

**COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS:
Laying the groundwork for effective community collaboration
and long-term implementation
November 28, 2007**

The Colorado State Forest Service and the Joint Fire Science Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Research Team invite you to participate in a one-day workshop focused on **sharing lessons learned** about collaboration and CWPPs, and identifying strategies to strengthen future **CWPP development and implementation efforts**.

Location: Holiday Inn Denver West, 14707 W. Colfax Ave., Golden, Colorado
(For directions, see <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/dengw/transportation>)

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Lunch and refreshments provided

Hosted by: The Colorado State Forest Service and the Joint Fire Science Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Research Team

Background

The Joint Fire Science Program (<http://www.firescience.gov/>) provided funding support to understand the factors that influence effective collaboration in CWPP development. Case study research was conducted on CWPP development in thirteen communities in California, Colorado, Florida, Montana, Minnesota, Oregon, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The team is composed of researchers from Colorado State University, University of Minnesota, Southern Oregon University, the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, and the USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. A full project description and case study profiles are available at <http://jfsp.fortlewis.edu/>.

Workshop Goals, Audience, and Outcomes

The primary goal is for participants to leave with effective strategies and tools to develop, enhance, and sustain collaboration for community wildfire mitigation. The workshop format will involve ample discussion among participants based on the “lessons learned” from the case studies. We anticipate that many of these lessons will assist some communities in monitoring and strengthening existing CWPPs, and help other communities as they get started with their CWPP efforts. The workshop will bring together participants from community, governmental, and non-governmental organizations involved in CWPP development and implementation. Outcomes should result in participants communicating an array of lessons about community collaboration to people they work with on community wildfire mitigation, and developing strategies to strengthen collaboration for CWPP development and implementation across the region.

Shared Lessons and Strategies for Future Success

Three sets of lessons learned will be highlighted:

- Getting people together: pre-conditions, effective strategies, and best practices for bringing together the right people from the community, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to develop a CWPP.
- Identifying the skills and resources necessary to effectively collaborate on CWPP development.
- Developing the conditions necessary to implement and update the CWPP over the long haul.

For more information and to RSVP for the event, contact:

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