



FireWise Training Workshop

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Conclusions and Recommendations

Preamble

Community-based fire management (CBFiM) is a critically important strategy to address increasing fire management issues in a rapidly changing global environment. Holistic and integrated fire management approaches are enabling communities to reduce wildfire hazards, enhance land and the environment. Creating operational environments where community decision-making and implementation balance traditional and contemporary fire management requirements are essential to developing sustainable CBFiM. Managing fire on its benefits, through controlled burning, is increasingly becoming a realistic approach commensurate with community capacity and resources to improve livelihoods and reduce greenhouse gases over vast areas of the globe.

Recommended Actions

- Convene an international CBFiM meeting to review program implementation over the past 10-15 years (since the 3rd International Wildland Fire Conference in 2003). Requires preparatory regional workshops prior to this meeting.
- Formulate a CBFiM strategy, including a viable basis for support and implementation, for the next 10 years to deliver at the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference in 2015.
- Have CBFiM as a major focus of the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference 2015 (similar to Wildfire 2011).