

# Marion County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

## **We Need Your Assistance**

To meet the objectives of the CWPP, we need all communities from Marion County to help us in the development of the CWPP. To do this the Marion County CWPP Advisory Committee created a survey that is comprised of four sections that include:

- ♦ Wildfire risk awareness,
- ♦ Fire protection and preparedness,
- ♦ Reducing property risk to wildfire, and
- ♦ Reducing the community risk to wildfire.

The survey is an opportunity for the citizens and communities of Marion County to provide valuable data that will be used to help drive the CWPP in future projects.

Here is the link to the survey, which closes on **October 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Marion County CWPP survey link—or use the QR code on the right

<https://arcg.is/1Xb9nG>



## **What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan?**

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) helps communities work together to achieve common goals and deal with often controversial issues. CWPPs have offered many valuable opportunities to communities, allowing them to identify local priorities, community protection, and resource management. In addition to enhancing safety and reducing risk to structures and watersheds, communities with CWPPs are also given priority for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects as authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA). In the end, CWPPs have helped communities better protect themselves from fire risk and better manage their forested landscape.

The collaborative efforts of foresters from federal and state agencies, rural fire departments, private landowners, local government agencies, volunteer organizations, and concerned citizens who live in the wildland-urban interface, have resulted in signed CWPPs in every county and many communities across Oregon.

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The Marion County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a collaborative agreement between the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM), Marion County, Marion County Fire Defense Board, local firefighting agencies and Federal partners (United States Forest Service (USFS), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)). This document strives to:

- ⇒ Provide countywide leadership through partnerships to implement wildland-urban interface fire mitigation strategies in Marion County.
- ⇒ Improve community strategies for reducing the impacts of wildland-urban interface fires.
- ⇒ Promote wildfire risk reduction activities for private and public land in Marion County.

The CWPP is non-regulatory, meaning it does not set forth any new policy. This plan is designed to be an action plan and depends upon people and partnerships to carry it forward. The guiding principles of the plan include:

- ⇒ A foundation to help improve cross-boundary coordination between agencies to reduce negative wildfire impacts through the pursuit of fire-resilient landscapes and communities in Marion County.
- ⇒ Identification and prioritization of areas for hazardous fuel reduction and wildfire resilience projects through the creation of county-level risk maps.
- ⇒ Landowner resources for understanding wildfire risk in our community, including maps and recommended actions homeowners and local communities, can take to help reduce their structure's exposure to wildfire risk (structural ignitability).
- ⇒ A way to meet federal and state planning requirements and qualify for assistance programs.