



Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management

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Maricopa County Seeking Input on Wildfire Plan Regional protection plan looks to minimize fire risk

Maricopa County –The threat of catastrophic wild land fire is ever present in Maricopa County. Working with municipalities, fire departments and other agencies, the Maricopa County department of emergency management has formulated a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is seeking public comment on the final draft.

“We want residents to understand the risks involved with wild land fires and the mitigation planning designed to minimize those risks,” said Pete Weaver, Maricopa County emergency management director. “Public input is critical to making sure the plan fits each of our communities, as well as the county at large.”

The plan offers information on potential at-risk communities and areas, along with ways to help better protect property before fires occur. “We have worked with a team of natural resource and wildfire specialist from multiple agencies including local fire chiefs, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to make this plan a document that can be used by everyone from the small homeowner to a large business,” Weaver said.

The public is encouraged to download and review the plan at the following website www.maricopa.gov/emerg_mgt. Questions or comments are due by March 31 and should be directed to CristinaHerrera@mail.maricopa.gov or at 602-273-1411.

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The Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management coordinates response and recovery activities through implementation of emergency response plans during and after emergencies. Implementation requires the support and assistance of many other county departments, local jurisdictions, the private sector and volunteer agencies.

Maricopa County has a population of approximately 3.9 million. It is the 4th most populous county in the US and 14th largest in land area.