

# From Risk to Resilience

Community-driven  
mitigation strategies



The Taylor Bridge Fire burned just east of Cle Elum, Washington in 2012, destroying many homes.

## FAST FACTS

**2.5 MILLION**

The number of times WRC risk data has been accessed

## RURAL COMMUNITIES

receive majority of CWDG funds (60%)

**5X DEMAND > SUPPLY**

CWDG funding requests outpace available funding by a factor of five

In Kittitas County, Washington, a \$10 million Community Wildfire Defense Grant is funding evacuation routes and fuel reduction projects to help safeguard nearly 47,000 residents. These community-driven strategies rely on open, science-based data and tools.

### Wildfire Risk to Communities

Wildfire Risk to Communities (WRC) is often the first stop for local leaders. This free USDA Forest Service website translates complex wildfire science into clear maps, statistics, and plain-language insights. WRC helps communities identify vulnerabilities, prioritize projects, and prepare strong grant proposals in a streamlined, efficient, and technology-enabled process.

### LANDFIRE

Wildfire risk maps are powered by LANDFIRE, an interagency program that has been delivering consistent, current nationwide data on vegetation and fuels for over two decades. Managed by the USDA Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, LANDFIRE provides publicly available, foundational data for fire planning across the country.

### Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program closes the loop, turning risk-informed plans into commonsense projects. By funding fuel breaks, defensible space, evacuation improvements, and more, CWDG helps communities reduce wildfire risk, improve preparedness, and streamline their response based on the best available science.

# Local Strategies Rely on Good Data

These three interconnected programs are vital to community safety, equipping local leaders with the tools to understand wildfire risk, make informed plans, and secure funding.

*"Without this \$10 million CWDG grant, our community wouldn't have been able to take on this Firewise project - from working on evacuation routes, PODS, and working with private landowners and homeowners to identify and reduce risk - but because of the CWDG funding, we've been able to treat hundreds of acres and have plans to treat thousands more. The money has allowed us to implement plans and do more than we had ever dreamed of."*

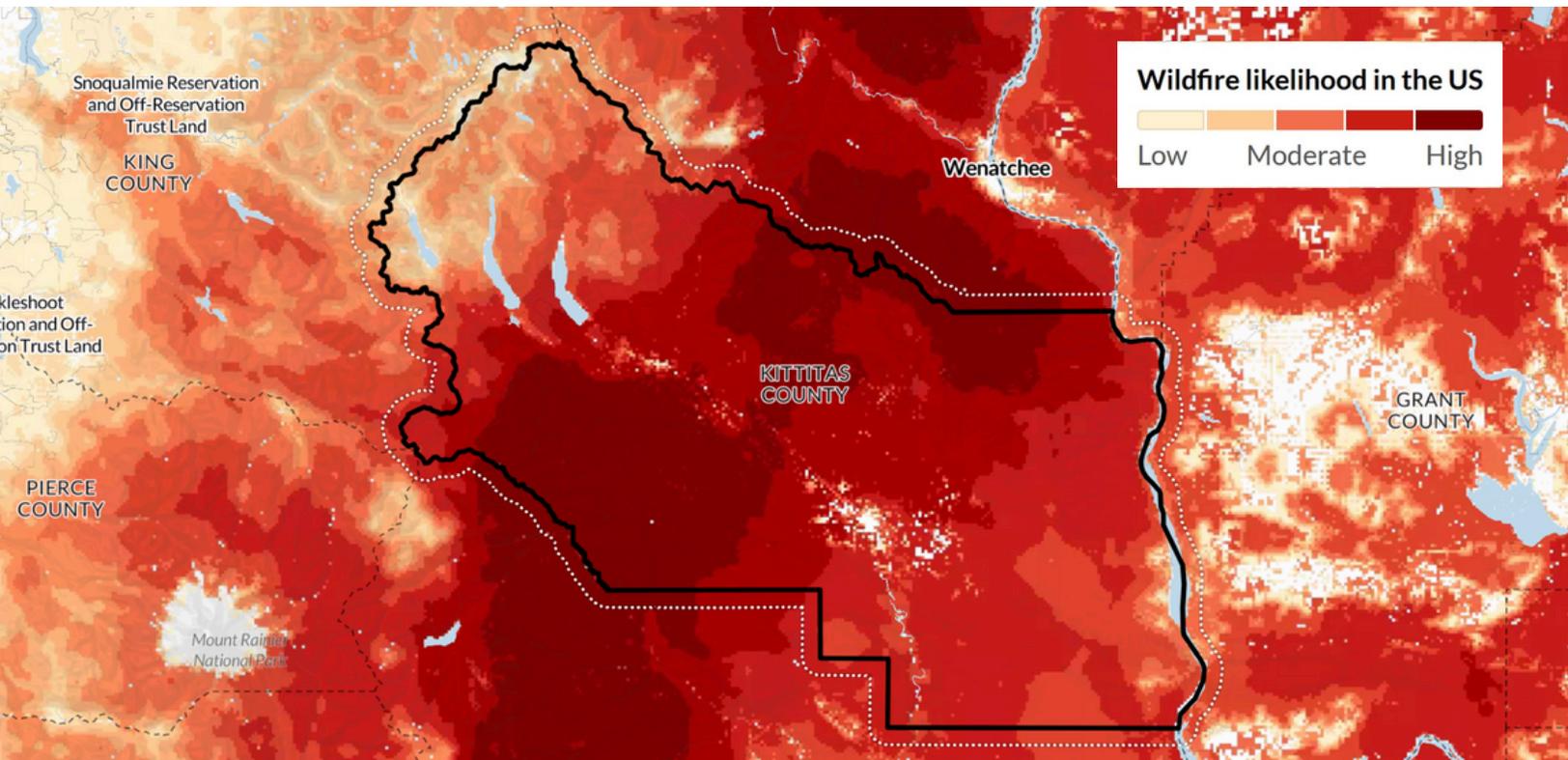
# Community Spotlight



**Tony Craven**  
Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition

## From Data, to Decisions, to Action

Based on LANDFIRE data, WRC maps help communities understand wildfire risk, make informed plans, and secure funding such as CWDG grants to modernize infrastructure and protect lives and livelihoods.



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