**Western Governor’s Association 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Goals**

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<td><strong>Average Income</strong> – $35,446</td>
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<td><strong>Average home value</strong> – $162,700</td>
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<td>-6% seasonal homes</td>
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**Improve Fire Protection and Suppression**

- Interagency Fire and Emergency Management Group (IFMEG) coordinates all fire chiefs and emergency management teams
- Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC) uses town meetings to educate homeowners
- Defensible space signs posted throughout community due to efforts from State Farm, city and county
- PAWUIC sponsored Regional Alert Information web site
- City passed new fire codes in 2002
- City passed new building ordinance in 2002
- City hired 4-person Wildland Division and 12-person brush crew
- City developed Vegetation Management Plan
- State Farm Insurance works with city to identify most at risk homes and makes recommendations to homeowners

- Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council (PFAC) coordinates wildfire response throughout greater Flagstaff area and meets monthly to discuss and act on wildfire issues
- City launched the "Be Prepared" program in 1999
- City started a FIREWISE program to recognize neighborhoods doing significant work
- City educates homeowners through group presentations, door-to-door contact, informational website and educational CD
- City includes FIREWISE construction elements into development process
- City developed Greater Flagstaff Wildfire Community Plan
- City hired Fuel Management Officer in 1997; hired FMO assistant in 2003

- Northeastern Arizona Fire Chiefs meet monthly to discuss fire suppression and fuel reduction issues, and mutual aid Town purchased two new fire engines in 2003
- Town working on Urban Interface Plan
- Town’s fire prevention week targets schools with National Fire Safety materials
- USFS schedules Annual Coordination meeting to review processes and procedures during a wildfire emergency

- Northeastern Arizona Fire Chiefs meet monthly to discuss fire suppression and fuel reduction issues, and mutual aid
- Town part of joint Community Wildfire Protection Plan for three county area
- Fire District promotes FIREWISE programs in schools and starting a National Safety Council fire prevention program

**Reduce Hazardous Fuels**

- City and County coordinated response for fuel reduction on private property
- City and County utilized FEMA grants to purchase three chippers to facilitate slash disposal program
- County sent out mailings, sponsored community meetings and visited neighborhoods to promote fuel reduction program
- County reduced fees for disposal of slash from defensible space projects
- City and County created Hazardous Tree Removal Program, saving homeowners hundreds of dollars
- USFS planning Boundary Project to create a buffer on southwest side of city

- City’s Fuel Management Department engaged in an active fuel reduction and education program since 1996
- City started first demonstration plot in 1996
- City initiated intern program through NAU to assist with fuel reduction
- City creates stewardship plans for defensible space at no cost to the homeowner
- City targeted most at risk neighborhoods s/w of city
- City, State and USFS successfully use prescribed fire to reduce fuels
- City, State and USFS coordinate efforts for fuel reduction projects
- State prioritizes fuel reduction projects close to city

- Town will prescribe burn private land at no cost to the property owner using state cost-share program
- Town sponsors cleanup period to remove slash from private property
- USFS’s White Mountain Stewardship Project will treat about 150,000 acres over a ten-year period

- Town provides slash disposal free to residents
- USFS planning Rodeo-Cheddeski long term rehabilitation and fuels program
- Homeowners Associations require and enforce thinning on lots

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| **Restore Community Ecosystems** | « Indian Fire Restoration Project would restore 1,600 acres, but has been appealed by Prescott National Forest Friends.  
« Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP) coordinates restoration efforts on 100,000 acres of WUI around Flagstaff  
« USFS using stewardship contracting for restoration project for 100,000 acre project, working with GFFP  
« GFFP educates public on restoration projects through web site, field tours, neighborhood outreach, TNC joint fire science program and monthly Community Forest Forum  
« Blue Ridge Demonstration Project seeks to illustrate different restoration techniques; 730 acres have been treated using different restoration prescriptions by the USFS and NAU | | | |
| **Promote Community Assistance** | « City and County engaged in assertive implementation of state cost share program  
« City and County developed a program to fund defensible space on private property at no cost to the homeowner  
« Timberridge, a FIREWISE community, has 80-85% resident compliance with FIREWISE standards  
« Kuhles Services developed market for SDT brought to his facility  
« Kuhles Services intends to develop an environmental industrial park solely based on wood products  
« Arizona Power Service encourages electricity from renewable resources through the Environmental Portfolio Standard  
« AZ Sustainable Forest Partnership organizes local SDT utilizers and producers  
« USFS, and Town uses NFP community assistance grants to establish new SDT businesses  
« Western Renewable Energy, the first 3MW biomass power generating plant in state, utilizes 100 tons of woody material a day  
« Western Renewable Energy intends to create a industrial complex around forest by-products industry  
« Small diameter timber (SDT) goes to a diverse set of utilizers including; wood pellets, laminate wood logs, decorative vigas and posts  
« Since 2003, Fire District engaged in assertive implementation of state cost share program | | | |

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