



Local Fire Agencies Join to Reduce Fuels

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A plan created by a group of 15 fire agencies along the Carson Range aims to break down barriers to making our neighborhoods safer.

Fire agencies in our area attack fires under a unified system called Sierra Front command.

"When a fire ignites, there's never a problem bringing organizations together," says Elwood Miller, a former forestry professor at UNR.

But when it comes to projects designed to prevent fires, Miller says, "we don't have as good of a history in this regard, outside of that sort of crisis situation."

Fire agencies remove brush and trees to create a barrier around neighborhoods. Projects like these are generally funded by grant money.

In the past, that pitted fire agencies against one another.

"There's an multitude of grant opportunities out there, and we do end up competing against each other," says Nevada State Forester Pete Anderson, "through this process, we'll all be working together."

By sharing resources and funding, these agencies hope to be able to complete more than three times as much fuel treatment as they currently do.

The agencies involved include the U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Division of State Parks, Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Fire Safe Council, Carson City Parks and Recreation Open Space Commission, Carson City Fire Department, Washoe County, Douglas County, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Reno Fire Department, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Whittell Forest University of Nevada Reno, East Fork Fire and Paramedic Protection District.



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