

**Progress Report for the  
North Central Nebraska Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update  
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been completed!**

In February 2020 the Nebraska Forest Service initiated the update of the 2015 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for North Central Nebraska, including Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties. The purpose of the plan is to provide a tool for effectively managing fire and hazardous vegetative fuels and to bolster collaboration and communication between the various agencies and organizations who manage fire in north central Nebraska.

Having a CWPP in place allows the Nebraska Forest Service to apply for federal grant dollars to cost-share forest fuels reduction treatments in at-risk areas within the boundaries of the CWPP. It also may increase opportunities for counties, municipalities, and rural fire districts to seek grant funding for activities related to fire protection.

Despite a several-month Covid-19 delay, the update was completed by the end of 2020. Here is a snapshot of what's been accomplished:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Status</b>
Identify stakeholders and establish planning team	Completed 2/13/2020
Organizational meeting, solicit stakeholder input; identify data needed	Completed 2/19/2020
Gather baseline data	Completed 7/14/2020
Develop maps and tables	Completed 8/17/2020
Identify critical infrastructure; conduct risk analysis	Completed 8/31/2020
Develop Action Plan and recommendations	Completed 8/31/2020
Prepare draft document	Completed 9/30/2020
Public review of draft CWPP	Completed 10/6/2020
Incorporate comments and finalize CWPP	Completed 11/9/2020
Adoption by local officials	Completed 12/8/2020
Publication and distribution of final CWPP	Completed 12/14/2020

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