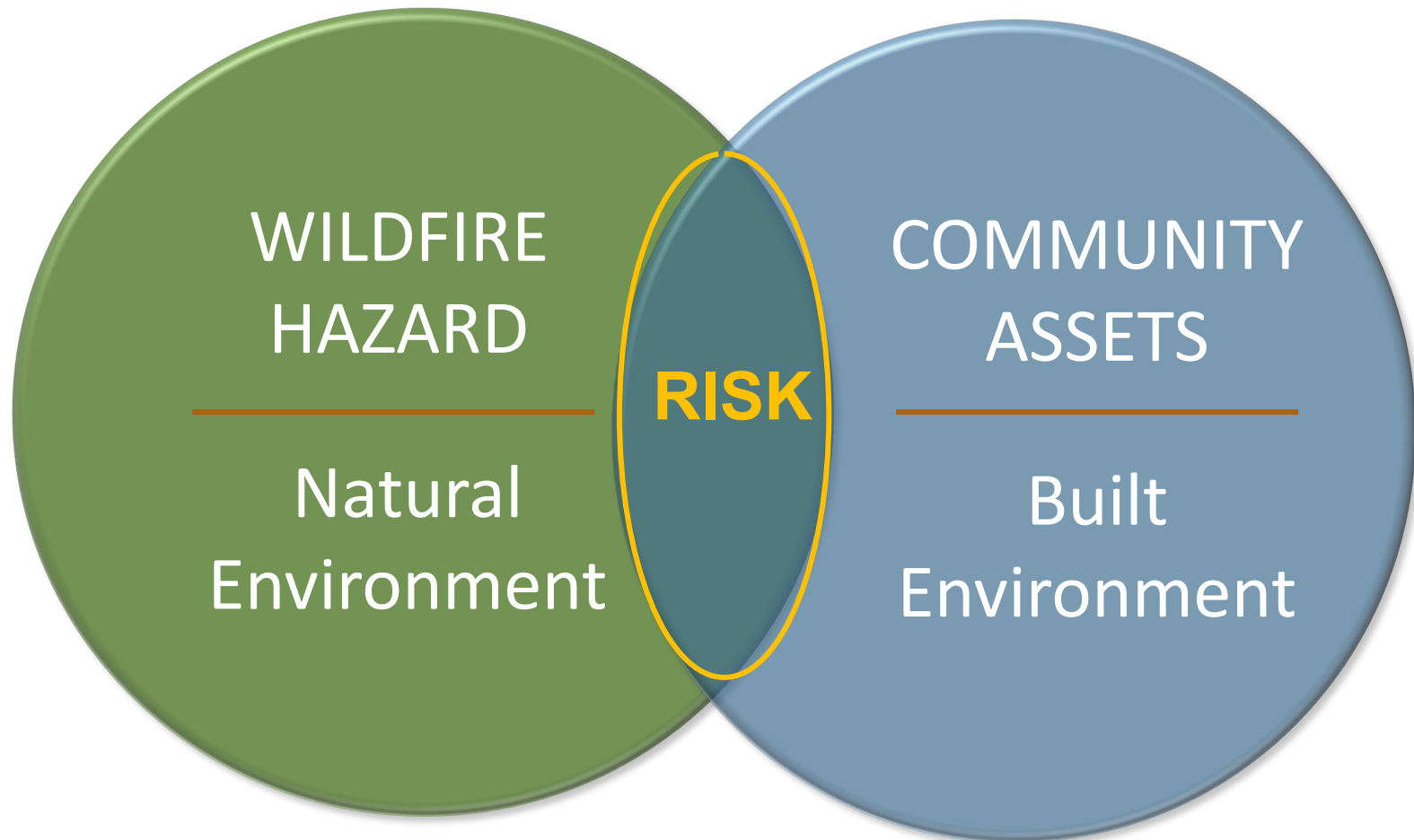


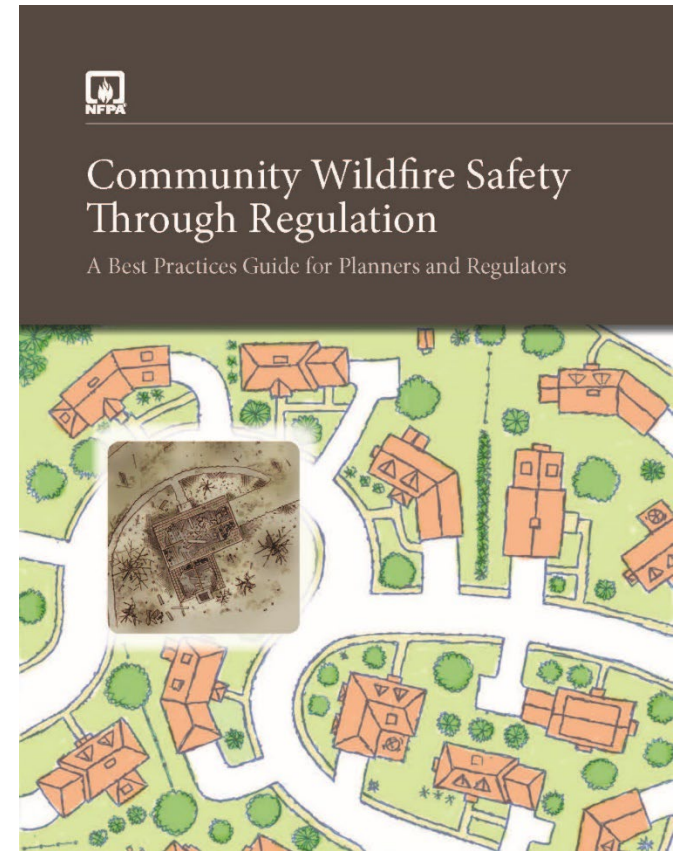
Wildfire Disasters



Modified from USGS and Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience models.

Planning and Policy Tools

- Community Long-Range Plans
- Land Use & Development Standards
 - Zoning
 - Subdivision
 - Site Development
- Development Review Process
- Building Codes



Community Acceptability Scale

Wildfire Mitigation Standards



What?	Defensible space		Fire-resistant building materials
When?	New development	Substantial redevelopment	Existing development
Where?	High hazard areas		Community-wide

Current Policies

- Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan, 2004
- Steamboat Springs Community Development Code, 2018 Update
- Fish Creek Critical Community Wildfire Watershed Protection Plan, 2019



Opportunities

- Use CWPP process & recommendations
- Strengthen subdivision & annexation standards
- Decide community-wide or hazard overlay zone
- Start with most effective: defensible space & fire-resistant roofs
- Adopt use standards: high risk, critical facilities, vulnerable populations
- Offer rebates



INTRODUCTION



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ROUTT COUNTY PLANNING



BUILT

- Development Review
 - Commercial
 - Residential
- Preservation of Historic and cultural resources Buildings
- Waterbody Setbacks



= TOOLS USED TO BALANCE =

- Master Plan
- Sub Area Plans
 - SSACP, Sarvis Creek, Stagecoach and Upper Elk River Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- RCZR



NATURAL

- Protection of Our Open Spaces
- Preserve Our Ranch and Agricultural Lands
- Safeguard Our Natural Resources

OVERVIEW CURRENT PLANS

THE MASTER PLAN IS USED BY ROUTT COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES TO GUIDE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

- ✓ Recommendations for unincorporated areas
- ✓ Guidance to Municipalities

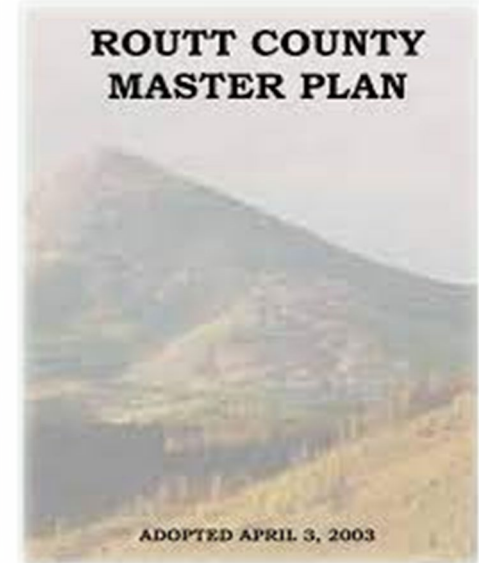
✓ 8.17 WILDFIRE HAZARDS

- ✓ Lowering the wildfire risk for the area
- ✓ Emergency vehicle access

RCZR Section 6, Mitigation Techniques and Standards

6.5.8 Wildfire Hazard Areas

- ✓ Avoid development in areas with great distance to fire fighting apparatus
- ✓ Comply with the requirements and guidelines of the Colorado State Forest Service and the U.S. Forest Service



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD (CHALLENGES)

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- What people are concerned about:
- Wildfire risk
- Water and Resources
- Sprawl
- Overuse of Recreational Areas
- Traffic
- Housing



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES (OPPORTUNITIES)

- Incorporate stronger wildfire mitigation guidance for new development through fire wise design standards
- Improve partnerships with land managers (USFS, BLM, CPW, State)
- Maintain Growth and Development within Designated Growth Centers
- Support and Integrate the goals of the
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Hazard Mitigation
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - Integrated Water Management Plan
 - Public Health Plan

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