



Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan

Project List

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The **Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan Project List** serves as a vital tool for coordinating fire mitigation planning efforts across all jurisdictions within the county. By identifying and prioritizing wildfire risk reduction projects, the list enhances collaboration among local agencies, landowners, and emergency responders to improve community resilience against wildfires. Additionally, it plays a key role in securing grant funding and facilitating the implementation of mitigation initiatives, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to reduce wildfire hazards. This project list is an integral component of both the **Bannock County All Hazard Mitigation Plan** and the **Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan**, reinforcing the county's commitment to proactive disaster risk management and community safety.

Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan - Current Projects

Jurisdiction	Hazard	Goal	Objective	Project	Responsible Entities	Begin Implementation (year)	Funding Source	Cost	Status
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Improve access to areas prone to wildland fire	Develop a plan to acquire ROW for egress/ingress routes and staging areas along the west bench of Pocatello (Gibson Jack to Trail Creek)	COP - Fire and PW	2026	IDL	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Improve access to areas prone to wildland fire	Aquire ROW and construct egress/ingress routes and staging areas for the Gibson Jack - Johnny Creek area of Pocatello per plan	COP - Fire and PW	2026	IDL	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Improve access to areas prone to wildland fire	Construct egress/ingress routes and staging areas for the Cusick - Trail Creek area of Pocatello per plan	COP - Fire and PW	2027	IDL	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop and implement integrated plans/policies that incorporate wildfire mitigation	Review and update standard practices for roadside vegetation management (where not curb and gutter) within Pocatello	COP - PW	2025	local	\$ 10,000.00	In Progress
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Highland Bench drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Pocatello Creek drainage - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Monta Vista drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	

Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Center Street drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Barton Road drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	S. 5th drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Johnny Creek/Cedar Lake Creek drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Cusick Creek/City Creek drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	In Progress
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Dairy Creek/Trail Creek drainages - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	

Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	River Corridor - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Roadside corridors and other open space - wildfire, vegetation, trails and stormwater masterplan development	COP - PW	2026	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Develop and implement outreach & education on defensible space around homes	COP - Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 20,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Develop and implement an education campaign on 'know your evacuation route'	COP - Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Develop and install interpretive signage about completed wildfire risk reduction projects	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Update Hazard Communications, including realtime alerts, mass notification, station notification and signage	All jurisdictions: Emergency Management	ongoing	IDL	\$ 300,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Acquire signage for notification of wildfire risk and closures - installed withing Pocatello.	COP - Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 100,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Enforce 2018 WUI code for Contractors	COP- Fire, Planning and Building	ongoing	local	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Have personnel patrol WUI to deter illegal behavior during high peak times	COP-Fire	ongoing	IDL/Federal	\$ 25,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Replace and update old fireworks ban signage for installation in WUI areas in Pocatello	COP - Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Maintain Alert Sense system to notify residents of a wildfire or other major event	COP-Fire	ongoing	Federal/IDL	\$ 100,000.00	

Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Create a coordinating group for post-wildfire response, including smoke response	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	local	\$ 10,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Update revegation guidelines for Pocatello area	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 20,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Education/Outreach/Communication/Notification	Develop Outreach Coordinator Position	COP	2026	IDL and Federal	\$ 250,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Replace wood shake roofs in Pocatello WUI area	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 100,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Remove junipers and invasive vegetation on privately-owned property per watershed plans.	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	IDL and local and federal	\$ 250,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Remove junipers and invasive vegetation on city-owned property per watershed plans.	COP - PW and Fire	ongoing	IDL	\$ 1,000,000.00	In Progress
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Install checkdams and other stormwater features to reduce risk of flooding post-wildfire on City-owned land	COP - PW	2027	IDL and local	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Pocatello Creek - Implement fuel break along creek	COP	ongoing	IDL	\$ 240,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Portneuf River - Implement fuel break along creek	COP	2026	IDL	\$ 240,000.00	
	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Reduce fuel loads on private & City lands	Implement Juniper Dump program	COP - PW - Fire	2026	IDL and Federal	\$ 250,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Protect WUI areas from wildfire spreading	Construct fuel breaks on City owned property per watershed plans	COP - PW and Fire	2025	IDL	\$ 100,000.00	In Progress
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Protect WUI areas from wildfire spreading	Construct fuel breaks on federal bordering WUI areas	BLM and USFS	ongoing	federal	\$ 100,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Protect WUI areas from wildfire spreading	Update and Aquire response apparatus and equipment to enable suppression ability	COP-Fire	ongoing	federal	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Protect WUI areas from wildfire spreading	Acquire and construct easements/permission for fuel breaks on private land in the Johnny Creek neighborhood per plan	COP - PW and Fire	2026	IDL	\$ 250,000.00	
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Protect WUI areas from wildfire spreading	Train city staff in prescribed fire and saw operations	COP-Fire	ongoing	IDL and Federal	\$ 250,000.00	
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Fuel Loads on BLM land in the Wildland Urban Interface	Crystal Springs Thinning - Removing through lop and scatter douglas-fir and juniper within the Crystal Springs Project Boundary - Approximately 150 acres planned for 2022	BLM	Ongoing	BLM	\$ 60,000.00	

BLM	Weed Infestation	Reduce Fine Fuel Loads on BLM Lands	Reduce Fine Fuel Loads in Bannock and surrounding counties	Invasive Annual Grass Treatments - Reduce cheatgrass cover through ground and aerial treatments - Utilizing mainly Imazapic to target winter annuals	BLM	Ongoing	BLM	\$50,000 per year	
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Fuel Loads on BLM land in the Wildland Urban Interface	Maintenance Categorical Exclusion - Continued work in many areas including Moonlight, Sawmill, Buckskin, Camelback, Pocatello Northeast, Pocatello West Bench - This work will consist of removing young junipers and douglas-fir that have invaded since the treatments were completed (late 1990's to 2018)	BLM	Ongoing	BLM	Approximately \$100,000 per year	
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Fuel Loads on BLM land in the Wildland Urban Interface	Crystal Springs Thinning - Removing through lop and scatter douglas-fir and juniper within the Crystal Springs Project Boundary - Approximately 150 acres per year until project is complete	BLM	2023 - 2026	BLM	Approximately \$100,000 per year	
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce fuel loads on BLM land in the Wildland Urban Interface	Lava Ranches - Thinning through lop and scatter or pile/burn of conifers on BLM land near the community of Lava Ranches - NEPA is expected to start around 2025 with Implementation beginning in 2026	BLM	2027	BLM	Approximately \$150,000 per year	
USFS	Wildland Fire	Annual grass reduction in Lead Draw	Provide information to land managers about grazing systems to implement in order to help restore degraded rangelands from invasive annual grasses.	Lead Draw Grazing Project	Westside Ranger District/Caribou Targhee National Forest	ongoing	USFS/Grazing Permittees	\$ 100,000.00	
USFS	Wildland Fire	Reduce juniper cover and promote understory species diversity to promote wildlife habitat resoration	Promote lower intensity wildfire and resilient vegetation within the watersheds across jurisdictional boundaries	Rowley Canyon Project	Westside Ranger District/Portneuf Fire Management Zone	ongoing	USFS	\$ 450,000.00	
USFS	Wildland Fire	Education of the public for wildfire safety in Bannock County	Promote more signage and public contacts during high wildfire danger or restrictions	Caribou Targhee National Forest Wildfire Prevention Program	Caribou Targhee National Forest/Portneuf Fire Management Zone	ongoing	USFS	\$ 40,000.00	

USFS	Wildland Fire	Maintain working relationships and training between cooperating firefighting agencies in Bannock County	Create an agreement between the USFS and other intersted jurisdictions to support each other with prescribed fire activities in Bannock County	Bannock County Cooperative Agreement for Prescribed Fire	Caribou Targhee National Forest/Portneuf Fire Management Zone	2027	USFS	\$ 10,000.00	
USFS	Wildland Fire	Reduce the acres prone to un-characteristic wildfire and promote aspen retention	Promote lower intensity wildfire and resilient vegetation within watersheds	Lower Portneuf Cooperative Project	Westside Ranger District/Portneuf Fire Management Zone	2026	USFS	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Lava Ranches Fuels Reduction Phase 1(Lava Ranches Propoerty Owners Association Common Lands) - Approximate 100 acres	Bannock County/SICOG	2023	IDL/USDA	\$ 240,000.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	South of Lava Ranches Neighbor hood - Reduce fuels on private land - Approximate 100 Acres	Bannock County	2024	Bannock County/B LM	\$ 100,000.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Crystal Springs - Reduce fuels on private lands - Aproximately 100 Acres	Bannock County	2024	Bannock County/B LM	\$ 100,000.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Mink Creek road, near Bannock County Landfill - Reduce fuels on private lands - Approximate 350 acres	Bannock County	2024	Bannock County/B LM	\$ 50,000.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	2 1/2 mile - Reduce fuels on private lands	Bannock County	2026	Bannock County	\$ 500,000.00	

Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Gibson Creek (Little Red Hen) - Reduce fuels on private lands	Bannock County	2025	Bannock County	\$ 240,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Black Rock - reduce fuels on private lands	Bannock County	2027	Bannock County	\$ 500,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	Lower Portneuf Cooperative Project- Reduce fuels on private lands	Bannock County	2027	Bannock County	\$ 500,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Link the efforts of the USFS with non-federal land treatments to create landscape level wildfire hazard abatement	West of Hawkin's Road (Big Onion) Fuels Reduction	Bannock County	2026	Bannock County/I DL	\$ 240,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Develop masterplan for fire mitigation projects	Update CWPP and link it with Hazard Mitigation Plan	Bannock County	2025	Bannock County/B LM	\$ 7,500.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Cottonwood Valley Restoration Phase 3	Bannock County/SICO G	2026	IDL/USDA	\$ 240,000.00	Pending Grant App Submittal
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Lava Ranches Fuels Reduction Phase 2 (South of Lava Ranches Neighborhood) - Approximately 100 acres	Bannock County	2025	Bannock County/I DL	\$ 240,000.00	In Progress
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Lava Ranches Fuels Reduction Phase 3 (Private land within Ranches Neighborhood) - Approximately 100 acres	Bannock County	2026	Bannock County/I DL	\$ 240,000.00	

Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Coal Pit Fuels Reduction Project	Bannock County	2028	Bannock County/I DL	\$ 240,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Aspen Creek Fuels Reduction Project	Bannock County	2029	Bannock County/I DL	\$ 240,000.00	
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Education/Outreach/ Communication/ Notification	Lava Ranches Neighborhood - Outreach and Education	Bannock County/Lava Ranches Property Owners Association	2026	Bannock County	\$ 5,000.00	

Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan - Completed Projects									
Jurisdiction	Hazard	Goal	Objective	Project	Responsible Entities	Begin Implementation (year)	Funding Source	Cost	Status
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop and implement integrated plans/policies that incorporate wildfire mitigation	Update WUI Code	COP-Fire	2022	local	5,000	completed
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Map junipers and other trees in the ROW	COP - PW	2022	local	\$ 50,000.00	complete
Pocatello	Wildfire	Reduce losses caused by wildfire	Develop masterplans for public land management that incorporate wildfire mitigation, vegetation, trails, and stormwater management	Map vegetative cover (inlcuding cheatgrass/juniper cover) on City land in the WUI	COP - PW	2023	IDL	\$ 50,000.00	complete
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Reduce Fuel Loads on BLM land in the Wildland Urban Interface	Portneuf West Bench Maintenance - Removing small junipers near the dump that re-invaded after treatment that was done in 2004 - 2005 - Approximately 150 acres planned for 2022	BLM	Ongoing	BLM	\$246,726	Completed
BLM	Wildland Fire	Reduce losses due to Wildland Fire	Eliminate slash piles created with fuels and forestry projects	Yago Pile Burning - Burning piles that were created with slash generated from Fuels and Forestry Projects in Yago Canyon near Downey - Approximately 30 acres associated with this treatment in 2022	BLM	Ongoing	BLM	\$ 5,000.00	Completed 2024
USFS	Wildland Fire	Reduce the acres prone to un-characteristic wildfire and promote aspen retention	Promote lower intensity wildfire and resilient vegetation within watersheds	Blind Springs Prescribed Fire	Westside Ranger District/Portneuf Fire Management Zone	ongoing	USFS/City of Pocatello	\$ 2,000.00	completed 2024
Bannock County	Wildland Fire	Conduct Hazard Fuel Treatment	Reduce Hazard Fuels and increase the likelihood of effective suppression response and structure survival during a wildfire	Cottonwood Valley Restoration Phase 2 (55 acres RPR4469005300 & RPR4467002000, 45 acres RPR4645000402 & RPR4467003700)	Bannock County/SICOG	2022	IDL	240,000	Complete 2023

Bannock County Wildfire Preparedness Plan - Acronym Definitions

Acronym	Definition
COP	City of Pocatello
IDL	Idaho Department of Lands
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
PW	Public Works
Fire	Fire Department
USFS	US Forest Service
SICOG	Southeast Idaho Council of Governments