

Cooperative Wildfire System

2026 Participation Commitment Statement

Participating Entity: Santaquin

PC Amount: \$ 8558

|     | <b>Proposed Action:</b>  | <b>CWPP Goal:</b>   | <b>Category:</b>                            | <b>Value:</b>                              |
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|     | <i>Be specific in describing the expected accomplishment</i>       | <i>Proposed actions should correlate to long-term goals found in the CWPP</i> | <i>Mitigation, Prevention, Preparedness</i> | <i>The dollar amount applied this year</i> |
| 1)  | Fuel reduction in high-risk WUI area as defined FSSL high-risk map | C1  | Mitigation                                  | 6739.50                                    |
| 2)  | Fuel reduction in other portions of the city.                      | C1  | Mitigation                                  | 2000.00                                    |
| 3)  | Type VI FEPP engine  | B4  | Preparedness                                | 3000                                       |
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**Why are these actions the most impactful way to reduce wildfire risk for this PE?**  
Consider the highest wildfire risk areas within the boundary and the values to protect from the threat of wildfire.

The proposed actions represent the most impactful strategy to reduce wildfire risk within this Participating Entity (PE) because they directly address the highest hazard areas, the most vulnerable values at risk, and our operational response capability.

First, fuel reduction within the high-risk Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), as identified by the FFSL high-risk map, targets the areas where wildfire is most likely to threaten homes, infrastructure, and lives. These neighborhoods contain dense vegetation, steep terrain, and limited access, increasing both ignition potential and structure exposure. Reducing hazardous fuels in these priority zones lowers fire intensity, slows fire spread, and improves defensible space, which directly protects residences, critical infrastructure, and evacuation routes.

Second, implementing fuel reduction in other portions of the city strengthens overall community resilience. Wildfires do not respect mapped boundaries, and untreated areas can become pathways for fire to advance into developed areas. Proactive mitigation in secondary risk areas reduces ladder fuels, limits large-scale fire growth, and decreases long-term suppression costs.

Third, the acquisition of our Type VI FEPP engine significantly enhances rapid initial attack capability. Santaquin's Type VI engine is specifically designed for wildland and WUI environments, offering maneuverability on narrow roads, in off-road conditions, and in remote terrain. A fast, aggressive initial attack is the single most effective way to prevent small ignitions from becoming large, destructive incidents. This apparatus allows us to respond quickly to emerging fires, support BLM and cooperating agencies, and protect high-value assets within our jurisdiction.

Together, targeted fuel mitigation in the highest-risk WUI areas, expanded treatment in other vulnerable zones, and improved initial attack capacity through a Type VI engine form a comprehensive, risk-based approach. These actions directly protect life, property, natural resources, and critical infrastructure while reducing overall wildfire exposure for Santaquin City.

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*By signing this document, the Participating Entity and FFSL agree that these proposed actions adhere to the intent of CWS to reduce the impact of catastrophic wildfire to local communities.*



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