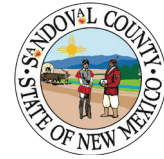


2025 SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

THE PLAN

Have you considered the impact a wildfire could have on your home and neighborhood? Sandoval County has faced many wildfires; lessons have been learned and we need your insights and ideas to prepare our plan for future wildfire events.

Sandoval County has contracted SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) to work in collaboration with municipal, state, tribal, and federal land management agencies to develop the 2025 Sandoval County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which is an update to the 2012 CWPP. The draft CWPP is expected to be ready for public review in early spring 2025, with the final CWPP anticipated by early summer 2025. A CWPP is designed to assist the County and landowners in ensuring that a future catastrophic wildfire is avoided or mitigated by assessing areas at risk and recommending measures to decrease those risks.



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WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN DO?

- Identify areas at risk for wildland fire
- Make recommendations for hazardous fuels treatments (vegetation thinning)
- Prioritize areas for wildfire mitigation funding
- Make recommendations to homeowners to reduce fire risk
- Ask the public to share ideas about wildfire prevention and identify community values at risk

WHY YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED

As a part of the CWPP community engagement process, SWCA will host a hybrid public meeting **in the Village Council Chambers at 4324 Corrales Rd, Corrales on Wednesday, February 12th from 6pm to 8pm.** Please join us to share your concerns and help us plan for a safer, more resilient community.



PUBLIC MEETING – ZOOM
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
6:00-8:00pm MST



TAKE THE ANONYMOUS SURVEY

In addition to the public events, we encourage you to **take our brief, 5-minute survey** to let your local land managers know about your concerns and ideas related to wildfire in your community. **Please visit the CWPP hubsite by scanning the QR code** or going to <https://sandoval-county-cwpp-hub-site-sandovalgis.hub.arcgis.com> to take the brief survey and learn more.



ORIGIN OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

CWPPs came out of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. This Act provided communities with the opportunity to influence how and where federal agencies implement fuel reduction projects on federal lands and how additional funds may be distributed for projects on non-federal lands. A CWPP is the means through which the public can provide their voices in fuels management and fire protection planning for their communities. This 2025 CWPP will identify fire hazards and community values at risk in Sandoval County and provide recommendations to reduce the risk of wildfire to life and property.

The Primary Objectives of the 2025 Sandoval County CWPP Are:

- **Collaboration:** The CWPP must be developed by state and local government, in consultation with federal agencies.
- **Prioritized vegetation reduction:** The CWPP must identify areas of risk to treat vegetation that poses a risk and recommend actions to protect communities and infrastructure.
- **Treatment of structural flammability:** The CWPP must recommend measures that property owners and communities can take to reduce the flammability of structures throughout the designated area in the plan.
- **Definition of WUI** gives each Core Team (agency representatives) the ability to define their wildland urban interface (WUI) area, where homes and structures come into contact with wildland fuels.
- **Community risk analysis:** Using a geographic or field-based information system methodology, the Core Team assesses all hazards and risks associated with the spread of wildfires throughout the planning area.
- **Fire preparedness discussion** to identify ways to improve response to fire.
- **Community involvement** to ensure that the planning effort incorporates public input and community-level plans.