

# **Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan**For the Wildland – Urban Interface

**North View Fire District** 



July 1, 2025

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#### **Declaration and Concurrence Page**

This list needs to be customized to the individual plan. Provide the names and affiliations of all cooperators. Minimum allowable signatories include **one** each from **a state entity**, a **local fire department**.

and a **local government representative**. Additional signatories are highly recommended to exhibit diverse collaboration. This page will then be signed by FFSL authorities after all cooperators have reviewed the plan <u>and concur with its contents</u>. If needed, an additional blank signature page is provided at the end of this template and should be included here.

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Approved as to form. Tony Clinger, Assistant Attorney General. August 2023.

#### INTRODUCTION

Over 600 of Utah's communities have been classified as "at risk" of wildfire. The safety of the citizens of any community and the protection of private property and community infrastructure is a shared responsibility between the citizens; the owner, developer, or association; and the local, county, state and federal governments. The primary responsibility, however, remains with the local government and the citizen/property owner.

#### The purpose of wildfire protection planning is to...

- Motivate and empower local government, communities, and property owners to organize, plan, and take action on issues impacting the safety and resilience of values at risk.
- Enhance levels of fire and smoke resilience and protection to the communities and infrastructure
- Identify the threat of wildland fires in the area.

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- Identify strategies to reduce the risks to structures, infrastructure, and commerce in the community during a wildfire.
- Identify wildfire hazards, education, and mitigation actions needed to reduce risk.
- Transfer practical knowledge through collaboration between stakeholders toward common goals and objectives.

#### Outcomes of wildfire protection planning...

• Achieve the National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy Goals:

# 1. Resilient Landscaped 2. Fire Adapted Communities 3. Safe and Effective Wildfire Response

• Improve community safety through:

<ul><li>✓ Coordination and collaboration</li><li>✓ Public awareness and education</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Fuel modification</li><li>✓ Improved fire response capabilities</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Fire prevention</li><li>✓ Development of long-term strategies</li></ul>
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#### RESOURCES

To complete a wildfire protection plan for your community, consider involving the following:

- ✓ Local / Primary fire protection provider
- ✓ Local Resource, Conservation and Development Districts
- ✓ Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
- ✓ Utah State Fire Marshal (Dept. of Public Safety)
- ✓ Utah Division of Emergency Management
- ✓ Local fire agencies
- ✓ Utah Division of Air Quality

- ✓ Local emergency management services
- ✓ USDA Forest Service
- ✓ U.S. Department of Interior Agencies
- ✓ Utah Resource Conservation Districts
- ✓ Utah Soil Conservation Districts
- ✓ Local health departments

#### STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

This template provides the outline for, and specifies the information recommended, to be included in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) based on information currently available.

Any associated checklists, guidance documents, assessments, activities and recommendations of fire officials, including the plans and projects outlined by the community wildfire council, are made in good faith. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands assumes no liability and makes no guarantee regarding the level of wildfire or smoke protection resulting from completion and implementation of this plan. Wildfire may still occur despite efforts to prevent it or contain it. The

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intention of all decisions and actions made under this plan is to reduce the potential for, and the consequences of, wildfire.

Last revised November 2022

Completed Community Wildfire Protection Plans should be submitted to the local Area Manager or Fire Management Officer with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for final concurrence.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan should be updated regularly as it is meant to be a living document.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARERS

#### PLANNING OVERVIEW

Briefly describe the overall planning process that took place to complete this plan. Be sure to include:

- *A timeline of the events/meetings*
- The organizations and partners that participated
- A description of why this planning process was initiated
- The overall intended outcome of the process.
- How outcomes were accomplished. This is much like the information described above (purpose and outcome) but tailored to your community.

From the fall of 2024 to spring of 2025 NVFD collaborated with the following:

Bear River Area Employees – Tracy Swenson (Area Manager), Dusty Richards (FMO), Ken Theis (WUI Specialist), and Rick Cooper (Weber Fire District Fire Warden and Weber Fire District Captain)

We also kept the North View Fire District Board of Trustees in the discussion about projects and preparation.

This CWPP is intented to meet the criteria for the CWS program. To help develop the wildland fire portion of the NVFD, which is in its beginning stages, and to also have a way to express concerns to the public community members about their cities of residence wildland fire potential risks and effects.

The outcome of this collaboration was to develop this document to be baseline of information for the Districts budding wildland program.

BRA Area staff and NVFD personnel toured the three cities' identifying the potential areas of concern and the Areas where mitigation work could be done.

BRA employees also advised on the CWPP concept and the writing portions of it based on the tours we did.

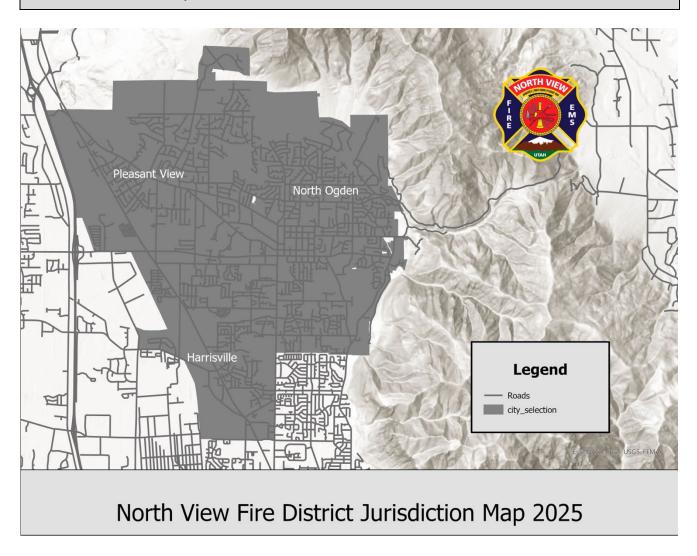
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# Area of Interest PART I COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### **Community Attributes**

#### **Location of Community**



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#### Geographic Overview of the North View Fire District

The North View Fire District serves the northernmost portion of Weber County, Utah, encompassing the communities of North Ogden, Pleasant View, and Harrisville. This region sits at the base and along the rising slopes—commonly referred to as the "benches"—of the Wasatch Mountain Range, making it a uniquely challenging environment for emergency services, particularly in addressing incidents within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

#### Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and Geographic Challenges

The WUI within North View's jurisdiction is predominantly located along the eastern bench areas of **North Ogden and Pleasant View**, where residential development meets the steep, rugged terrain of the Wasatch Mountains. These bench areas feature **narrow**, **winding roads**, **limited access points**, and **significant elevation gains**, all of which create logistical hurdles for firefighting apparatus and personnel during wildland fire responses.

Most of the WUI areas are **situated uphill**, often several hundred feet above the valley floor. This **increased elevation** not only demands more from emergency vehicles, reducing speed and straining engines, but also elongates **response times**, especially when water supply and terrain navigation become complicating factors. Additionally, steep terrain can channel wind and amplify fire behavior, causing fires to spread more rapidly and unpredictably, often toward structures built along ridgelines and bench edges.

#### Population, Growth, and Expansion Pressures

The combined population of North Ogden, Pleasant View, and Harrisville has seen **steady growth over the past decade**, with North Ogden leading in residential development on the benches. As of the most recent estimates:

North Ogden: ~22,000 residents
 Pleasant View: ~10,000 residents
 Harrisville: ~8.500 residents

This growth has pushed development deeper into the WUI, increasing the number of homes and lives at risk during wildfire events. Many new homes are being built in fire-prone areas with limited ingress and egress routes, further complicating evacuation and suppression efforts.

#### **Geographic Isolation and Aid Limitations**

North View's position at the **northern edge of Weber County** makes it **geographically isolated** from other major fire districts and departments in the county. This means that **all automatic and mutual aid resources**, whether from Ogden City, or Weber Fire District, must travel **northward and uphill** to reach the district's core WUI areas.

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#### This uphill travel:

- Slows mutual aid response times due to topographical and traffic constraints
- Can be further hindered during **inclement weather**, particularly in winter and early spring when icy roads and snowpack delay apparatus mobility
- Reduces the **effectiveness of rapid initial attack**, which is critical in wildland firefighting

The challenge is compounded by the **limited roadway infrastructure** leading into the WUI areas, many of which are single-lane roads or cul-de-sacs with few turnaround options for engines.

#### Roads, Bridges, Gates, and Culvert Conditions

Local factors that potentially complicate emergency wildfire response include the following:

- Access issues limited access points from main roads to the wildland urban interface (WUI)
- Locked gates locked gates that will have to be cut in the event of an emergency
- Grade everything is located uphill. Although we have a second station in place up higher on the bench, response times

#### **Structural Ignitability Concerns**

• Significant concerns for lack of defensible space in Pole Patch, The Cove, and the southeast corner of North Ogden, near the bench of the Wasatch mountains.

The residents that border the WUI, which is mainly US Forest Service lands, are incumbered by the Maple and Oak fuel types. Grasses are also prevalent in the same areas of concern (mostly Pole Patch). Mitigation measures in this habitat type are not easily accomplished due to the resident's appreciation for privacy and the country feel. Other newer areas of development are more open with tighter home spacing and far less fuels after the development and construction phases (areas in the NE portion of the District).

There are areas where some work could be done, but it is by individual land owner and many are not open to the work being done on their lands (reference the area WSW of Pole Patch that is off limits for any fuels manipulations).

Education methods with emphasis on Fire Wise landscaping and fire readiness are the best methods for protecting the community.

Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Desk Guide

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Community Demographics	
Approximate number of homes	10,249
Approximate number of lots	300 empty lots
Approximate number of commercial entities	530
Approximate number of full-time residents	40,300
Approximated number of part-time residents	Unknown
Notes/comments:	

#### **Population Concerns**

Harrisville, Utah: 2,243 North Ogden, Utah: 6,744 Pleasant View, Utah: 2,065

#### **Community Legal Structure**

List the government entities associated with the community – city, town, unincorporated community, special service district, homeowner association(s), others.

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Organization	Contact Person	Number	E-man
North Ogden City, Utah	Mayor Neal Berube	801-737- 9830	mayor@northogdencity.go <u>V</u>
Pleasant View City, Utah	Mayor Leonard Call	801-940- 6231	lcall@pleasantviewut.gov
Pole Patch, Pleasant View, Utah	Shawn Maynard	801-458- 4328	Utah_air@msn.com

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#### **Restricting Covenants, Ordinances etc. (Attach as Appendix C)**

For example, home association bylaws may have requirements regarding building construction materials or vegetation removal, or regarding access in a gated community.

Source	Details
CITE Uniform WUI Code here, if applicable)	
Various subdivision plats require residential sprinkler systems	Based on water calculations and SF footprint, various plats require residents to install residential sprinkler systems on new construction homes

#### **PART II:**

#### RISK ASSESSMENT

#### **Community Values at Risk**

In North Ogden and Pleasant View, wildfire risks extend far beyond residential structures, posing serious threats to critical infrastructure, natural resources, and public health, include the following:

Watershed areas, including those feeding into Pineview Reservoir, are vulnerable to post-fire erosion and contamination, potentially impacting drinking water and irrigation.

Power lines, particularly those managed by Rocky Mountain Power along the city borders, are at risk of fire damage or may necessitate preemptive shutoffs, leading to widespread outages.

Communication infrastructure, such as cell towers and fiber optic lines, is also susceptible, which could disrupt emergency alerts and response coordination.

Key transportation routes, including Mountain Road and SR-89, are essential for evacuation and emergency access but may become impassable during wildfires.

Additionally, fires threaten wildlife habitats, reduce biodiversity, and damage ecosystems vital to recreation and tourism.

Smoke from wildfires can significantly degrade air quality, particularly affecting vulnerable populations, while the economic impact from suppression costs, infrastructure damage, and business disruption can place heavy financial strain on local communities.

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Estimated Values at Risk
Provide an approximation of the estimated current values of residential and commercial property
in the area. The County Assessor should be able to assist with this information.

Estimated values at risk of commercial and residential property	\$1.34 Billion
Vegr	2025

#### **Insurance Rating**

**Protection Capabilities:** Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating for the community will serve as an overall indicator of its fire protection capabilities:

1 - Moderate - ISO Rating of 6 or lower. 2 - High - ISO Rating of 7-9. 3 - Extreme - ISO Rating of 10

You can contact your local fire department to find your ISO rating

ISO Fire Insurance Rating:

#### Communities at Risk Score

Communities At Risk Score (CARS)		
Score:		
North Ogden	3	
Pleasant View	3	
Pole Patch	8	
Harrisville	2	

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Area Fire History			
Month/Year of fire	Ignition point	Ignition source	Acres burned
July 14, 2020	Powerline road east bench North Ogden	Heavy Equipment Operating	78
July 22, 2016	West of Pole Patch	UTV in tall grass	89
July 1991	North Ogden Long Bench	Unknown	Unknown
July 10, 2012	3925 N. 525 E. North Ogden	Intentionally set stolen vehicle	6 acres

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#### Wildfire Risk

Wildfire Risk is a combined assessment of the likelihood of a fire occurring (Threat) and the values of most concern potentially adversely impacted by fire (Fire Effects). Fire Effects consist of the Impacts on Values and Suppression Difficulty.

The Wildfire Threat Index is derived from historical fire occurrence, landscape characteristics including surface fuels and canopy fuels, percentile weather derived from historical weather observations and terrain conditions. *Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (UWRAP)* 

The UWRAP provides a consistent, comparable set of scientific results to be used as a foundation for wildfire mitigation and prevention planning in Utah. Including maps from the UWRAP report may also be beneficial in this section and can be attached as Appendix D. Consider using the following as an example.

Location Specific Ignitions	Fire Occurrence Density
Water Impacts	Rate of Spread
Suppression Difficulty	Fire Effects

The UWRAP Area of Interest Report can be generated using the Advanced Viewer which you will need a registered account to be able to access.

UWRAP Basic Viewer Basic Viewer

**UWRAP** User Manuals

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#### PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

In detail, what are the wildfire mitigation priorities for your community? Describe how the community is coordinating with partners and adjoining agencies identified in this document. (This section can be added to as new projects and partners are developed. Community buyin, and desires to support and move these projects forward, is critical to overall success.)

North View Fire District (NVFD) is dedicated to ensuring that all personnel are fully qualified for wildland fire response. As part of this commitment, Red Card certification remains a requirement for all employees. Currently, two members of the department have not yet completed certification; however, both are enrolled in a training course set to begin at the end of April. Once the course is completed, they will achieve Red Card status, bringing the District into full compliance.

NVFD also works closely with neighboring agencies through automatic and mutual aid agreements. Captain Rick Cooper, Weber County Fire Warden, has provided valuable support during this process, and we greatly value our ongoing partnership. Additionally, the District continues to collaborate with Ogden City Fire Department as part of our shared commitment to regional fire service coordination and readiness.

Our primary areas of focus within the wildland-urban interface include:

- The Cove (North Ogden)
- **Pole Patch** (Pleasant View)
- The southeast portion of Mountain Road near Frank's Auto (North Ogden)

#### **Past Accomplishments**

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Prevention- Activities directed at reducing unplanned, human caused, fire ignitions, including public education, law enforcement, personal contact.	North View Fire District has been involved in several prevention efforts throughout the past several years. Going door-to-door in high-risk areas and educating homeowners about defensible space and areas of home hardening. This was accomplished on the southeast side of Mountain Road in North Ogden, and Pole Patch in Pleasant View.
Preparedness- Activities that lead to a state of response readiness to contain the effects of wildfire to minimize loss of life, injury, and damage to property. Including access to home/community, combustibility of homes/structures and creating survivable space.	North View Fire District purchased a 2023 Skeeter Type 6 Brush Truck which was delivered in May 2023. NVFD is working with the conty Fire Warden and BRA FMO to establish wildnad fire qualifications of personnel.
Mitigation- Actions that are implemented to reduce or eliminate risks to persons, property or natural resources including fuel treatments and reduction.	We have also coordinated a chipper days in Pole Patch, where we assisted homeowners to clear oak brush from around their houses and cutback brush from roadways, increasing access. Every year, North Ogden City coordinates a city clean-up. During this time, residents can bring green waste without charge. Although tracking is very difficult to determine where the green waste comes from, it improves many areas in the city.
Maintenance- The process of preserving actions that have occurred including fuel treatments and reduction.	Once we begin mitigation work in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power, we will continue to maintain the powerline corridor, as needed to ensure it remains maintained.

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# PART III: RISK REDUCTION GOALS/PROPOSED ACTIONS

Goals of Plan: Provide a brief statement under the Prevention, Preparedness, Mitigation and Maintenance goals. These should align with the pillars of the National Cohesive Strategy and the Utah Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy (1. Resilient Landscapes 2. Fire Adapted Communities 3. Safe and Effective Wildfire Response).

**Identification of Actions:** Provide detailed project information. These projects/actions should be listed in order of priority, can be mapped/tracked in the Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment (UWRAP) portal <a href="https://wildfirerisk.utah.gov/">https://wildfirerisk.utah.gov/</a> and should be consistent with a Cooperative Agreement in compliance with the Wildfire Policy if applicable.

#### **PREVENTION**

Activities directed at reducing unplanned, human caused, fire ignitions, including public education, law enforcement, personal contact.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Entity or Community Lead:	Completion Date:
Door hangers will be distributed in the targeted areas of Pole Patch (Pleasant View), The Cove (North Ogden), and the subdivision on the southeast corner of our jurisdiciton, near Frank's Auto (North Ogden)The door hanger is uploaded as an appendix. The QR code will allow residents to schedule a home assessment.	Every other year starting in 2025	North View Fire District	Annually, Late Spring into early Summer
Educational Materials Distributed targeted areas of Pole Patch (Pleasant View), The Cove (North Ogden), and the subdivision on the southeast corner of our jurisdiciton, near Frank's Auto (North Ogden)	Annually	North View Fire District	Annually, summer months

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8 inspections in the WUI were completed by Captain Matt Lee.	April 10, 2025 –	North View Fire District	Annually,
Explanation was given on defensible space and home hardening suggestions in accordance with Firewise.	May 2030		Ongoing

Notes, updates, measured outcomes, and monitoring

#### **PREPAREDNESS**

Activities that lead to a state of response readiness to contain the effects of wildfire to minimize loss of life, injury, and damage to property. Including access to home/community, combustibility of homes/structures and creating survivable space.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Entity or Community Lead:	Completion Date:
Wildland cross training of NVFD personnel	Annually	NVFD and Weber FD	Spring and Fall annually
Building equipment needs/cache such as PPE and wildland tools	Annually	NVFD	Year round as funds are available.

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#### **MITIGATION**

Actions that are implemented to reduce or eliminate risks to persons, property or natural resources including fuel treatments and reduction.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Entity or Community Lead:	Completion Date:
Mitigation will be achieved by following up with chipper days in certain areas that have previously been attended to.	Beginning fall 2025-2030	North View Fire District/Weber Fire District	Ongoing, Annually
Fire Hydrant Maintenance: North View Fire District has divided its jurisdiction into 7 zones. All fire hydrants near and within the WUI, caps will be opened, valves opened, and threads greased.	Annually, Spring- Fall 2025-2030	North View Fire District North Ogden Water, Pleasant View Water, Bonna Vista Water	Ongoing Annually
A key mitigation priority for The Cove and Pole Patch is coordinating with Rocky Mountain Power to clear the powerline access road, located along the northern boundary between Pleasant View and North Ogden. This initiative will involve trimming encroaching vegetation within the easement and utilizing heavy	Annually in spring & early summer 2025-2030	North View Fire District, Rocky Mountain Power, Weber Fire District	Ongoing, Annually

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equipment to restore the road to bare soil, thereby improving access and reducing fire risk.			
Chipper Days (Pole Patch & The Cove)	September/October 2025-2030	North View Fire District	Annually, Ongoing
Notes, updates, measured outcomes, and monitoring			

#### **MAINTENANCE**

The process of preserving actions that have occurred including fuel treatments and reduction.

Action(s):	Timeline:	Entity or Community Lead:	Completion Date:
Continued maintenance will be achieved on the powerline road that stretches along the long bench of Pleasant View and North Ogden.	September 1, 2025  – September 30, 2025	North View Fire District/Weber Fire District	September 30, 2025

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#### PART IV: CONTACTS

#### Community Planning Committee - Member List

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The contacts in this part identify community resources that can be used to complete the goals of the plan.

Name	Affiliation	Phone Number	E-mail
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Jeremiah Jones	North View Fire District	801-645- 3475	jjones@northviewfire.gov
Ryan Barker	North Ogden City	801-814- 4306	rbarker@northviewfire.gov

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#### **Key Stakeholder Contacts**

Individuals who live/work in the community, tribe(s), entities that manage infrastructure, schools and other public facilities, those who provide emergency response (fire/police, etc.), land managers (federal, such as U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and state and local representatives, etc.), 4-H groups, faith-based groups, resource conservation districts, media and anyone who is interested/or would be affected by a wildfire emergency.

Organization	Title	Contact Person	Phone Number	E-mail
North View Fire District	Deputy Chief	Jeremiah Jones	801-645-3475	jjones@northviewfire.gov
North View Fire District	Captain	Matt Lee	801-391-0940	mlee@northviewfire.gov
Weber Fire District/State Forestry	Captain/Warden	Rick Cooper	435-760-2092	rcooper@weberfd.com

		Utilities		
Those wh	o manage utiliti	es: power, gas an	d phone service	s (cell towers).
Organization	Title	Contact Person	Phone Number	E-mail
Rocky Mtn Power				

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#### **APPENDIX**

#### Appendix A: Community Wildfire Evacuation Plan

Currently there is no written evacuation plan. Weber County Sherrifs office is ultimately responsble for Emergency Evacuations.

Evacuations will generally be away from the threat and also downhill to the west.

#### Appendix B: (\*Optional) Community Smoke Mitigation Plan

n/a. NVFD is not doineg any Rx Burning and smoke mitigation for wildifres is aggressive IA to put the fires out.

#### **Appendix C: Restricting Covenants and Ordinances**

n/a

#### **Appendix D: UWRAP Report**

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# North View Fire District Wildright Hazard Potential Wildright Bay State Park Willright Bay Researcher Noth City Report Created: 7//2/2025 = 8.36.08 AM Interest Mark State Park Lutah Wildright Risk Explorer Interest

The user assumes the entire risk related to their use of the Utah Wildfire Risk Explorer and either the published or derived products from these data. UTAH DNR is providing these data "as is" and disclaims any and all warranties, whether expressed or implied, including (without limitation) any implied warranties of merchantability or filmess for a particular purpose. In no event will UTAH DNR be liable to you or to any third party for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages or lost profit resulting from any use or misuse of these data.

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