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The Community Wildfire Protection Grant is intended to protect natural resources, local communities, and National Forest land within the Wildland Urban Interface. The four national forests in Texas are the Agelina National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Sabine National Forest, and Sam Houston National Forest (Figure 1).

A ranking matrix was used to determine which prescribed burn treatments would be most effective in accomplishing this goal. Factors for the ranking included the property being within a 3 miles radius of a national forest, 2 miles within a community, completion of a CWPP in the county, use of TxWRAP to determine wildfire ignition density, along with a the submission of comprehensive burn plan.

The prescribed burn treatment program is an effective tool that is used to reduce the threat of wildfire to the National Forests, local communities, wildlife and natural resources located in East Texas. The grant opened for applications in mid-November 2012 and closed in mid-December 2012.

The 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Grant accomplishments included 14 landowners completing prescribed burn treatments on a total of 2,348.5 acres in East Texas. The grant program allowed these landowners to be reimbursed at a rate of $30.00 per acre for a total of $74,455.00 paid thru the grant funding process. Texas A&M Forest Service did not complete the prescribed burns. Landowners contracted out to consulting foresters in East Texas to complete the prescribed burns.

The following is a detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2013:

- 42 prescribed burn treatment applications were received by Texas A & M Forest Service
- 27 prescribed burn treatment agreements were approved
- 14 of these 27 landowners completed their prescribed burn treatments
- 3 of these 27 landowners confirmed that they would not be burning in the Agreement period
- 9 of these 27 landowners did not perform the burn treatment during the Agreement period due to unknown reasons.
- 1 of these 27 landowners used a Wild Turkey Federation grant to complete burn treatment instead of Community Wildfire Protection Grant.
Acres treated with prescribed fire by county (See appendix for map):

- Houston County – 3 burns, 922 acres
- Jasper County – 1 burn, 320 acres
- Montgomery County – 1 burn, 65 acres
- San Augustine County – 3 burns, 333.5 acres
- San Jacinto County – 1 burn, 432 acres
- Trinity County – 1 burn, 35 acres
- Walker County – 3 burns, 241 acres

The prescribed burn window was limited during the spring of 2013, and many landowners who planned on completing their burn treatments through the grant program were unable to do so.

Grant extensions were not given for 2013 grant period. Landowners were encouraged to re-apply for the 2014 Community Wildfire Grant Program that will reopen in the fall of 2013. Landowners who were unable to burn will be awarded extra points in the matrix to determine viable applicants for the 2014 grant program.

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Appendix

2013 Community Wildfire Protection Grant Overview Map

Completed Prescribed Burn Treatment Sites
1. Walker Co. 96 ac.
2. San Augustine Co. 165 ac.
3. San Augustine Co. 106 ac.
4. Houston Co. 380 ac.
5. Walker Co. 79 ac.
6. San Augustine Co. 62.5 ac.
7. Jasper Co. 320 ac.
8. Houston Co. 333 ac.
9. Trinity Co. 35 ac.
10. Walker Co. 66 ac.
11. San Jacinto Co. 432 ac.
12. Houston Co. 59 ac.
13. Houston Co. 150 ac.
14. San Augustine Co. 65 ac.
15. Montgomery Co. 65 ac. Total Acres Treated - 2348

Approved Treatment Sites Not Preformed
3. San Augustine Co. 90 ac.
7. Walker Co. 207 ac.
8. Walker Co. 82 ac.
9. Walker Co. 85 ac.
10. Walker Co. 63 ac.
11. Walker Co. 90 ac.
12. San Augustine Co. 164 ac.
13. San Augustine Co. 65 ac.
15. Sabine Co. 132 ac.
17. San Augustine Co. 75 ac.
20. Houston Co. 175 ac.
22. Montgomery Co. 75 ac.
24. Montgomery Co. 32 ac. Total Acres Not Treated - 1128

US Forest Service Boundaries

Completed Prescribed Burn Treatment Sites
Approved Treatment Sites Not Preformed

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## Landowners and Burn Contractors

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### 380 Acre Prescribed Burn in Houston County

**Before**

![Before Image](image1.png)

**After**

![After Image](image2.png)