

**Harney County Responses to September 7, 2005 Questionnaire.
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Summary for questions 1 through 7

Question 1 Community		Burns/Hines	Andrews	Buchanan	Crane	Diamond	Drewsey	Fields	Frenchglen	Riley	Lowen	Princeton
Number of Questionnaires Received		19	2	6	9	7	7	2	5	1	1	3
Question 2 (Risk)	Extreme	16%	50%	50%	33%	14%	71%	50%	20%	0%	0%	33%
	Moderate	37%	50%	33%	45%	29%	29%	50%	20%	100%	0%	67%
	Low	31%	0%	17%	22%	57%	0%	0%	40%	0%	100%	0%
	No	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%
Question 3 (Extreme Fire Hazard)	Forestland	19%	0%	42%	10%	12%	16%	0%	14%	0%	0%	14%
	Grassland	19%	67%	25%	30%	19%	21%	0%	14%	33%	0%	29%
	Sagebrush Areas	32%	33%	8%	40%	31%	32%	100%	44%	33%	0%	29%
	Juniper	19%	0%	0%	10%	19%	21%	0%	14%	0%	0%	14%
	Farmland	3%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Other	8%	0%	25%	5%	19%	10%	0%	14%	33%	100%	14%
Question 4 (Mitigate or Reduce)	Reduce Vegetation	71%	67%	33%	44%	83%	54%	100%	100%	33%	0%	43%
	Increase Equipment	14%	0%	25%	25%	17%	27%	0%	0%	33%	0%	14%
	Increase # of Volunteers	5%	0%	25%	12%	0%	2%	0%	0%	33%	0%	14%
	Increase available water	10%	33%	17%	19%	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%
Question 5 Recent Actions	No	67%	100%	67%	55%	50%	50%	50%	60%	100%	100%	67%
	Yes	33%	0%	33%	45%	50%	50%	50%	40%	0%	0%	33%
Question 6 Fire Education	No	73%	50%	100%	67%	83%	86%	50%	80%	100%	100%	67%
	Yes	27%	50%	0%	33%	17%	14%	50%	20%	0%	0%	33%
Question 7 Community Preparedness	No	17%	0%	50%	22%	17%	29%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%
	Yes	27%	50%	0%	56%	50%	21%	100%	80%	0%	100%	67%
	I do not know	56%	50%	50%	22%	33%	50%	0%	0%	100%	0%	33%

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Summary of the responses to question number 8 “What actions do you think need to be taken to reduce the risk of wildland fire?”

#	# of Comments	Action Comments
1	4	Cut or mow grasses near structures and along roadways.
2	1	Use firewood cutting to help reduce fuel loading (dead and down).
3	9	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
4	3	Maintain a 10’-20” fuel break (fire guards) around all structures.
5	15	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
6	3	Acquire and update equipment
7	4	Provide more training/education
8	2	Recruit more volunteers
9	10	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
10	2	Work together to eliminate weeds on both public and private lands
11	1	Create rural fire protection district
12	1	Let nature decide
13	1	Status quo – no change.
14	1	Join efforts to coordinate the risk of wildland fires.
15	4	Reduce brush around structures
16	1	Property tax incentive for fire prevention efforts
17	1	Clean up empty lots in town
18	1	Plant evergreen forage

Summary by community of the responses to question number 8 “What actions do you think need to be taken to reduce the risk of wildland fire?”

#	# of Comments	Action Comments - Andrews
1	2	Cut or mow grasses near structures and along roadways.
3	1	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
#	Comments	Action Comments - Buchanan
4	2	Maintain a 10’-20” fuel break (fire guards) around all structures
5	1	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
8	1	Recruit more volunteers
6	1	Acquire and update equipment
7	1	Provide more training/education
#	Comments	Action Comments – Burns/Hines
1	1	Cut or mow grasses near structures and along roadways.
2	1	Use firewood cutting to help reduce fuel loading (dead and down).
3	3	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
5	4	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
9	3	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
10	2	Work together to eliminate weeds on both public and private lands
11	1	Create rural fire protection district
15	2	Reduce brush around structures
16	1	Property tax incentive for fire prevention efforts
#	Comments	Action Comments – Crane
3	1	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
4	1	Maintain a 10’-20” fuel break (fire guards) around all structures.

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5	1	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
6	1	Acquire and update equipment
7	1	Provide more training/education
8	1	Recruit more volunteers
9	1	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
17	1	Clean up empty lots in town
#	Comments	Action Comments – Diamond
5	3	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
9	2	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
15	1	Reduce brush around structures
#	Comments	Action Comments – Drewsey
1	1	Cut or mow grasses near structures and along roadways.
5	3	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
3	3	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
9	2	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
#	Comments	Action Comments – Fields
6	1	Acquire and update equipment
7	1	Provide more training/education
15	1	Reduce brush around structures
18	1	Plant evergreen forage
#	Comments	Action Comments – Frenchglen
3	1	Utilize grazing to reduce fuels around structures.
5	2	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
9	1	Utilize prescribed fire (controlled burns) to reduce fuel loading and risk.
12	1	Let nature decide
#	Comments	Action Comments – Riley
14	1	Join efforts to coordinate the risk of wildland fires.
#	Comments	Action Comments – Other
7	1	Provide more training/education
13	1	Status quo – no change.

Summary of the responses to question number 7 “Do you think that the community in which you live is prepared to combat wildland fire?”

#	# of Comments	Response	Comments
1	6	no	Need more equipment and personnel
2	2	no	Not in a rural fire protection district
3	1	no	Available training
4	5	no	No comment
5	15	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
6	1	yes	Up to a certain size
7	1	yes	Controlled burns already in place
8	1	yes	On private property
9	1	yes	Everyone knows the risk
10	2	yes	No comment
11	1	I don't know	New to the area
12	1	I don't know	Get rid of sagebrush and dry grasses
13	22	I don't know	No comment

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**Summary by community of the responses to question number 7 of the questionnaire
“Do you think that the community in which you live is prepared to combat wildland
fire?”**

#	# of Comments	Response	Action Comments - Andrews
5	1	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
13	1	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments - Buchanan
1	3	no	Need more equipment and personnel
3	1	no	Available training
5	1	no	Utilize logging, thinning, and other fuel treatment techniques.
13	3	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Burns/Hines
1	1	no	Need more equipment and personnel
2	1	no	Not in a rural fire protection district outside of town
6	1	yes	Up to a certain size
7	1	yes	Controlled burns already in place
8	1	yes	On private property
5	1	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
13	11	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Crane
1	1	no	Need more equipment and personnel
4	1	no	
5	4	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
9	1	yes	Everyone knows the risk
13	2	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Diamond
1	1	no	Need more equipment and personnel
2	1	no	Not in a rural fire protection district (remote)
5	3	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
10	1	yes	Most places
13	2	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Drewsey
4	3	no	No comment
	1		No comment
13	3	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Fields
5	1	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
10	1	yes	Fire disk
#	Comments		Action Comments – Frenchglen
4	1	no	No comment
5	4	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.

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	1	yes	Fire is our friend
	1	yes	Let nature decide
#	Comments		Action Comments – Riley
12	2	I don't know	No comment
#	Comments		Action Comments – Other
2	1	no	Not in a rural fire protection district (remote)
5	1	yes	Areas protected by fire departments, area associations, state government, and federal government.
	1	yes	Good neighbor policy and "can do attitude."
11	1	I don't know	New to the area