



Public Open House – Blaine County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Chinook Fire Hall
1201 Illinois St, Chinook, MT 59523
6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Turner Legion Hall
140 Main St, Turner, MT 59542
5:15-6:15 pm

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Harlem Fire Hall
112 1st St SW, Harlem, MT 59526
7:15-8:15 pm

Please join us for an open house informational session regarding the development of Blaine County's **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**. Blaine County has experienced the devastating effects of uncontrolled wildfire in recent years. The frequency and intensity of these fires are anticipated to increase in the future, emphasizing the importance of proactive community preparedness.

The CWPP is a planning document that helps communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire while qualifying for **millions of dollars in federal funding** for wildfire protection and response. To qualify for funding, our CWPP must be collaboratively developed, prioritize fuel reduction, and include recommendations for reducing structural ignitability. Additionally, successful CWPPs typically include the following elements:

- Mapping of structures, infrastructure, high-value resources and assets, and important access/evacuation routes.
- Identification of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Wildfire Hazard Risk Assessment
- Action items for resource managers, homeowners, and landowners

Blaine County has assembled a **CWPP Core Team** consisting of representatives from Blaine County, local governments, local fire departments, federal land and natural resource management agencies, and community stakeholder groups. This Core Team will be responsible for developing the CWPP and engaging the public to ensure this document serves the needs of the community.

Get Involved

Visit the Story Map website linked [here](#) or access by the QR Code for the latest updates on the Blaine County CWPP:



The Draft CWPP will be made publicly available during a **30-day comment period** in September 2025. During this time, the CWPP Core Team will host a virtual public meeting to present the Draft CWPP, answer questions, and solicit feedback on how to improve the document to serve the needs of our communities.

