

Colorado Wildfire Update

Wildfire Matters Review Committee Hardening of Communities

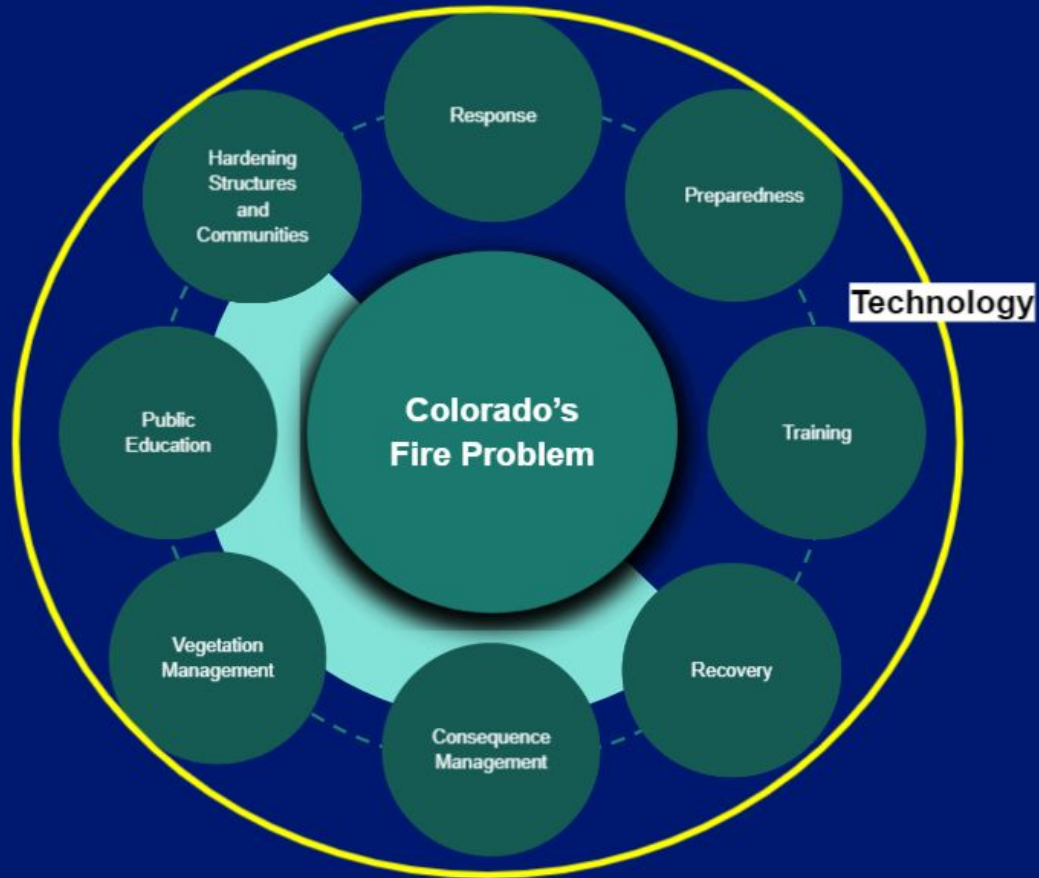
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What is success?



A New Approach to the Fire Problem



DFPC “Lanes”

- Wildfire is a public safety problem
- Solutions are complex
- Wildland Fire Management: response/suppression, preparedness, management, wildfire training, technical support, prescribed fire
- Center of Excellence: Technology
- Professional Qualifications and Training: Firefighter training, education, training, and certification
- Fire and Life Safety: Building and fire codes in school and health care facilities, gaming facilities, waste tires, fire-safe cigarettes, “State Fire Marshal's Office”

Fire and Life Safety Section (FLSS)

- School and health care facilities
- Statewide codes, including WUI for schools and health care facilities
- Fire code officials, building code officials, architects, etc, for adopted codes
- “Minimum / Maximum” concepts
- “State Fire Marshal’s Office” for building and fire codes
- Central location for State Government services

Fire Commission and Governors Letter

- Land use
- Development
- Building Resiliency
- Historical attempts
- Shared goals



Community Risk Reduction



DHSEM HAZARD MITIGATION

- Enhanced State Status and COVID Incident Hazard Mitigation \$70,395,919 (previous largest ceiling is 2013 flood award \$75M)
- ***BRIC -- Results Were Disappointing, only \$686,992, no Competitive Projects Awarded to Colorado (\$70M)***
 - ***Lack of minimum state building and fire codes hurt (20 points lost)***
 - ***Lack of local code enforcement effectiveness (20 points)***
- Flood Mitigation Assistance \$84,000
- Pre-disaster Mitigation \$199,999.50
- Fire HMGP

HMGP Fires	Amount
East Troublesome & Cameron Peak Major	\$5,728,288
Beulah Hill	\$2,125,040
Grizzly Creek	\$1,889,043
East Troublesome FMAG	\$1,557,556

Status

The solution is not defined, the path forward is intentional



Questions?

Wildfire in Colorado has grown beyond a natural resource problem and has become a ***PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEM*** impacting lives, homes, watersheds, tourism, economy, and quality of life.

