



# Potential Partners to Engage During CWPP Recovery Planning

Wildfire recovery requires strong partnerships and coordinated efforts to support communities in rebuilding and enhancing their resilience. This Potential Partners List highlights potential partners in Washington State to engage during the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) process to better pre-plan and coordinate with partners for post-fire recovery efforts.

Some of these partners may be familiar to your CWPP planning team, but ensure they are included in recovery planning discussions. If you are seeking groups that primarily participate in recovery efforts, consider reviewing the VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) list. While VOADs primarily work in recovery services, some of these groups also provide mitigation and preparedness services.

This list was created in 2024 and is subject to changes in listed organizations and agencies that are willing to partner in recovery planning efforts.



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## Preface

This Potential Partners List was created in conjunction with the 'Community Wildfire Recovery Integration Guide' and is intended to be used alongside it. The guide provides a structured approach to integrating wildfire recovery strategies into CWPPs by identifying key recovery elements, engaging relevant stakeholders, and outlining actionable steps. Together, these resources offer communities a comprehensive toolkit to enhance wildfire resilience through proactive planning and collaboration.



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## How to Use This List

This Potential Partners List serves as a tool to help communities brainstorm and identify partners to engage with during the CWPP process, with a focus on post-fire recovery efforts. It is designed to support the establishment of a Recovery Partner Network by:

- Identifying diverse organizations and agencies that can contribute to wildfire recovery planning and implementation.
- Facilitating conversations among CWPP planning partners to ensure key recovery stakeholders are involved early in the planning process.
- Providing a foundation for developing partnerships that strengthen community resilience before, during, and after wildfire events.

To track and organize identified partners, utilize the **'Community Wildfire Recovery Planning Assets & Gaps'** tool, which includes a dedicated template for mapping out recovery partners. This template can help keep records of outreach efforts, contact information, and partnership roles to streamline coordination and communication throughout the recovery planning process.

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## Definitions

**VOAD - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster** are groups that offer disaster relief assistance. VOADs exist at state, local, and regional levels. In addition to state and local VOADs, the national VOAD consists of a combination of faith-based, community-based, and other non-profits, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that work to mitigate and alleviate the impact of disasters. They respond to disasters as part of their overall mission. Visit the [Washington VOAD](#) website for more information and contacts for specific groups.

**COAD - Community Organizations Active in Disaster** are local and community-based collaborative working groups that coordinate nonprofit efforts within an emergency management jurisdiction. COADs are made up of representatives from public, private, volunteer, and nonprofit agencies and organizations who may be active in all phases of disaster management (i.e., preparedness, mitigation, prevention, response, relief, and recovery).

**LTRGs - Long-Term Recovery Groups** are collaborative networks of individuals, businesses, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, philanthropic funders, and other recovery partners who work together to assist individuals, families, and businesses in recovering from disasters. LTRGs are as varied in their structure as the communities in which they work.



# Government Agencies

## Federal Agencies

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)
- National Parks Service (NPS)

## State Agencies

- Search & Rescue (SAR)
- Department Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
- Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR)
- Department of Ecology (WA Ecology)
- Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
- State Parks & Recreation Commission (WSPR)
- State Patrol (WSP)
- Emergency Management Division (EMD)
- State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO)
- State Conservation Commission (SCC)

## Local Governments

- Fire Districts & Departments
- Conservation Districts
- Conservancy Districts
- Planning Departments
- Parks & Recreation Departments
- County Commissioners
- City Councils
- Emergency Management Offices
- School Districts
- Health Districts & Departments

## Tribal Governments

- Tribal Councils
- Tribal Fish & Wildlife Rep.
- Tribal Emergency Management
- Tribal Public Health Rep.
- Tribal Natural Resources Management





## Community Representatives

### Community & Civic Groups

Homeowners Association (HOAs)

Neighborhood Watch Programs

Local Civic Clubs

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

Local Long Term Recovery Groups

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

### Local Non-Profits & NGOs

Environmental & Conservation Groups

Wildlife Preservation Organizations

Local & Regional Land Trusts

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

Community Foundation

Local Churches

Local Community Action Council

Food Bank Programs

Advocates for Populations with Higher/Unmet Needs

### Private Landowners & Stewards

Large Private Landowners

Hobby/Self-Sustainable Farms

Recreational Land User Groups & Stewardships



## Business & Industry

Utility Companies

Timber & Forestry  
Companies

Local Businesses

Chamber of  
Commerce

Realtors &  
Developers

Agriculture &  
Ranching  
Operations

## Healthcare & Human Services

Hospitals & Clinics

Trauma Centers &  
Service Providers

Social Service  
Organizations

## Academic & Research Institutions

Universities &  
Colleges

Research  
Institutions &  
Programs



**VOADs**

Adventist Disaster Assistance (ADRA)	American Red Cross (ARC)	Catholic Community Services (CCS)	Church of Brethren
Church of Scientology (CSI)	Disaster Leadership Team (DLT)	Empact Northwest	Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)
Food Lifeline	Good360	Habitat for Humanity	Hope - Animal Assisted Crisis Response
Inland Second Harvest (2-Harvest)	Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle (SAFE WA)	Latter Day Saints (LDS)	Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)
Medical Teams International	Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)	Vibrant Emotional Health	NW Baptist Convention (NWBS)
NW Health Care Response Network (NWHRN)	Operation BBQ Relief (OBR)	The Salvation Army (TSA)	St. Vincent de Paul (SVPD)
Search & Rescue Volunteer Assoc. of CA (SARVAC)	Team Rubicon	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (BTCF)	United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
United Ways of the Pacific Northwest (UWPNW)	WA Animal Response Team (WASART)	World Renew	City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD)

