on their own properties, which in turn threatens their property.
- Challenges related to dealing with green waste.
- Residents are interested in receiving more information related to Firewise and steps they can take to reduce the risk to their homes and community but they are split as to whether they want to be contacted or if they prefer to have the information available for them to seek out.
- Evacuation is a concern of many residents.

**4. Priorities for 2016 and beyond (15-20 mins)**

Core team members prioritized the top 8 action items from the 2016 CWPP update.

1. Seek grant funding for homeowner mitigation (defensible space)
2. Maintain treatments in open spaces using prescribed fire and thinning.
3. Continue to collaborate with adjacent land management agencies. Maintain regular meetings with the Interagency Wildfire Management Team.
4. Work with communities in the County to achieve Firewise designation
5. Planning for post fire recovery
6. Wildfire preparedness
  - a. Evacuation drill
  - b. Testing the reverse 911 system
7. Communication

- a. Social media
- b. Mitigation, preparedness, post fire recovery
8. Education and outreach
  - a. Schools and youth

## **5. CWPP supplement**

The CWPP supplement will provide a more accessible, aesthetically pleasing overview of the 2016 CWPP update. The supplement will tentatively contain the following elements:

1. CWPP overview
  - a. What is a CWPP and what goes in an update?
  - b. Brief history of wildfire and Los Alamos
2. Summary of 2016 CWPP update
  - a. Community hazard ratings and priority neighborhoods
  - b. Progress since 2009
  - c. Priority action items
3. What does it mean to be a fire adapted community?
4. Wildfire preparedness
5. Planning for post-fire recovery
6. Additional resources

## **6. Public meeting**

- The public meeting will be Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Los Alamos County Municipal Building, Room 110 from 5:00-6:30pm.
- The meeting will share recent changes to the CWPP update, gather comments on the current draft, and have a discussion about updated priorities for the 2016 update.

## **7. Other discussion related to the 2016 update**

- Reference other management plans in the document; comprehensive plan, open space management plan, community hazard risk assessment plan, all hazard mitigation plan etc.
- Work with stable owners association to address livestock concerns.
- Purchase seed drill for the county (recommendation)
- Include the purchase of a wood chipper in the 2016 plan as progress since 2009.

Additional information:

- Project webpage has been created and can be accessed at <http://www.forestguild.org/losalamosCWPP>