



MOAB CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 27, 2026

TITLE: Adoption of the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan for the Wildland – Urban Interface Grand County and Moab City

DISPOSITION: Discussion and possible action

PRESENTERS: Alexi Lamm, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability
Kate Finley, Grand County Emergency Manager
Clark Maughn, Moab Valley Fire Department
Bryce Rogers, Rim to Rim Restoration

ATTACHMENT/S:

- Proposed 2026 CWPP
- Resolution 02-2026
- Community Wildfire Preparedness Presentation

RECOMMENDED MOTION/S: I move to adopt Resolution 02-2026, Adopting the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan for the Wildland – Urban Interface Grand County and Moab City

OTHER OPTIONS:

1. Approve with modifications; or
2. Continue action on the item and give specific direction to staff as to additional information needed; or
3. Deny plan adoption.

SUMMARY:

Under the federal Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, a Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) is a collaborative document that identifies priority areas for hazardous fuel reduction and recommends measures to reduce fire risk to structures. In Utah, the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) encourages regular updates to ensure plans remain relevant and communities remain eligible for state and federal funding.

The City of Moab previously updated the CWPP in 2020. The City of Moab, Grand County, Moab Valley Fire Department, FFSL, and Rim to Rim Restoration collaborated on this year's proposed update (Attached as Proposed 2026 CWPP). It uses new wildfire risk data and the current FFSL planning standards and template. The updated plan outlines strategies for fuel reduction, defensible space, emergency preparedness, and public education, building on the structure of the 2020 CWPP to focus more on implementation and coordination.

Adoption of the updated CWPP will provide a framework for wildfire mitigation projects, preparedness efforts, outreach, and grant-funded fuel reduction work. The plan does not create new regulations, though it is a part of a broader state effort to improve wildfire preparedness. Future agendas will include consideration of Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code changes. If



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adopted, the 2025 CWPP will replace the 2020 plan and serve as the City's primary wildfire preparedness document.

RELEVANT LAWS, STUDIES & PLANS:

Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, Strategic Plan: Natural Hazard Mitigation

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:

City of Moab Community Development, Public Works, and Administration

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This plan does not authorize the use of City funds, though it maintains the City's grant eligibility. The City Council would consider contracts for fire fuel mitigation, outreach, etc. separately.