



# COMMUNITIES AT RISK REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2016

This report helps provide a national snapshot of wildland fire risk, preparedness and capacity. The data show progress to identify communities at risk of wildfire and those that are moving toward reducing risk, as well as increased capacity through the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other methods.

The data were collected through the USDA Forest Service's National Fire Plan Operations & Reporting System and reflects accomplishments through September 30, 2016.

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*Photograph of the Party Rock Fire by the North Carolina Forest Service.*



## Reducing Risk to America's Communities

A community is at reduced risk if it has satisfied at least one of the following requirements:

- (1) Recognized as a Firewise community or equivalent, or
- (2) Enacted a mitigation/fire prevention ordinance, or
- (3) High priority hazardous fuels identified in Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) or equivalent are reduced or appropriate fuel levels on such lands are maintained in accordance with a plan.

### Fiscal Year 2016 Data:

Number of Communities at Risk (CAR)	76,934
Number of CAR covered by a CWPP or equivalent	17,655
Percent of total CAR covered by a CWPP	22.9%
Number of CAR at reduced risk	8,757
Percent of total CAR at reduced risk	11.4%
Percent of CAR covered by CWPP at reduced risk	49.6%

### Additional FY16 information about of Communities at Risk (CAR) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP):

NASF REGION	COMMUNITIES		
	TOTAL CAR	CAR COVERED BY CWPPs	CAR at Reduced Risk
WEST	7,587	6,357	919
SOUTH	60,360	9,546	6,817
NORTHEAST	8,987	1,752	1,021
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,934</b>	<b>17,655</b>	<b>8,757</b>

### Increased Suppression Capacity with State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance Funding:

Percentage of at risk communities who report increased local suppression capacity as evidenced by:

- (1) The increasing number of trained and/or certified fire fighters and crews or
- (2) Upgraded or new fire suppression equipment obtained or
- (3) Formation of a new fire department or expansion of an existing department involved in wildland firefighting.

### Increased Capacity for 2016:

Total firefighters trained (SFA: 31,588, VFA: 16,988)	48,576
Funding provided for upgraded or new fire suppression equipment (SFA: \$5,875,126, VFA: \$8,142,706)	\$14,017,832 in funding for communities
Number of new volunteer fire departments formed or existing departments expanded	170
Total Number of Communities assisted with increased capacity (SFA:1,926, VFA:14,378)	16,304
Total Communities at Risk	76,934
Percent of Communities at Risk with increased capacity	21.2%