

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager *Bl*

DATE: February 16, 2022

RE: Ordinance 2022-04, Adopting the Updated 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Mayor)

The 2022 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update combines the former 17 plans developed in 2006 through 2009 and encompasses all lands, including unincorporated areas, municipalities and private land holdings as wildfire knows no boundaries across the landscape.

The CWPP project was comprised of a dedicated core team made of local, state, federal agencies as well as non-government agencies and residents. The team was tasked with decision making, data sharing, experience and communication with the communities. The core team conducted five meetings in addition to regular emails or conference calls. The project was broadly promoted throughout the borough, including public venues, comprehensive meetings with individual fire departments, Tribal entities, and critical infrastructure utilities and transportation agencies. The core team participated in a six-week review period to review the working draft, and the planning commission as well as the advisory planning commissions were also asked to review the working draft. Their recommendations will be provided at the April 5, 2022 assembly meeting.

You may visit the project story map at www.kpb.us/cwpp. This story map (an interactive project website designed to tell a story with maps) was used as the primary two-way communication tool, providing information and collecting community input throughout the performance period. The story map will remain "live" and be instrumental for current mapping products, data and serve as a repository of completed mitigation projects.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.