

All Lands/All Hands

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In the midst of a regional spruce bark-beetle epidemic that caused greater than 90% mortality in spruce stands.....

Increased development in rural areas (WUI) adjacent to and within beetle-killed forest and other highly flammable vegetation



89% of KPB private property valuation located in communities with either an **EXTREME** or **HIGH** Wildfire Risk Rating

The Kenai Forest, Wildfire, & Fuels Management Coordinating Committee was formed in 2003



Collaborative multi-year action plan that identifies and prioritizes on-the-ground activities intended to reduce wildland fire risks to communities and the environment (National Fire Plan strategy)

It Takes “All Lands/All Hands” to Reduce Wildland Fire Risk on Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula

“All Lands All Hands” Committee

USFWS, Kenai Wildlife Refuge
Chugach National Forest
State of AK, Division of Forestry
Kenai Peninsula Borough
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Bureau of Indian Affairs
USFS, State & Private Forestry
Alaska State Parks, Kenai Area
AK Mental Health Trust
NPS, Kenai Fiords National Park
BLM, Anchorage Field Office
More recently; ADF&G, CIRI, NRCS

*Working document updated every 5 yrs
to respond to changes in priorities,
funding and staffing.*



Goals + Actions

Improve Fire Prevention and Protection reduce risk to life + property through interagency prevention education and home/property preparedness outreach activities



Reduce Hazardous Fuels collaboratively plan, prioritize, and implement treatments where the negative impacts of unwanted wildfires are greatest

Restore Forest Health and Desired Ecosystems

facilitate adaptive management to restore/maintain ecosystems that are healthy, diverse, and resilient to uncharacteristically severe fires



Promote Community Assistance stimulate local capacity to reduce losses from fire and seek economic opportunities resulting from treatments and services (biomass utilization)

Opportunities and Barriers

- ✓ **Meet bi-annually for technology transfer, provide agency reports (accomplishments, plans), identify needs, form working groups**
- ✓ **Cloud-based sharing of documents does not work with mix of federal and non-federal partners**
- ✓ **Treatments span multiple ownerships with varying land management objectives; need liaisons from each stakeholder**
- ✓ **“Not in my backyard” landowners need incentives**
- ✓ **No direct mechanism for putting the information into the hands of those who need it (KP landowners)**

Information Needs

- ✓ **Improve quality of geospatial info including values at risk, veg changes, sensitive areas**
- ✓ **Be involved in the planning stage of new developments**
- ✓ **Potential commercial uses for fuel reduction materials, such as small diameter wood products and bio-energy projects**
- ✓ **Way to monitor ecosystem response to fire/fuels treatments**
- ✓ **Develop/maintain internet based info on hazard fuel mitigation**

Contact Information

Most current version of the All Lands/All Hands Action Plan posted on the KPB website:

www.borough.kenai.ak.us/SBB/all-lands/

CWPPs posted at:

<http://www.kpb.us/emergency-mgmt/plans/cwpp>

Refuge Notebook Article Sterling CWPP project

<http://peninsulaclarion.com/outdoors/2017-01-26/refuge-notebook-sterling-gets-break-wildfire-risk>