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The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a guiding document for land use plans in Wasco County related to wildfire mitigation. It includes a fire risk assessment for the County, future mitigation projects, needs of wildfire responders, and action items for various agencies including Wasco County Planning, Rural Fire Protection Districts, and others.

## Process :

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Wasco County began the update process in 2020, assembling a core group of wildfire professionals to guide the revisions. A survey was sent to first responders and other critical partners to establish needs, challenges, and opportunities. The update was also informed by a comprehensive analysis conducted by experts (CPAW) in 2019. Potential action items were shared widely with the community, after a mailed notice, to gain community input. The final draft will be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in hearings. The CWPP will then inform the 2023 LUDO Update

## Action Items

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Based on subject experts and public input, the CWPP proposes the following action items:

- Assign a County Wildfire Coordinator to represent Wasco County in matters pertaining to the county and the implementation of the CWPP
- Update the CWPP on a five year cycle or as needed.
- Update County Fire Safety Standards
- Adopt the WUI Code
- Update the Wasco County risk assessment and include WUI identification map.
- Compile parcel-level assessment data to inform and complete risk assessment, increase first-responder information, encourage public engagement.
- Complete a road hazard assessment
- Support collaborative efforts
- Work with railroad to reduce maintenance work during fire season and improve ROW vegetative management
- Conduct county-wide wildfire prevention efforts
- Complete survey and evaluation of home sites
- Provide landowners with signs for posting of addresses and include up-to-date information about wildfire risk rating to home owners
- Maintain rural fire protection district or rangeland association protection as appropriate.
- Assist Rural Fire Districts in upgrading their firefighting equipment, facilities and training as needed.