



Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) Request Form



PROCESS :

Submit requests for CMAT at anytime; however, Team assignments are determined in the order requests are received. Team will review and schedule CMAT assignments in advance during the following time periods: Spring (March-May) and Fall (October-November). Outside of these time periods, the CMAT team will still review and respond to any urgent requests as they arise. If you have questions or want more information, contact program representatives, sheryl.page@usda.gov & jonathan.bruno@co-co.org.

ENABLING CONDITIONS

- The community is at high risk of wildfire and has identified a mitigation challenge that warrants Team assistance.
- There is an existing wildfire mitigation partnership or high interest in creating one that is designed to implement the full suite of community fire adaptation practices.
- Pertinent local, state, and federal partners have the capacity and desire to work closely with the Team during the assignment and to implement resulting recommendations including follow-up reporting of accomplishments.
- Scope of the project should have a high likelihood of short- and long-term return on investment to justify cost to deploy a team.
- The Forest, as the ordering authority, must provide or coordinate a working location, internet access, and support for the CMAT during deployment.
- Ordering unit will communicate and coordinate with participants throughout the assignment, acting as the POC between the Team and community.

What Community Mitigation Assistance Teams DO:

The Team uses various engagement techniques and tools, one-on-one interactions, mentoring, mini-workshops, Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), risk and fire occurrence maps, home assessments, pertinent research, demographics, experience, and close community collaboration to help communities move mitigation forward.

Before and After a Wildfire: CMAT collaborates with local partners, the Forest, and community leaders to identify and resolve mitigation challenges and build sustainable mitigation efforts using best practices focused on action on the ground. This might include:

- strengthening partnerships
- training
- mitigation program review
- community engagement
- coalition building
- collaborative analysis of barriers and opportunities
- mitigation planning

During Incidents: CMATs work closely with Incident Management Teams, the Forest Service or other land management agencies, community residents and leaders to provide mitigation support and guidance during an incident. The window of opportunity, while smoke is in the air, provides a priceless teachable moment when community members experience the immediate importance of mitigation and are ready, willing, and able to take action on both an individual and community level.

Community Mitigation Assistance Teams DO NOT: Provide wildfire prevention messaging or product development; produce literature (other than the collaboratively developed Mitigation Action Plan); or perform the work of the community/ordering authority.



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Community/Jurisdiction Name:

Address:

Nearest public land management agency (ie: USFS, NPS, BLM, etc.):

Name of person requesting:

Phone:

Email:

1. Describe your communities' wildfire hazards and risk.

2. Provide link to documentation which describes the relative risk listed above.

3. What specific wildfire mitigation issues can a CMAT help to address?

4. What are the major values at risk? **Rank by priority 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).** Use the box to briefly explain your answer.

Structures

Acres

Infrastructure

Economy

Other

5. Can the requesting unit provide a work location with Internet access and support for CMAT during assignment?

Yes

No

Work Location Agency and Unit:

Work Location Point of Contact (POC)

Name: Position/Title:

Email:

Office Phone:

Mobile Phone:



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6. Is there a local wildfire mitigation coalition dedicated to helping the community adapt to wildfire?

Yes No

If yes, who is on the coalition? (Check all that apply)

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| Fire Departments | Federal land management agency/s |
| Residents | State land management agency/s |
| Local non-profits | County land management agency/s |
| Business leaders | Environmental/conservation groups |
| Emergency managers | National environmental groups |
| Utilities | Others |

If no, coalitions and partnerships working together are an important element to fire adaptation. Please explain why no partnership exists.

7. What community fire adaptation work has the local wildfire mitigation coalition accomplished in the last two years? **(Check all that apply)**

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| Created a CWPP | Fuel reduction on private land | acres |
| Updated a CWPP | Fuel reduction on public land | acres |
| Formed a local fire department | Provided Assessments of | structures |
| disposal site for brush | Hardened | structures |
| Helped low income/elderly harden home | Defensible space | structures |
| Helped low income/elderly create defensible space | Follow-up on | structures |
| Other: | | |

8. Are coalition partners willing to work closely with the CMAT during the assignment, implementing resulting recommendations, and provide follow-up accomplishment reporting? Yes No

9. How many hours can the coalition members/participants commit during a CMAT assignment?

10. How many hours can the coalition members commit for follow-up work?



Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) Desired Assignment Windows

11. What time period are you requesting a CMAT for? Indicate first choice with 1 and second choice with 2. If the need is immediate email Team representative, Sheryl Page @ sheryl.page@usda.gov.

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| Spring: March 1-15 | Fall: September 1-15 |
| March 15-30 | September 15-30 |
| April 1-15 | October 1-15 |
| April 15-30 | October 15-31 |
| May 1-15 | November 1-15 |

12. Please provide, as an attachment to this application, a list of local wildfire mitigation coalition members and their respective contact information. Please ensure the contact list is shared electronically as an MS Excel spreadsheet and contains the following information:

- Full Name
- Affiliation/Organization Name
- Position/Title/Role
- Current Email
- Primary Phone Number

A contact list, in the form of an MS Excel spreadsheet, accompanies this form. Yes No

The contact list contains the above-described information for each contact? Yes No

All individuals on the contact list are: (a) aware that their name and contact information has been listed and (b) are supportive of this CMAT Request and (c) will participate. Yes No

I, _____, have read and understand “What Community Mitigation Assistance Teams Do”, attest that I have vetted this Request Form with my mitigation partners, and certify that this request is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received:

Initials:

**Complete request form and return to Sheryl Page, USFS CMAT Program Lead
& Partner Coalitions and Collaboratives
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jonathan.bruno@co-co.org**

The Community Mitigation Assistance Team is a collaborative effort between the USFS and Coalitions and Collaboratives, Inc. under a cooperative agreement.