



Communities At Risk

Fiscal Year 2018 Report

This report provides a national snapshot of wildland fire risk, preparedness, and capacity using the latest USDA Forest Service National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System data. For more information about this report, contact NASF Fire Director Dan Smith at desmith@blm.gov or 208-867-0908.



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REDUCING RISK TO AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

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

- (1) Recognized as a Firewise community or equivalent, or
- (2) Enacted a mitigation/fire prevention ordinance, or
- (3) Reduced or appropriately maintained hazardous fuels on lands identified as high-priority in its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) or equivalent plan.

NATIONWIDE in Fiscal Year 2018:

NUMBER of Communities At Risk (CARs)	70,399
NUMBER of CARs COVERED by a CWPP or EQUIVALENT	17,857
PERCENT of CARs COVERED by a CWPP or EQUIVALENT	25.4%
NUMBER of CARs at REDUCED RISK	4,279
PERCENT of CARs at REDUCED RISK	6.1%
PERCENT of CARs COVERED by a CWPP and at REDUCED RISK	24.9%

BY NASF REGION in Fiscal Year 2018:

	# of CARs	CARs COVERED by CWPPs	CARs at REDUCED RISK
WEST	7,922	6,066	895
SOUTH	5,6326	10,178	6,817
NORTHEAST-MIDWEST	6,151	1,613	720



INCREASING WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION CAPACITY

A Community At Risk (CAR) has increased its local suppression capacity if it has satisfied at least one of the following:

- (1) Increased the number of trained and/or certified fire fighters and crews, or
- (2) Purchased new or upgraded existing wildfire suppression equipment, or
- (3) Established a new or expanded an existing fire department involved in wildland firefighting.

NATIONWIDE in Fiscal Year 2018, Suppression Capacity Supported by State (SFA) and Volunteer (VFA) Fire Assistance:

NUMBER of Wildland Firefighters TRAINED	119,078 (SFA: 97,210 VFA: 21,868)
FUNDING for Upgrading or Purchasing EQUIPMENT	\$17.08 Million (SFA: \$6.36 M VFA: \$10.72 M)
NUMBER of Volunteer Fire Departments ESTABLISHED or EXPANDED	48
NUMBER of Communities ASSISTED with INCREASED CAPACITY	15,139
PERCENT of CARs with INCREASED CAPACITY	21.5%

The State Fire Assistance (SFA) and Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) programs provide crucial financial and technical assistance to states and local fire departments for wildland fire prevention, detection, and suppression.

Learn more about these programs and why they need your support at www.stateforesters.org.

