

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE MITIGATION



CML has identified at nearly 100 cities and towns that have participated in the development of wildland-urban interface mitigation plans.

Municipalities are cooperating with their counties, local fire districts, and regional partners to develop these action plans to improve the safety of their communities from the threat of wildfire.

Cities and towns across the state have been involved, from small towns on the Eastern Plains concerned with grass fires to those communities abutting mountain forests or the sage and pinion country of western Colorado.

The following is a list of municipalities that have addressed wildfire mitigation through county, district, or municipal planning documents. This is not meant to be a comprehensive list.

Alamosa County Alamosa Hooper Arapahoe County Bennett Deer Trail	Conejos County Antonito La Jara Romeo Sanford	Eagle County Avon Basalt Eagle Gypsum Minturn Red Cliff Vail	Gilpin County Black Hawk Central City	Montezuma County Cortez Dolores Mancos	Rio Grande County Del Norte Monte Vista
Archuleta County Pagosa Springs	Costilla County Blanca San Luis	El Paso County Colorado Springs Fountain Green Mountain Falls Palmer Lake Manitou Springs	Gunnison County Crested Butte Gunnison	Montrose County Montrose Olathe	Routt County Oak Creek Steamboat Springs Yampa
Boulder County Boulder Lyons Nederland	Crowley County Olney Springs Ordway Sugar City	Fremont County Cañon City Florence	Hinsdale County Lake City	Otero County Cheraw Fowler La Junta Manzanola Rocky Ford	Saguache County Crestone Moffat
Chaffee County Buena Vista Poncha Springs Salida	Delta County Crawford Delta Hotchkiss Paonia	Garfield County Glenwood Springs Grand County Kremmling Winter Park	Jefferson County Golden	Ouray County Ouray Ridgway	San Juan County Silverton
Cheyenne County Cheyenne Wells Kit Carson	Dolores County Dove Creek Rico		La Plata County Durango	Pitkin County Aspen	Summit County Blue River Breckenridge Dillon Frisco
Clear Creek County Empire Georgetown Idaho Springs Silver Plume	Douglas County Castle Rock Larkspur		Larimer County Estes Park Loveland	Rio Blanco County Meeker Rangely	Woodland Park
			Logan County Crook Fleming Merino Peetz Sterling		

HIGHLIGHTS IN MITIGATION



Through a partnership with "Saws and Slaws," a group composed of fire mitigation volunteers, the **Town of Nederland** won a national mitigation award as a nationally recognized **Firewise Community** in 2014. In addition to its annual "Firewise Day," which includes members of the community mitigating their properties, the Town also held four fuels-reduction events with approximately 140 volunteer participants.

In addition to the **Town of Castle Rock's** Woodlands/Escavara neighborhood's annual slash removal day, this **Firewise Community** has utilized goats for wildfire mitigation.

The **City of Colorado Springs** amended current wildfire mitigation provisions of the 2009 International Fire Code to include a **specific ordinance on mitigation including defensible space**.

The **City of Aspen** adopted changes to its **building code to include the use of fire resistant materials** in new builds.

The **City of Breckenridge** requires **defensible space for all new development**.

The **Town of Winter Park** has operated a forestry program for 10 years to **deal with pine beetle mitigation**. This includes tree cutting, hauling of tress and slash, open burning regulations, and operation of public burn site.

Examples of existing **slash collection and chipping programs** include **Estes Park, Golden, Pagosa Springs, Larkspur, Aspen, Vail, Woodland Park, Breckenridge, Manitou Springs, Central City, Durango, Crestone, Fountain, Lake City, and Frisco**.

The **Town of Estes Park** takes the opportunity **during site inspections to educate residents on fire mitigation** and Firewise Principles.

The **City of Golden** continually **makes site visits and evaluates** areas that border open space to **educate residents** on mitigation.

The **Town of Vail** employs a six person seasonal **fire mitigation and suppression crew**. Vail has hired a full-time year-round employee to supervise the crew and expand the Town's mitigation program. Activities of the crew include the construction of fuel breaks on town owned land, free chipping of slash from private lands and Firewise assessments of individual homes, and resident education.