

# Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network



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## By the Numbers 2024

375  
MEMBERS

32  
STATES + DC

4  
STATEWIDE NETWORKS

80  
COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATIVES

\$1.5  
MILLION  
in direct community investment  
over four years

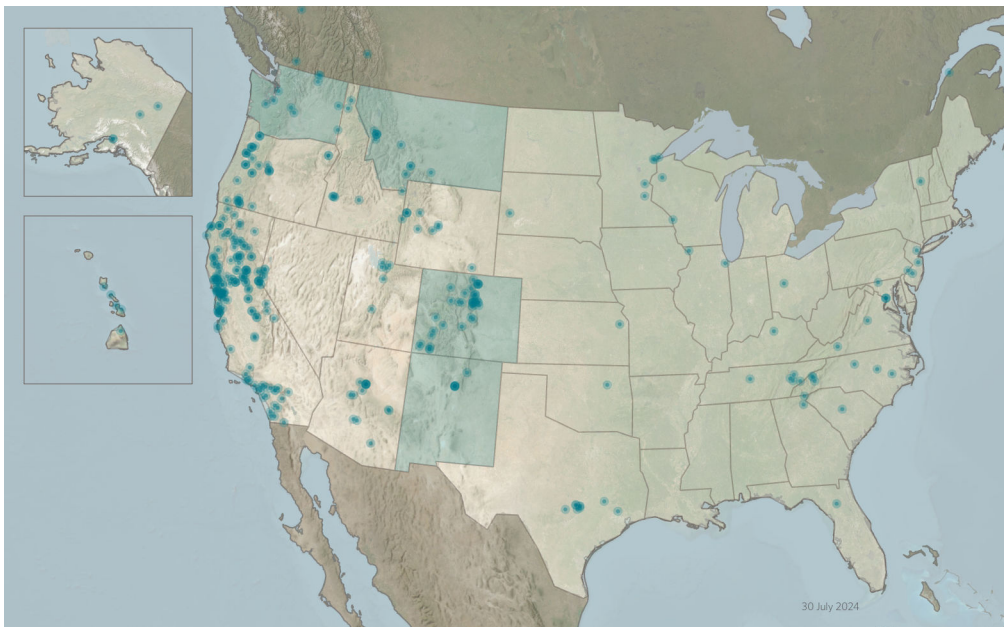
Communities across the country are recognizing the need to act to manage their wildfire risk and increase their resilience. FAC Net supports community-based leaders in their efforts to live more safely with wildfire. Membership in the network is free and provides people with access to training, resources, peers and funding to support their work.

Our members take action in their communities, leading vegetation management projects and evacuation planning programs and retrofitting structures to make them less flammable. And they go beyond basic fire preparedness practices to coordinate community-wide resilience initiatives and manage post-fire recovery. As a network, members are transforming the policies and programs that shape land and fire management and community development locally, regionally and nationally.

Since its start in 2013, the network has grown to include members across 31 states and four countries. These leaders represent the full gamut of organizations and agencies engaged in wildfire resilience work. Join us to help create better fire futures!

### How We Work

- > **Facilitate peer learning and mentorship** to enhance local strategies, connect people working on similar issues, and co-create resources and solutions.
- > **Build adaptive capacity and resilience** by fostering community leadership skills like facilitation, partnership development and planning.
- > **Support innovative work by investing** in projects that—like fire and smoke—span boundaries and organizations, and that support thriving relationships with fire. Examples include smoke outreach programs that provide practical resources for residents dealing with hazardous smoke, or Community Wildfire Protection Plan revisions that incorporate post-fire considerations and community values.
- > **Impact systems change** by elevating stories from work happening on the ground. These stories and perspectives are a great source of solutions and wisdom. Staff work to connect learning from communities with programs and policymakers that shape our context and opportunities ahead.
- > **Integrate and participate in knowledge creation** by partnering with select researchers to connect practitioners to research opportunities. We share the latest hazard and wildfire research findings with practitioners, infusing their work with the latest science.



FAC Net members (dots) and statewide network members (shaded), 2024

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## Stories From the Field

We make change through trusted relationships. Those relationships spread new approaches and create an environment where we can learn from each other’s successes and failures. Our collective impact is measured not only through data, but also by the ways we influence and support one another in imagining and working toward more viable fire cultures.

**Reimagining Wildfire Recovery:** FAC Net facilitated work with local, state and federal partners to evaluate how the post-fire system could be transformed in the wake of New Mexico’s 2022 fire season. This group developed recommendations for key system interventions that could improve post-fire outcomes across the country. Continuing these efforts, FAC Net now supports a post-fire community of practice for sharing lessons learned, encouragement and hope among people recovering from wildfires.

**Investing in Clean Air:** FAC Net runs a community clean air program to help communities start, and improve, their clean air initiatives. In the last two years we’ve funded and coached 17 new clean air programs in communities across seven states.

**Fire Adapted Communities Neighborhood Ambassadors:** Many groups working on fire adaptation suffer from lack of capacity and staffing. Through investments from FAC Net, members in Colorado developed a model for recruiting, managing and sustaining wildfire risk reduction volunteers. The “neighborhood ambassador” model is now being expanded and deployed across the western U.S. to engage more people in wildfire resilience guided by community knowledge and action.



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### WHO WE ARE

FAC Net is part of a suite of networks and programs— together known as the Fire Networks—connecting people working in wildland fire management and community wildfire resilience, and coordinated by staff from The Nature Conservancy, Watershed Research and Training Center, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service.

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