Union County - Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Union County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) core group is assessing the county’s fire threat and fire risk conditions, utilizing the most current data available through the West Wide Risk Assessment, a recently completed assessment of 17 western states utilizing information from federal, state, and local data bases.

The CWPP group’s intention is to collectively work with rural fire departments, cooperators, and community members to develop the wildfire protection plan. Through this process it is our intent:

1. to build upon existing partnerships and create new opportunities with the communities,
2. to provide Union County communities members with tools, methods, and the opportunity to partake in wildfire risk reduction.
3. Demonstrate the importance of shared responsibility in wildfire prevention, risk reduction, and forest management.
4. Identify additional opportunities for understanding what can be expected during the three phases of evacuation and wildfire events. (Pre, During, Post)

Through this partnership a holistic approach toward community fire protection is the desired outcome. Using the new National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy we have incorporated its three key goals as our foundation in achieving a synergistic planned approach in the new CWPP.

It is important first to provide a clear understanding of the CWPP, an Overview of the Cohesive Wildfire Strategy, and key information used in assessing wildfire risk. However, the majority of the meeting time will be given to Agenda Item #4, Identifying Community Members concerns, roles, and assistance in wildfire risk reduction and protection.

**AGENDA:**

1. Overview of CWPP – Local Plan to address local needs and issues
2. History of Union County CWPP (1st revision) - **Mitch**
3. How the 2005 CWPP benefited the county - **Mitch**
4. Accomplishments/Funding/Projects
5. Significance and benefits of updating the current CWPP – **JB Brock**
6. Importance of collaborative involvement - **JB Brock**
7. Discuss Cohesive Wildfire Strategy – 3 goals – (**Mark Jacques**)

a. Fire-Adapted Communities

b. Wildfire Response

c. Restore and Maintain Landscapes

1. Highlight West Wide Assessment Role vs. local knowledge role – **Jenny**
2. Brief display of County information mapping, WUI Zone, Rural areas, fire occurrence – **Jenny**
3. CWPP Decision Support Information – supporting data, local knowledge, etc. - **Jenny**
4. Identify Community member concerns, roles, and assistance in wildfire risk reduction and protection.
5. Timeline for final input from Community Members.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING DATES –**

1. Union – Union Fire Station – May 6th at 6 pm (1800 hrs)