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## 6.4.1 Yellowstone County Resolution

RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-22

### Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

This resolution declares County support and adoption of the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as an amendment to the existing Yellowstone County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Whereas, The Board of Yellowstone County Commissioners supports the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and

Whereas, The Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be utilized as a guide for planning as related to FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation, The National Fire Plan, The Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and other purposes as deemed appropriate by the Yellowstone County Commissioners,


Therefore be it resolved, that the Yellowstone County Commissioners do hereby adopt, support, and will facilitate the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan implementation.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006

Board of County Commissioners  
Yellowstone County, Montana

  
John Ostlund, Chairperson

  
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James E. Reno, Member

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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## 6.4.2 City of Billings Resolution

### RESOLUTION NO. 06-18395

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BILLINGS LOCATED IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA DECLARING CITY SUPPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Billings supports the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Billings has participated in the development of the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be utilized as a guide for planning as related to FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation, The National Fire Plan, The Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and other purposes as deemed appropriate by the City Council of Billings,

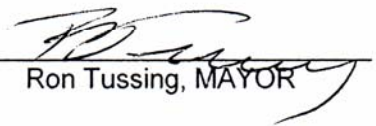
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, DOES HEREBY ADOPT, SUPPORT, AND WILL FACILITATE THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN'S IMPLEMENTATION.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2006.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY:

  
Ron Tussing, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY:

  
Marita Herold, CMC/AEE CITY CLERK



### 6.4.3 City of Laurel Resolution

#### RESOLUTION NO. R06-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL DECLARING ITS SUPPORT  
AND ADOPTION OF THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE  
PROTECTION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Laurel supports the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Laurel has participated in the development of the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be utilized as a guide for planning as related to FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation, The National Fire Plan, The Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and other purposes as deemed appropriate by the City Council of Laurel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

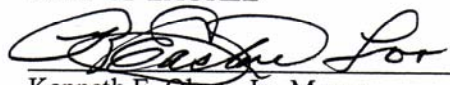
That the City Council of Laurel does hereby adopt, support and shall facilitate the Yellowstone County Wildfire Protection Plan's implementation.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 7, 2006, by Alderperson  
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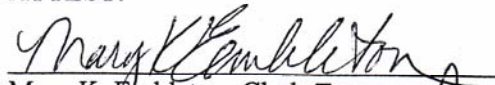
PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, located in Yellowstone County, Montana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.


CITY OF LAUREL

  
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R06-15 Community Wildfire Protection Plan



#### 6.4.4 Town of Broadview Resolution

### Resolution of the Town Council of Broadview located in Yellowstone County, Montana

# 281

A resolution of the Town Council of Broadview declaring Town support and adoption of the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as an amendment to the Yellowstone County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Whereas, The Town Council of Broadview supports the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and

Whereas, The Town Council of Broadview has participated in the development of the Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and

Whereas, The Yellowstone County Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be utilized as a guide for planning as related to FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation, The National Fire Plan, The Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and other purposes as deemed appropriate by the Town Council of Broadview,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Town Council of Broadview does hereby adopt, support, and will facilitate the Yellowstone County Wildfire Protection Plan's implementation.

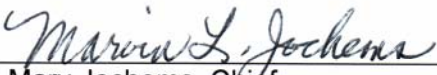
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Town Council of Broadview located in Yellowstone County, Montana

  
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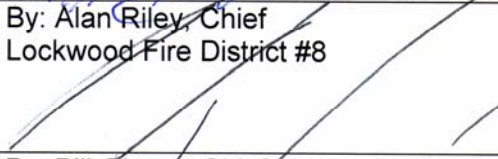
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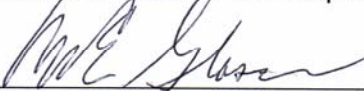
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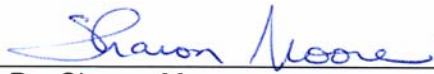
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## 6.5 Glossary of Terms

**Anadromous** - Fish species that hatch in fresh water, migrate to the ocean, mature there, and return to fresh water to reproduce (Salmon & Steelhead).

**Appropriate Management Response** - Specific actions taken in response to a wildland fire to implement protection and fire use objectives.

**Biological Assessment** - Information document prepared by or under the direction of the Federal agency in compliance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife standards. The document analyzes potential effects of the proposed action on listed and proposed threatened and endangered species and proposed critical habitat that may be present in the action area.

**Backfiring** - When attack is indirect, intentionally setting fire to fuels inside the control line to contain a rapidly spreading fire. Backfiring provides a wide defense perimeter, and may be further employed to change the force of the convection column.

**Blackline** - Denotes a condition where the fireline has been established by removal of vegetation by burning.

**Burning Out** - When attack is direct, intentionally setting fire to fuels inside the control line to strengthen the line. Burning out is almost always done by the crew boss as a part of line construction; the control line is considered incomplete unless there is no fuel between the fire and the line.

**Canyon Grassland** - Ecological community in which the prevailing or characteristic plants are grasses and similar plants extending from the canyon rim to the rivers edge.

**Confine** - Confinement is the strategy employed in appropriate management responses where a fire perimeter is managed by a combination of direct and indirect actions and use of natural topographic features, fuel, and weather factors.

**Contingency Plans:** Provides for the timely recognition of approaching critical fire situations and for timely decisions establishing priorities to resolve those situations.

**Control Line** - An inclusive term for all constructed or natural fire barriers and treated fire edge used to control a fire.

**Crew** - An organized group of firefighters under the leadership of a crew boss or other designated official.

**Crown Fire** - A fire that advances from top to top of trees or shrubs more or less independently of the surface fire. Sometimes crown fires are classed as either running or dependent, to distinguish the degree of independence from the surface fire.

**Disturbance** - An event which affects the successional development of a plant community (examples: fire, insects, windthrow, timber harvest).

**Disturbed Grassland** - Grassland dominated by noxious weeds and other exotic species. Greater than 30% exotic cover.

**Diversity** - The relative distribution and abundance of different plant and animal communities and species within an area.

**Drainage Order** - Systematic ordering of the net work of stream branches, (e.g., each non-branching channel segment is designated a first order stream, streams which only receive first order segments are termed second order streams).

**Duff** - The partially decomposed organic material of the forest floor beneath the litter of freshly fallen twigs, needles, and leaves.



**Ecosystem** - An interacting system of interdependent organisms and the physical set of conditions upon which they are dependent and by which they are influenced.

**Ecosystem Stability** - The ability of the ecosystem to maintain or return to its steady state after an external interference.

**Ecotone** - The area influenced by the transition between plant communities or between successional stages or vegetative conditions within a plant community.

**Energy Release Component** - The Energy Release Component is defined as the potential available energy per square foot of flaming fire at the head of the fire and is expressed in units of BTUs per square foot.

**Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA)** - An indicator of watershed condition, which is calculated from the total amount of crown removal that has occurred from harvesting, road building, and other activities based on the current state of vegetative recovery.

**Exotic Plant Species** - Plant species that are introduced and not native to the area.

**Fire Adapted Ecosystem** - An arrangement of populations that have made long-term genetic changes in response to the presence of fire in the environment.

**Fire Behavior** - The manner in which a fire reacts to the influences of fuel, weather, and topography.

**Fire Behavior Forecast** - Fire behavior predictions prepared for each shift by a fire behavior analysis to meet planning needs of fire overhead organization. The forecast interprets fire calculations made, describes expected fire behavior by areas of the fire, with special emphasis on personnel safety, and identifies hazards due to fire for ground and aircraft activities.

**Fire Behavior Prediction Model** - A set of mathematical equations that can be used to predict certain aspects of fire behavior when provided with an assessment of fuel and environmental conditions.

**Fire Danger** - A general term used to express an assessment of fixed and variable factors such as fire risk, fuels, weather, and topography which influence whether fires will start, spread, and do damage; also the degree of control difficulty to be expected.

**Fire Ecology** - The scientific study of fire's effects on the environment, the interrelationships of plants, and the animals that live in such habitats.

**Fire Exclusion** - The disruption of a characteristic pattern of fire intensity and occurrence (primarily through fire suppression).

**Fire Intensity Level** - The rate of heat release (BTU/second) per unit of fire front. Four foot flame lengths or less are generally associated with low intensity burns and four to six foot flame lengths generally correspond to "moderate" intensity fire effects. High intensity flame lengths are usually greater than eight feet and pose multiple control problems.

**Fire Prone Landscapes** – The expression of an area's propensity to burn in a wildfire based on common denominators such as plant cover type, canopy closure, aspect, slope, road density, stream density, wind patterns, position on the hillside, and other factors.

**Fireline** - A loose term for any cleared strip used in control of a fire. That portion of a control line from which flammable materials have been removed by scraping or digging down to the mineral soil.

**Fire Management** - The integration of fire protection, prescribed fire and fire ecology into land use planning, administration, decision making, and other land management activities.

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** - A strategic plan that defines a program to manage wildland and prescribed fires and documents the fire management program in the



approved land use plan. This plan is supplemented by operational procedures such as preparedness, preplanned dispatch, burn plans, and prevention. The fire implementation schedule that documents the fire management program in the approved forest plan alternative.

**Fire Management Unit (FMU)** - Any land management area definable by objectives, topographic features, access, values-to-be-protected, political boundaries, fuel types, or major fire regimes, etc., that set it apart from management characteristics of an adjacent unit. FMU's are delineated in FMP's. These units may have dominant management objectives and preselected strategies assigned to accomplish these objectives.

**Fire Occurrence** - The number of wildland fires started in a given area over a given period of time. (Usually expressed as number per million acres.)

**Fire Prevention** - An active program in conjunction with other agencies to protect human life, prevent modification, of the ecosystem by human-caused wildfires, and prevent damage to cultural resources or physical facilities. Activities directed at reducing fire occurrence, including public education, law enforcement, personal contact, and reduction of fire risks and hazards.

**Fire Regime** - The fire pattern across the landscape, characterized by occurrence interval and relative intensity. Fire regimes result from a unique combination of climate and vegetation. Fire regimes exist on a continuum from short-interval, low-intensity (stand maintenance) fires to long-interval, high-intensity (stand replacement) fires.

**Fire Retardant** - Any substance that by chemical or physical action reduces flareability of combustibles.

**Fire Return Interval** - The number of years between two successive fires documented in a designated area.

**Fire Risk** - The potential that a wildfire will start and spread rapidly as determined by the presence and activities of causative agents.

**Fire Severity** - The effects of fire on resources displayed in terms of benefit or loss.

**Foothills Grassland** - Grass and forb co-dominated dry meadows and ridges. Principle habitat type series: bluebunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue.

**Fuel** - The materials which are burned in a fire; duff, litter, grass, dead branchwood, snags, logs, etc.

**Fuel Break** - A natural or manmade change in fuel characteristics which affects fire behavior so that fires burning into them can be more readily controlled.

**Fuel Loading** - Amount of dead fuel present on a particular site at a given time; the percentage of it available for combustion changes with the season.

**Fuel Model** - Characterization of the different types of wildland fuels (trees, brush, grass, etc.) and their arrangement, used to predict fire behavior.

**Fuel Type** - An identifiable association of fuel elements of distinctive species; form, size, arrangement, or other characteristics, that will cause a predictable rate of fire spread or difficulty of control, under specified weather conditions.

**Fuels Management** - Manipulation or reduction of fuels to meet protection and management objectives, while preserving and enhancing environmental quality.

**Gap Analysis Program (GAP)** - Regional assessments of the conservation status of native vertebrate species and natural land cover types and to facilitate the application of this information to land management activities. This is accomplished through the following five objectives:

1. Map the land cover of the United States

2. Map predicted distributions of vertebrate species for the U.S.
3. Document the representation of vertebrate species and land cover types in areas managed for the long-term maintenance of biodiversity
4. Provide this information to the public and those entities charged with land use research, policy, planning, and management
5. Build institutional cooperation in the application of this information to state and regional management activities

**Habitat** - A place that provides seasonal or year-round food, water, shelter, and other environmental conditions for an organism, community, or population of plants or animals.

**Heavy Fuels** - Fuels of a large diameter, such as snags, logs, and large limbwood, which ignite and are consumed more slowly than flash fuels.

**Hydrologic Unit Code** - A coding system developed by the U. S. Geological Service to identify geographic boundaries of watersheds of various sizes.

**Hydrophobic** - Resistance to wetting exhibited by some soils, also called water repellency. The phenomena may occur naturally or may be fire-induced. It may be determined by water drop penetration time, equilibrium liquid-contact angles, solid-air surface tension indices, or the characterization of dynamic wetting angles during infiltration.

**Human-Caused Fires** - Refers to fires ignited accidentally (from campfires or smoking) and by arsonists; does not include fires ignited intentionally by fire management personnel to fulfill approved, documented management objectives (prescribed fires).

**Intensity** - The rate of heat energy released during combustion per unit length of fire edge.

**Inversion** - Atmospheric condition in which temperature increases with altitude.

**Ladder Fuels** - Fuels which provide vertical continuity between strata, thereby allowing fire to carry from surface fuels into the crowns of trees or shrubs with relative ease. They help initiate and assure the continuation of crowning.

**Landsat Imagery** - Land remote sensing, the collection of data which can be processed into imagery of surface features of the Earth from an unclassified satellite or satellites.

**Landscape** - All the natural features such as grasslands, hills, forest, and water, which distinguish one part of the earth's surface from another part; usually that portion of land which the eye can comprehend in a single view, including all its natural characteristics.

**Lethal** - Relating to or causing death; extremely harmful.

**Lethal Fires** - A descriptor of fire response and effect in forested ecosystems of high-severity or severe fire that burns through the overstory and understory. These fires typically consume large woody surface fuels and may consume the entire duff layer, essentially destroying the stand.

**Litter** - The top layer of the forest floor composed of loose debris, including dead sticks, branches, twigs, and recently fallen leaves or needles, little altered in structure by decomposition.

**Maximum Manageable Area** - The boundary beyond which fire spread is completely unacceptable.

**Metavolcanic** - Volcanic rock that has undergone changes due to pressure and temperature.

**Minimum Impact Suppression Tactic (MIST)** - "Light on the Land." Use of minimum amount of forces necessary to effectively achieve the fire management protection objectives consistent with land and resource management objectives. It implies a greater sensitivity to the impacts of

suppression tactics and their long-term effects when determining how to implement an appropriate suppression response.

**Mitigation** - Actions to avoid, minimize, reduce, eliminate, replace, or rectify the impact of a management practice.

**Monitoring Team** - Two or more individuals sent to a fire to observe, measure, and report its behavior, its effect on resources, and its adherence to or deviation from its prescription.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** - This act declared a national policy to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and their environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and will stimulate the health and welfare of humankind; to enrich the understanding of important ecological systems and natural resources; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality.

**National Fire Management Analysis System (NFMAS)** - The fire management analysis process, which provides input to forest planning and forest and regional fire program development and budgeting.

**Native** - Indigenous; living naturally within a given area.

**Natural Ignition** - A wildland fire ignited by a natural event such as lightning or volcanoes.

**Noncommercial Thinning** - Thinning by fire or mechanical methods of precommercial or commercial size timber, without recovering value, to meet MFP standards relating to the protection/enhancement of adjacent forest or other resource values.

**Notice of Availability** - A notice of Availability published in the Federal Register stating that an EIS has been prepared and is available for review and comment (for draft) and identifying where copies are available.

**Notice of Intent** - A notice of Intent published in the Federal Register stating that an EIS will be prepared and considered. This notice will describe the proposed action and possible alternatives, the proposed scoping process, and the name and address of whom to contact concerning questions about the proposed action and EIS.

**Noxious Weeds** - Rapidly spreading plants that have been designated “noxious” by law which can cause a variety of major ecological impacts to both agricultural and wild lands.

**Planned Ignition** - A wildland fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives.

**Prescribed Fire** - Any fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives. A written, approved prescribed fire plan must exist, and NEPA requirements must be met, prior to ignition.

**Prescription** - A set of measurable criteria that guides the selection of appropriate management strategies and actions. Prescription criteria may include safety, economic, public health, environmental, geographic, administrative, social, or legal considerations.

**Programmatic Biological Assessment** - Assesses the effects of the fire management programs on federally listed species, not the individual projects that are implemented under these programs. A determination of effect on listed species is made for the programs, which is a valid assessment of the potential effects of the projects completed under these programs, if the projects are consistent with the design criteria and monitoring and reporting requirement contained in the project description and summaries.

**Reburn** - Subsequent burning of an area in which fire has previously burned but has left flammable light that ignites when burning conditions are more favorable.

**Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCA)** - Portions of watersheds where riparian-dependent resources receive primary emphasis, and management activities are subject to specific standards and guidelines. RHCA's include traditional riparian corridors, wetlands,

intermittent headwater streams, and other areas where proper ecological functioning is crucial to maintenance of the stream's water, sediment, woody debris, and nutrient delivery systems.

**Riparian Management Objectives (RMO)** - Quantifiable measures of stream and streamside conditions that define good fish habitat and serve as indicators against which attainment or progress toward attainment of goals will be measured.

**Road Density** - The volume of roads in a given area (mile/square mile).

**Scoping** - Identifying at an early stage the significant environmental issues deserving of study and de-emphasizing insignificant issues, narrowing the scope of the environmental analysis accordingly.

**Seral** - Refers to the stages that plant communities go through during succession. Developmental stages have characteristic structure and plant species composition.

**Serotinous** - Storage of coniferous seeds in closed cones in the canopy of the tree. Serotinous cones of lodgepole pine do not open until subjected to temperatures of 113 to 122 degrees Fahrenheit causing the melting of the resin bond that seals the cone scales.

**Stand Replacing Fire** - A fire that kills most or all of a stand.

**Sub-basin** - A drainage area of approximately 800,000 to 1,000,000 acres, equivalent to a 4th - field Hydrologic Unit Code.

**Surface Fire** - Fire which moves through duff, litter, woody dead and down, and standing shrubs, as opposed to a crown fire.

**Watershed** - The region draining into a river, river system, or body of water.

**Wetline** - Denotes a condition where the fireline has been established by wetting down the vegetation.

**Wildland Fire** - Any nonstructure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.

**Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP)** - A progressively developed assessment and operational management plan that documents the analysis and selection of strategies and describes the appropriate management response for a wildland fire being managed for resource benefits. A full WFIP consists of three stages. Different levels of completion may occur for differing management strategies (i.e., fires managed for resource benefits will have two-three stages of the WFIP completed while some fires that receive a suppression response may only have a portion of Stage I completed).

**Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSa)** - A decision making process that evaluates alternative management strategies against selected safety, environmental, social, economic, political, and resource management objectives.

**Wildland Fire Use** - The management of naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific pre-stated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas outlined in FMP's. Operational management is described in the WFIP. Wildland fire use is not to be confused with "fire use", which is a broader term encompassing more than just wildland fires.

**Wildland Fire Use for Resource Benefit (WFURB)** - A wildland fire ignited by a natural process (lightning), under specific conditions, relating to an acceptable range of fire behavior and managed to achieve specific resource objectives.

**Xeriscape** - a trademark for a method of landscaping that emphasizes water conservation in its use of drought-resistant plants

## **6.6 List of Acronyms**

**ACEC:** Area of Critical Environmental Concern  
**AIRFA:** American Indian Religious Freedom Act  
**ARPA:** Archaeological Resources Protection Act  
**ATV:** All Terrain Vehicle  
**B/C:** Benefit/Cost  
**BIA:** Bureau of Indian Affairs  
**BLM:** Bureau of Land Management  
**BUFSA:** Billings Urban Fire Service Area  
**CFS:** Current Fire Severity  
**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program  
**CWPP:** Community Wildfire Protection Plan  
**DES:** Disaster and Emergency Services  
**DNRC:** Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
**ECA:** Equivalent Clearcut Area  
**EDA:** Economic Development Authority  
**EMS:** Emergency Medical Services  
**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency  
**ETM:** Enhanced Thematic Mapper  
**FAMB:** Fire and Aviation Management Bureau  
**FD:** Fire District  
**FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**FMU:** Fire Management Unit  
**FPL:** Fire Prone Landscapes  
**FRCC:** Fire Regime Condition Class  
**FSA:** Fire Service Area  
**FWS:** Fish and Wildlife Service  
**GAP:** Gap Analysis Program  
**GIS:** Geographic Information System  
**GPS:** Global Positioning System  
**HFR:** Historic Fire Regime  
**HFRA:** Healthy Forests Restoration Act  
**HMGP:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
**ID:** Idaho  
**LUFSA:** Laurel Urban Fire Service Area  
**MIST:** Minimum Impact Suppression Tactic  
**MOU:** Memorandum of Understanding  
**MPO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization

**MT:** Montana  
**NAAQS:** National Ambient Air Quality Standards  
**NAGPRA:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act  
**NASF:** National Association of State Foresters  
**NEPA:** National Environmental Policy Act  
**NFMAS:** National Fire Management Analysis System  
**NFP:** National Fire Plan  
**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association  
**NHPA:** National Environmental Policy Act  
**NIFC:** National Interagency Fire Center  
**NMI:** Northwest Management, Inc.  
**NPS:** National Park Service  
**NRCG:** Northern Rockies Coordinating Group  
**NRCS:** Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**NWCG:** National Wildfire Coordinating Group  
**OAQPS:** Organization for Air Quality Protection Standards  
**PDM:** Pre Disaster Mitigation  
**RC&D:** Resource Conservation and Development  
**RHCA:** Riparian Habitat Conservation Area  
**RFA:** Rural Fire Assistance  
**RFD:** Rural Fire District  
**RMO:** Riparian Management Objective  
**SFB:** Service Forestry Bureau  
**SHMO:** State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
**SRMA:** Special Recreation Management Area  
**TCP:** Traditional Cultural Property  
**USA:** United States of America  
**USDA:** United States Department of Agriculture  
**USDI:** United States Department of Interior  
**USFS:** United States Forest Service  
**VFA:** Volunteer Fire Assistance  
**VFD:** Volunteer Fire Department  
**WFIP:** Wildland Fire Implementation Plan  
**WFSA:** Wildland Fire Situation Analysis  
**WUFRB:** Wildfire Use for Resource Benefit  
**WUI:** Wildland Urban Interface

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