

Summary Table – Communities Responses to Wildland Fire Threats in New Mexico

Western Governors Association 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Goals	Ruidoso, NM •Population – 9,522 •Average income - \$35,626 •Average home value - \$106,544 •43% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$2,274,700	Silver City, NM •Population – 10,545 •Average Income - \$25,661 •Average home value - \$87,700 •10% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$1,073,655	Red River, NM •Population – 484 •Average Income - \$31,337 •Average home value - \$160,300 •58% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$585,000	Santa Fe , NM •Population – 70,530 •Average Income – \$42,624 •Average home value - \$187,182 •5% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$50,000
Improve Fire Protection and Suppression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village increased public awareness through brochures, videos and FIREWISE workshops ▪ Village purchased a reverse dialing 911 system used for emergency notifications ▪ Village future plans include a Neighborhood Fire Watch ▪ Village hired an Urban Forester in 2000 and hired an Assistant Urban Forester in 2003 ▪ Village Fire Department trained in wildland fire techniques since 1988 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City and County fire units crosstrained in structural and wildland fire techniques ▪ City updated emergency planning procedures and coordination ▪ USFS and NM State held joint Firewise workshops ▪ USFS coordinated communications about wildfire risk through local businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town firefighters trained in wildland fire techniques since 1994 ▪ USFS sponsored Firewise workshop ▪ Town sponsored public meetings meant to inform seasonal residents of fire risk ▪ Town recently purchased GIS equipment to monitor progress of thinning projects ▪ Town uses telephone zone concept as emergency notification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City Fire Department currently training all crews in Basic Wildland training ▪ USFS held Firewise workshop and coordinates a Firewise pilot community, Hyde Park ▪ City Hired a Wildland Urban Interface Specialist in 2003
Reduce Hazardous Fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village passed aggressive wildfire mitigation ordinances in 2002 ▪ Village developed Municipal Homeowners Assessment program ▪ Coordinated fuels reduction projects on municipal, state, USFS and Mescalero reservation lands in the most vulnerable areas ▪ Village disposal system facilitates defensible space projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated fuels reduction projects on USFS, BLM and state lands in the most vulnerable areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated fuels reduction projects with USFS and NM State Forestry and identified the most vulnerable areas ▪ Town, NM State Forestry and USFS developed a strategic plan to accomplish goals to reduce fire risk ▪ Town provides homeowners one-on-one assistance to determine fire risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USFS in partnership with local environmental groups and state and municipal workers created and approved the “Santa Fe Municipal Watershed Project” – a plan to address the problem in the watershed
Restore Community Ecosystems		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver City’s Mill Site Project aims to restore fire to a 1,200 acre tract of land • Facilitation of the creation of an ecosystem restoration workforce 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Fe Watershed Association (SFWA) sponsored the Santa Fe Forum • SFWA developed an extensive monitoring plan to evaluate thinning of SF Watershed Project • SFWA formed a Technical Advisory Group which is engaged in monitoring the project
Promote Community Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NM State Forestry engaged in assertive implementation of state cost share program ▪ Small diameter timber (SDT) goes to a diverse set of utilizers including: Bear Carvers, Mulch and Compost, Animal Bedding and Firewood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM State Forestry engaged in assertive implementation of state cost-share program ▪ Non-profit research organization, GilaWoodNet, investigates and implements business opportunities for SDT ▪ Furniture making, small log cabins through Santa Clara WoodWorks ▪ Firewood utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town using NM State Forestry Cost-share program to create a community wildfire buffer • Town pays 30% match for 20 Communities Cost-share program • Town allows property owner participation in Management Plan ▪ Firewood utilization ▪ Town is waiting to transport wood chips from thinning to biomass fueled facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City donated timber from thinning to community to use for fence posts, firewood and mulch