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Looking for resources to help your community plan for wildfire? Here are five things you should know about.

1 Working with a Local Planner? Share the "Planning for Wildfire" Quick Guides!

Quick Guides are short handouts designed for practitioners and community leaders; they introduce a topic and provide short stories and additional resources. The "Planning for Wildfire" Quick Guide series is a four-part resource on using plans and regulations to increase community fire adaptation. The corresponding handouts can be shared electronically, or as printed copies.

- Quick Guide 3.0 introduces the differences between plans and regulations and offers related resources (bit.ly/Planning4WildfireQG1).
- Quick Guide 3.1 highlights a three-step process to identify and increase linkages between wildfire topics and planning documents (bit.ly/Planning4WildfireQG3-1).
- Quick Guide 3.2 discusses how plans are implemented through regulations and offers additional steps to move through this process (bit.ly/Planning4WildfireQG3-2).



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- Quick Guide 3.3 shares a range of community examples, including sample policies and regulatory language, as well as links for additional learning (bit.ly/Planning4WildfireQG3-3).

2 Looking for more examples? Check out this recent webinar recording.

A group of FAC Net members formed a community of practice (CoP) in 2016 focused on planning for wildfire. The Planning for Wildfire CoP held a webinar featuring city and county planners from Texas, New Mexico and Oregon. The goal of the webinar was two-fold. Participants learned about how these planners incorporate planning for wildfire into their work.

And participants had the chance to ask questions about engaging their own communities' planners and discuss what's worked well and what hasn't.

The webinar featured:

- Brandon Goldman, senior planner from Ashland, Oregon, explained Ashland's efforts to establish the entire city as being within a wildfire hazard zone;
- Anthony Raguine, senior planner from Deschutes County, Oregon, highlighted new developments in Deschutes County that have more comprehensive wildfire protection management plans;
- Noah Berke, senior planner from the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, discussed integrating the wildland-urban interface (WUI) code into



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Santa Fe's land use development code in order to make the city's WUI language enforceable;

- Steve Hopkins, senior planner from Austin, Texas, shared the challenges of working in a large city and discussed their efforts to get Austin's WUI code adopted.



Watch the webinar recording to learn about how these communities are planning for wildfire:

bit.ly/FACNetWebinarPlanning

3 Thinking about long-term recovery planning? Read this blog.

FAC Net Members from Oregon and Washington recently hosted a learning exchange exclusively focused on this very topic. Get tips and resources on cultivating long-term recovery after a wildfire by reading this blog about the exchange: Long-term Recovery Planning: Where We Started (bit.ly/LongTermRecovery).

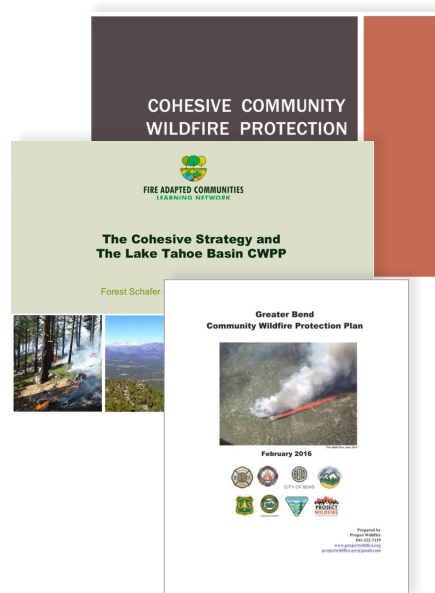
Two other great blogs that focus on additional considerations regarding planning for wildfire are:

- Small Business Planning for Wildfire (bit.ly/WildfireSmallBusinesses) and
- Working with Communities to Reduce Wildfire Risk Through Planning (bit.ly/WildfireCommunityPlanning).

4 Working on a Community Wildfire Protection Plans? Watch these videos.

Three different communities discussed the development and implementation of their Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) last year. The following presentations are clips from those presentations and offer best practices, creative ideas and how-to's.

- **Lake Tahoe, California CWPP** (bit.ly/CWPP_Tahoe)
- **Austin, Texas CWPP** (bit.ly/CWPP_Austin)
- **Greater Bend, Oregon CWPP** (bit.ly/CWPP_Bend)



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THE FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITIES SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL



<http://bit.ly/FACSat>

5 Assessing your own wildfire resilience? Check out the FAC SAT!

If you haven't done so already, take a look at the FAC Self-Assessment Tool (FAC SAT; bit.ly/FACSAT). The FAC SAT asks questions about your community's wildfire hazard, values at risk, mitigation activities, public engagement and partnerships. This information-gathering process enables communities to:

- Identify their community's values at risk;
- Identify their community's capacity to implement FAC activities;
- Assess any gaps or limitations in funding, resources, partnerships and workforce/volunteers;
- Prioritize future fire adaptation activities;
- Complement other work plans; and
- Increase understanding of long-term community fire adaptation needs.

Be sure to also check out the FAC SAT's Facilitator's Guide (bit.ly/FACSAT_Guide) for more information about the FAC SAT and how to get started.



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