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Communities Told They Must Share Duty Of Wildfire Mitigation

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MONUMENT, Colo. -- Some changes are being made in the way state and federal officials approach wildfire management.

For decades, they used to work with individual property owners to reduce fire danger. But now they are trying to persuade entire communities to embrace fire prevention.

It's not an easy process.

A recent survey by the Council for Western State Foresters found that many states are facing challenges ranging from a lack of interest at the community level, to a lack of money.

Curt Grina lives on 35 acres in Colorado's Teller County. He says it was hard to convince his neighbors there was a danger. Many were recent transplants who had never seen a wildfire or second-home owners who visited only occasionally.

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