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**Community Wildfire Protection Plans:
The Great Lakes States Experience
March 18, 2008**

A Joint Fire Science Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Research Team invites you to participate in a one-day workshop focused on evaluating the benefits of CWPPs for the Great Lakes States, sharing lessons learned about getting started and conducting CWPP processes, and thinking forward to how we might support each other in wildfire protection efforts.

**Place and Time: Best Western Claridge Motor Inn, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
9:00 AM to 4:00 pm (Breakfast is at 8AM)
Tuesday March 18, 2008**

Background

Enhancing Collaboration and Building Community Capacity is a project funded by the Joint Fire Science Program (JFS) that has resulted in case studies within thirteen communities on the role of collaboration during development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Project researchers conducted cases in several types and sizes of communities Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, Colorado, Florida, Montana, Oregon, and Virginia. Profiles of the case studies are available <http://jfsp.fortlewis.edu/communityProfiles.asp>.

Workshop Goals and Outcomes

The Great Lakes workshop goal is to share experience of other communities who have developed and implemented CWPPs regarding assessing needs, understanding context, and other suggestions/lesson learned from our case studies about the CWPP planning process. We anticipate that many of these lessons will assist communities as they get started with their CWPP efforts and help other communities in monitoring and strengthening existing CWPPs. The workshop will bring together participants from local, state, and federal agencies in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to share lessons from the JFS case studies and facilitate dialogue on how to strengthen CWPP efforts. Outcomes should result in increased ability to communicate benefits of CWPPs, knowledge/capacity to plan CWPPs, and access to information and people involved in Great Lakes and US CWPP work

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