



Community Wildfire Protection Plan Kickoff Meeting

July 21, 2026

Agenda

ACF Involvement

Potential Stakeholders

CWPP Development Process

CWDG FY26 Application

Eligible Project Examples

ACF Involvement

American Conservation Foundation (ACF)

- Texas-based non-profit organization
- Entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Erath County on **May 12th**

Purpose

- To **develop** a **CWPP** and apply for Implementation funding for the next funding cycle of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program
- ACF will administer the CWDG grant if awarded

Potential Stakeholders

Local knowledge is the backbone of the CWPP

Local City and County Officials

Policy, local priorities, public communication

Volunteer Fire Departments

Response capabilities, access issues, local fire history

Texas Department of Emergency management

Preparedness, evacuation, communications

Texas A&M Forest Service

Technical guidance and CWPP review expectations

Landowners & Ag. Producers

Ranch roads, gates, livestock, fuels, values at risk

Other Partners

Utilities, schools, water providers, regional planning

CWPP Development Process



Timeline



Mitigation Strategies and Action Plan



Public Engagement & Stakeholders



Fire Response Capabilities/Equipment



Risk Assessments



CWDG FY26 Application

ERATH COUNTY CWPP

	6/15 - 6/20	6/21 - 6/27	6/28 - 7/4	7/5 - 7/11	7/12 - 7/18	7/19 - 7/31
Introduction						
Community Background						
Website & Facebook Page						
Fire Environment						
Risk Assessments						
Establishing Working Group						
Mitigation Strategies: CA - Public Education CC & EH : Haz. Fuels Red. Inc. Prescribed Fire Defensible Space Inc. Local Cap Emergency Communication Water & Resources BA- Zoning & Regulation						
Action Plan						
Maintenance Strategy						
Working Group Meetings						
Glossary						
Appendices						
Public Meeting						
Draft Due						
Internal Review						
External Review						
Post It						
Address Comments						
Submit to TXFS						
Proclamm. to Adopt						
Signing Ceremony						

CWDG FY26 Implementation Application



Protecting communities, infrastructure, and natural resources from the threat of wildfires.



UP TO

\$10M

per CWDG application

NOFO: Summer 2026

90-day application window

Erath County Eligibility



Yes. Erath County, TX, is considered “at risk.” It has a higher Wildfire Risk to Homes than 91.7% of counties in the nation. (Source: Wildfire Risk to Communities, Version 2. 2024. As reported by the CWDG Data Tool, <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/48143>)

Why Erath County Qualifies



Low-Moderate
Income



“At Risk” County



Cost Share
Waived



Severe Disaster
Affected



High Wildfire
Potential

Eligible Project Examples

Planning Projects



Contract support to assist a community with developing building codes, zoning ordinances, or land use planning



Tabletop or functional exercises to test effectiveness of community wildfire planning



Training in the use of proven effective mitigation practices, such as the Forest Service's mitigation best practices



Direct staff support to assist in creation of a local or regional mitigation partnership

Educational Outreach Programs



Firewise USA and other outreach programs to communities and property owners



Fire education presentations like Project Learning Tree



Individual Property Inspections and/or Assessments by the Forest Service

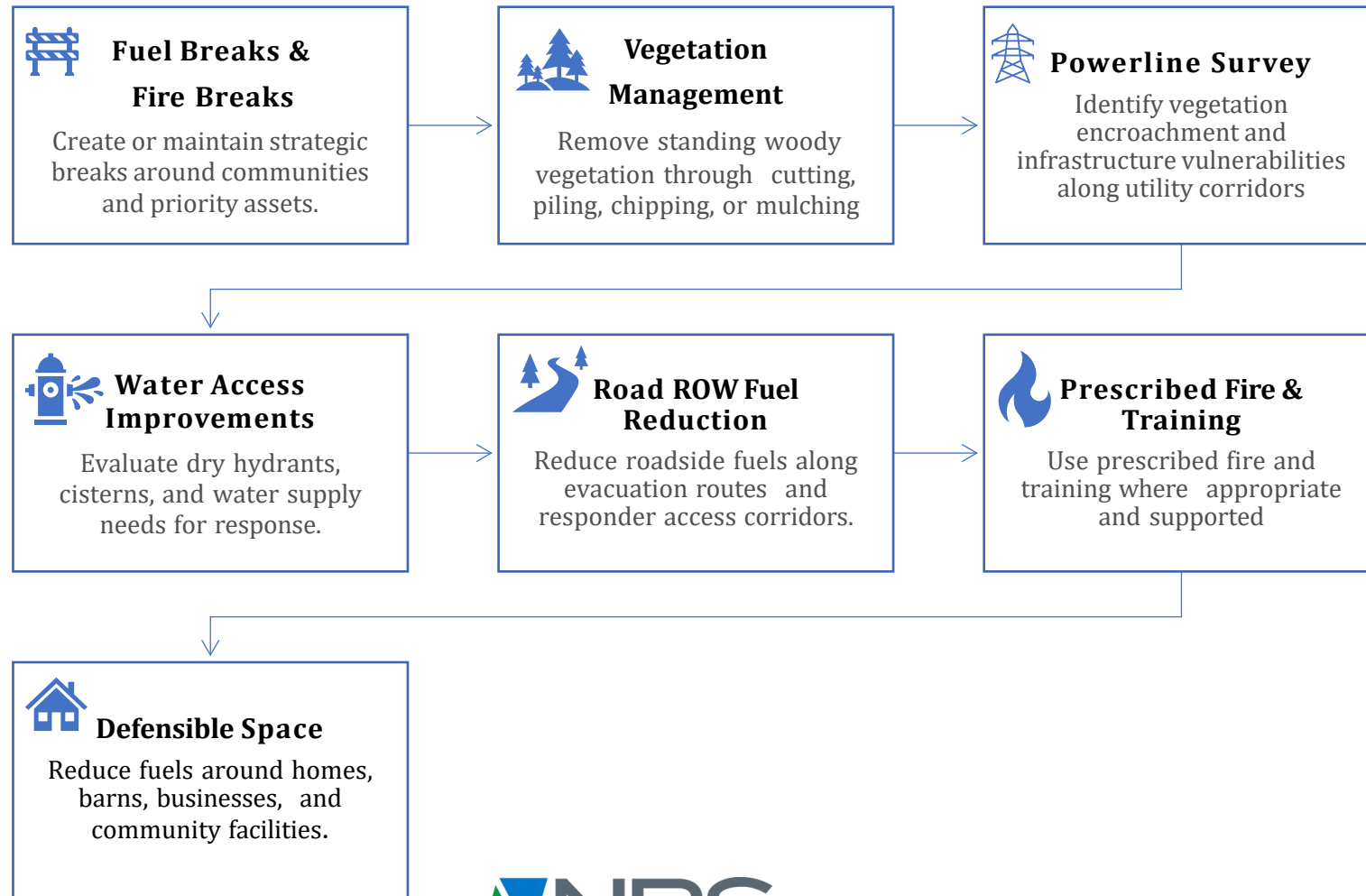


Implementation of WUI Structure/Parcel/Community Fire Hazard Mitigation Methodology (HMM) for community hazard reduction

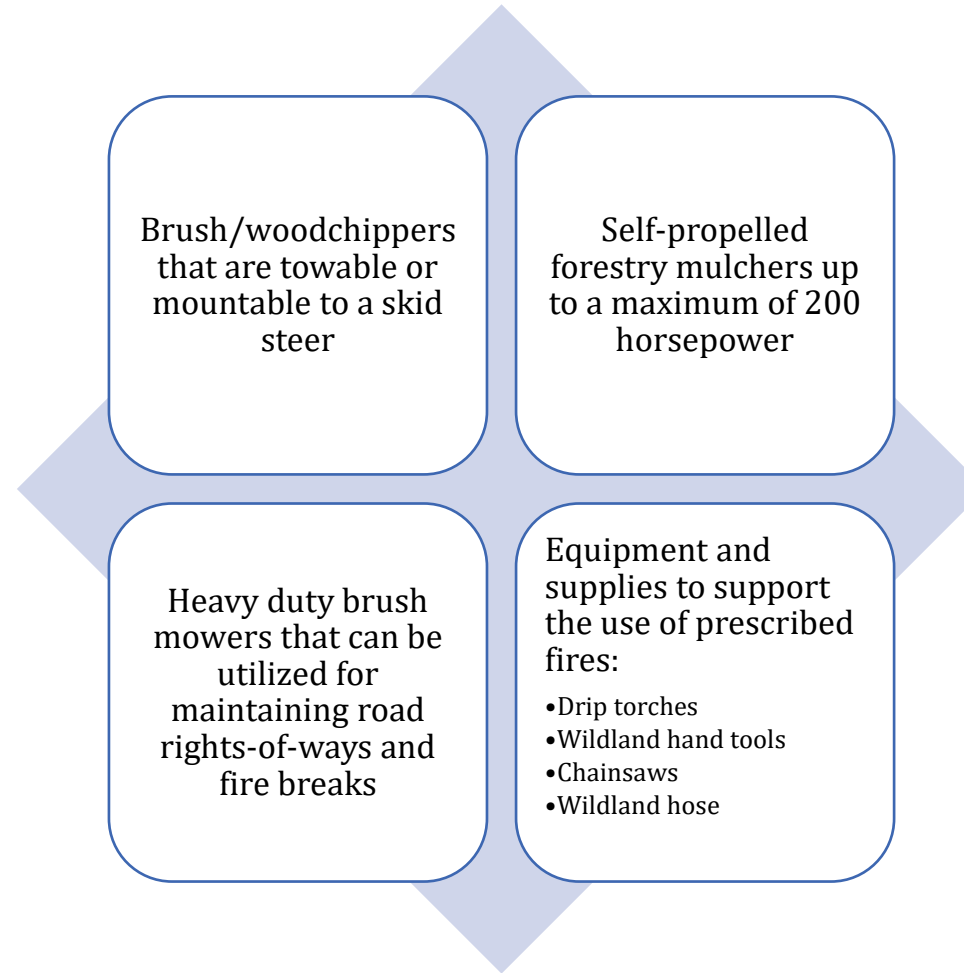


Adoption, implementation, enforcement, and training of National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, or similar codes

Hazardous Fuels and Wildfire Reduction Projects



CWDG Eligible Equipment



Action Items

Brainstorm

- Fire Response Capabilities
- Possible Projects

Finalize Working Group Meeting Dates

Public Outreach

- Public Meeting

Questions and Discussion



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Thank you.

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