

**2016 Los Alamos County CWPP Update
Public Meeting**

Los Alamos County Municipal Building, 1000 Central Ave. Room 110 Los Alamos, NM
July 14th, 2016, 5:00-6:30pm

Meeting notes:

1. Introductions

2. Community risk ratings review

- The stables do not have a risk rating. Review either assigning a community risk rating or using a different metric/description, such as “area of special interest.”
- Review priority ratings. Woodland Arizona neighborhood is rated as “high” but does not have a priority ranking.
- Label roads on community risk map.

3. Timeline:

- June 27th, compile survey responses. The deadline for survey responses was July 1st.
- 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 August 1st: Landowner supplement completed
- August: Plan approved by Los Alamos County and submitted for signatures. Approved plan sent to NM State Forestry.

4. Review resident survey responses

- Discussion: incorporating resident responses into CWPP update
- Participants reviewed common themes and indicated that major concerns were included.
- Respondents represented a diverse cross-section of neighborhoods within Los Alamos County.
- Survey analyses will be included as an appendix in the 2016 update.

After reviewing resident responses to the survey

1. Include summary of priority actions (up to 10) at the end of the mitigation section (pg. 43). This summary will be included in the resident supplement.
2. Action item: Work with communities to attain firewise designation. (pg. 38)

3. Action item: Create an evacuation plan for the County. With section on livestock evacuation.
4. Action item: Work with residents to create a Los Alamos County Coalition of Firewise communities. (pg. 38)
 - Engage with existing neighborhood association representatives.
 - Group can be called something else while Firewise designation is sought.
5. Appendix for animal and livestock evacuation. Finalize policy for evacuating livestock. Water source for animals and suppression. The 2016 CWPP update should reference the evacuation section of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan.
6. Appendix for restoring rangelands and grasses.

5. Summary of action items from 2016 CWPP update

Core team members identified the following 8 priority action items:

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.
 - a. Greater collaboration is needed with Los Alamos National Labs on the 2016 CWPP update. Core team members will continue to reach out to representatives from LANL to gather their input on the 2016 update.
4. Work with communities in the County to achieve Firewise designation
5. Planning for post fire recovery
 - a. Recommendations for mulching and seeding.
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
 - b. Reach out to Pajarito Environmental Center to help coordinate education and outreach.

6. 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

7. **Discussion: Addressing wildfire risk at the community, neighborhood, and home scale.**
 - a. Participants discussed how to begin public outreach efforts? How do we engage members of the public in wildfire preparedness and mitigation? How do we get the effort to pursue firewise designation off the ground? Reaching out to existing groups, such as civic organizations and neighborhood associations is one way to start.

Additional information:

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