COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)

Torrance County and Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District have an elevated wildfire risk due to steep terrain, arid climate, fire-prone fuels, and proximity to the Cibola National Forest.



What does a CWPP do?

- Identify areas at risk from wildland fire
- Make recommendations for hazardous fuel treatments
- Prioritize areas for wildfire mitigation funding
- Make recommendations for homeowners to reduce fire risk
- Ask the public to share ideas about wildfire prevention and identify community values at risk

Who should be involved in a CWPP?

• You (the public) can play a part in crafting fire mitigation recommendations to protect your community. Read below to find out more about the collaborative Community Wildfire Protection Plan process and public involvement.

Background:

 CWPPs came out of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003. This Act provided communities with the opportunity to influence how and where federal agencies implement fuel reduction projects on federal lands and how additional funds may be distributed for projects on non-federal lands. A CWPP is the means through which the public can provide their voices in fuels management and fire protection planning for their communities. This 2024 CWPP will identify fire hazards and community values at risk in the County and District and will provide recommendations to reduce the risk of wildfire to life and property.

