



2019 Network Update: Uniting Nevada's Communities and Agencies to Prepare for the Threat of Wildfire

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Talking Points

- ▶ Network Background
- ▶ Overview of the Network Year
- ▶ Recent Chapter Activities
- ▶ Strategic Plan and Long Term Goals



Establishment of Network and transition to NDF

- ▶ Collapsed due to financial mismanagement of federal grant dollars in 2012
- ▶ Key stakeholders realized continued need of FSC services and network.
- ▶ UNCE's Living with Fire program established the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities in 2014
- ▶ Focused on community technical education and outreach
- ▶ Adoption by NDF in 2017/18



Network Mission

- ▶ “Foster the wide spread occurrence of Fire Adapted Communities where Nevadans living with the threat of wildfire fully prepare themselves, their homes, and the landscape where they reside to survive the destructive force of wildfire.
- ▶ People, Homes, Landscapes
- ▶ Community Focused



Community Protection

Well-designed fuelbreaks and safe areas protect the community.

Defensible Space

Proper management of vegetation surrounding the home reduces the wildfire threat.



Access

Good access helps emergency responders arrive in a timely manner.

Evacuation

Prepared communities can evacuate safely and effectively.

Built Environment

Appropriate home construction and maintenance resists ignition.

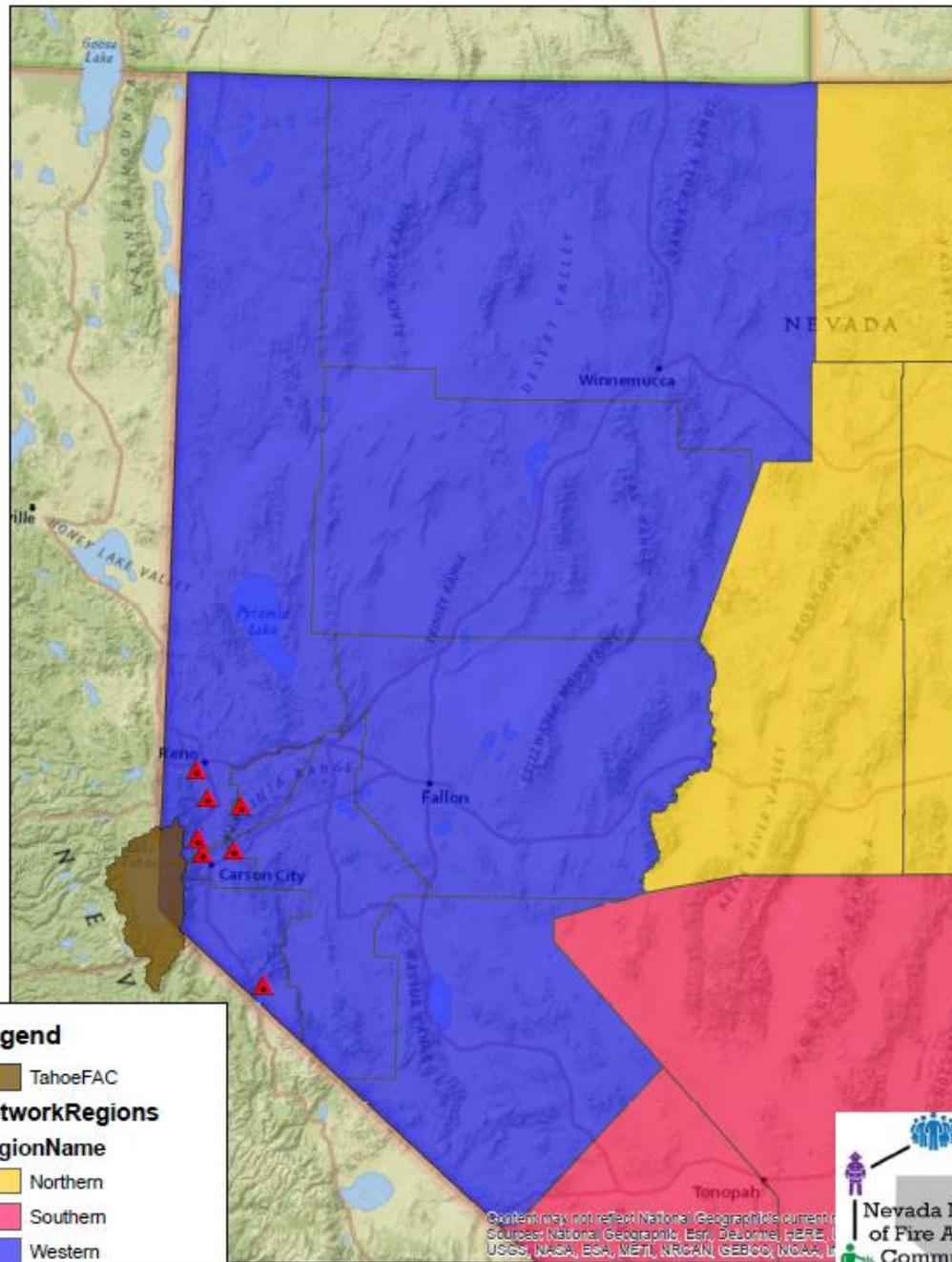


Overview of the 2018 Network Year

- ▶ Provided Network Outreach to all 17 counties
- ▶ 6 New Community Chapters
- ▶ Developed an online Nevada statewide CWPP database
- ▶ Created a New Chapter Leader Handbook and draft Network Strategic Plan
- ▶ Fuel Reduction Planning and implementation
- ▶ Coordination and planning with the Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities
- ▶ National Representation of the Network



Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities Western Region



Legend

TahoeFAC

NetworkRegions

RegionName

Northern

Southern

Western

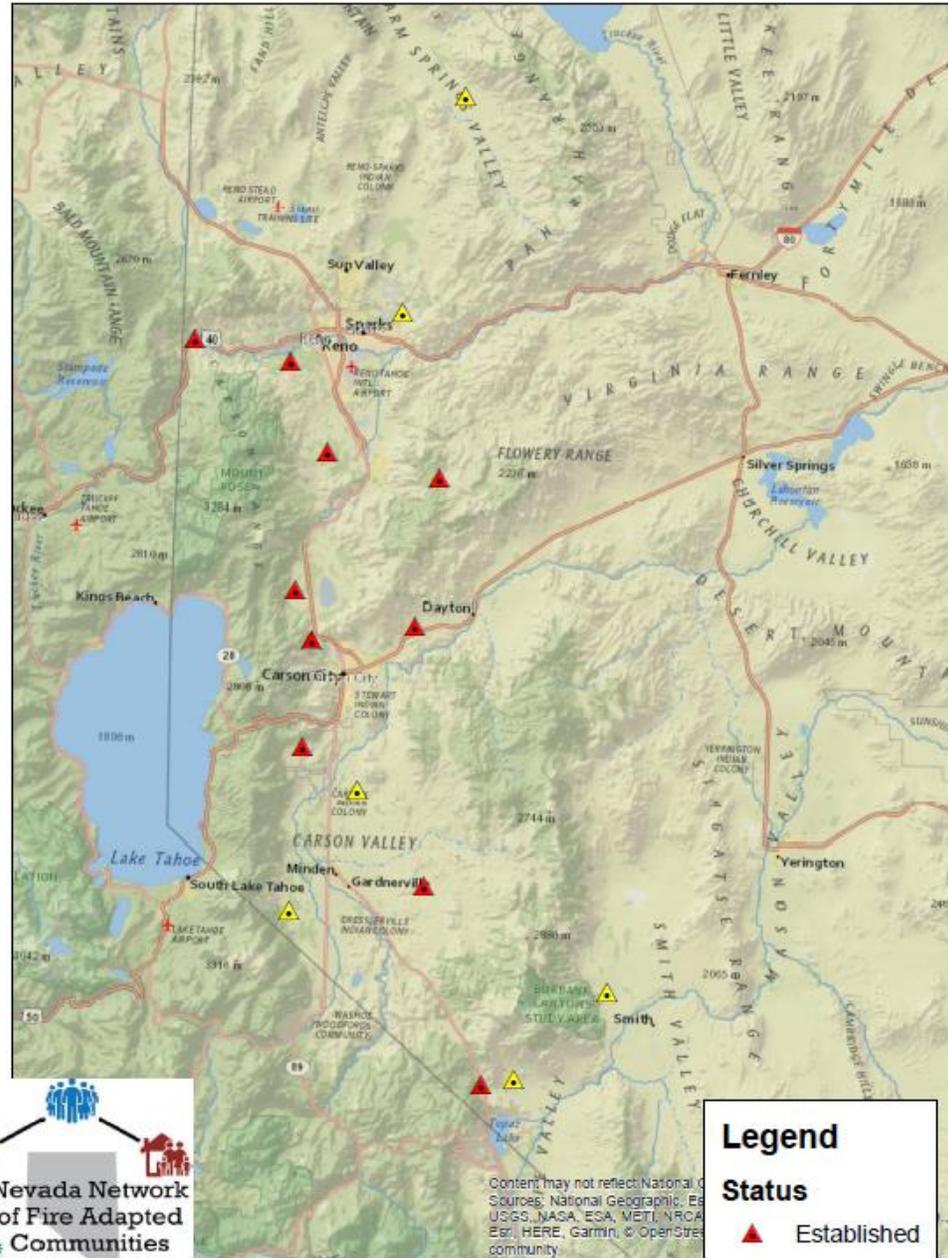
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Nevada Network
of Fire Adapted
Communities

Network Western Region Chapters April 2019



Community Wildfire Protection Plan Assistance and Database

- ▶ Assisting East Fork Fire Protection District with update
- ▶ Grant Proposals submitted for CWPP updates in Lyon and Washoe Counties
- ▶ CWPP public database can be accessed at:
<http://forestry.nv.gov/fire-adapted-communities/community-wildfire-protection-plans-cwpp/>

Nevada Network CWPP Database



Douglas County

[2005-CHA](#)

[WRFA-2008](#)

Community Name	CWPP Completion Date	Community Hazard Assessment Completion Date	Ignition Rating Risk	Community Hazard Rating
Alpine View	None	2005-RCI	High	Moderate
Bodie Flats	None	2005-RCI	High	Extreme
China Springs	None	2005-RCI	High	High
Dresslerville	None	2005-RCI	Low	Moderate
East Valley	None	2005-RCI	Moderate	Low
Fish Springs	None	2005-RCI	High	High
Gardnerville	None	2005-RCI	Low	Low
Gardnerville Ranchos	None	2005-RCI	High	Low
Genoa	None	2005-RCI	High	High

New Chapter Leader Handbook

- ▶ Network handbook to help leaders and partners:
- ▶ Recruit New Members and Chapters
- ▶ Understand the Network
- ▶ Organize your Annual Fire Adapted Community Day
- ▶ Available online at:
<http://forestry.nv.gov/fire-adapted-communities/join-the-network/>

CHAPTER LEADER HANDBOOK

2019



Version 2.0- 01/15/2019

Wildfire Fuel Reduction Planning and Implementation

- ▶ Fuel Reduction Proposals for:
 - ▶ Belserra- Reno
 - ▶ Spring Creek HOA- Elko
 - ▶ West Elko
 - ▶ Southern Douglas County
- ▶ 6 Western State Fire Manager Grants Funded pending USFS approval (0 Last FY)
- ▶ Washoe County Junk the Junipers

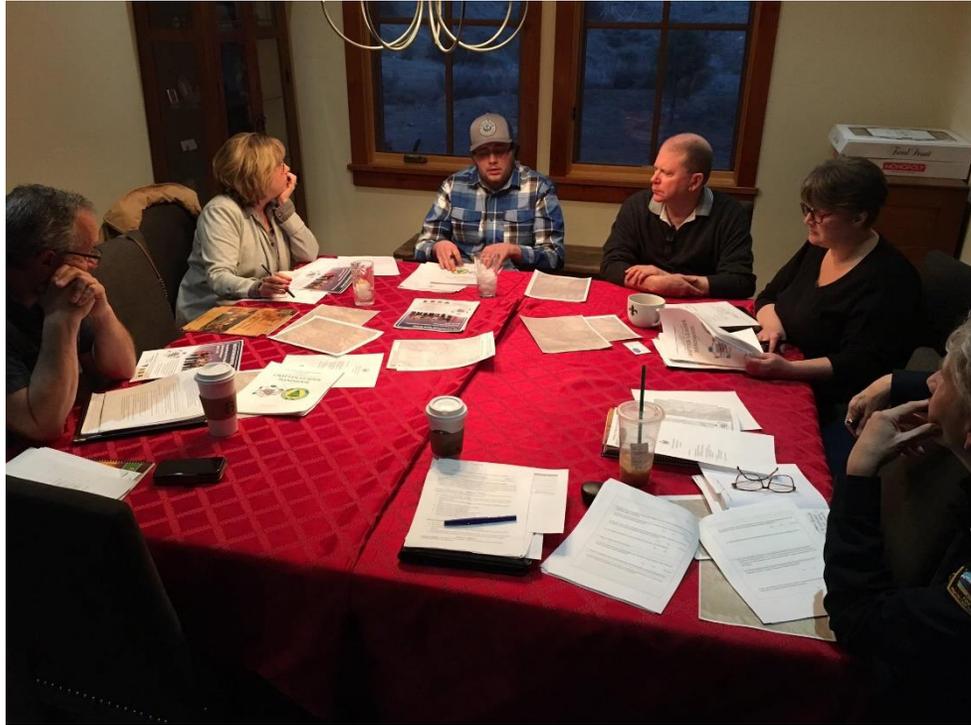


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Recent Network Chapter Accomplishments

- ▶ Homeowner Preparedness seminars in Washoe, Douglas, Lyon, and Carson City Counties
- ▶ Connecting chapters with local fire protection districts and leaders in the wildfire mitigation field
- ▶ New Grant Proposals for Western State Fire Managers, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program, and FireWise Community Day.
- ▶ Network Community Chapter FAC Annual Event





▶ Verdi-Mogul Chapter Planning



▶ Junk the Junipers Fuel Disposal Day-2018



- ▶ Wildfire Prevention Team- BLM and USFS



- ▶ Pine Nut/Blue Bird Annual Chapter Event

2019 Network Goals

- ▶ Publish an online-based individual and community chapter form.
- ▶ Provide more Network coverage to Southern and Eastern Nevada
- ▶ Link our Defensible Space Inspection forms with NDF geo-spatial data.
- ▶ Finalize the Network Strategic Plan
- ▶ Secure more grant funding to facilitate more CWPP updates and wildfire mitigation projects



Network Long Term Goals

- ▶ Secure additional funding for and hire Regional Community Coordinators
- ▶ Provide Contractor and CWPP planning Webinars and training sessions
- ▶ Seek Legislative support to sustain the Network
- ▶ Foster partnerships with Nevada's Insurance companies and right of way managers to address wildfire threat
- ▶ Encourage the adoption of local government codes and ordinances for planning/zoning, defensible space, and construction consistent with FAC guidance.



Questions?

