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Community Cluster.....1

Landscape Class.....F

Description

Represented by just two counties, this group has few fires and a small reported area burned. As little fire is unusual for western rangelands that have abundant flammable grassy fuels, this distinction may change at any time for Harding County, South Dakota. In contrast, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana comprises the narrow delta of the Mississippi River and is comprised of grass and wetlands that rarely burn. Both counties have a notable Federal land base which helps unite them.

Example of a Typical County

Harding County, South Dakota: While a few mid-sized fires have occurred here, the county to the west (in Montana) has seen more. This county includes part of Custer National Forest and private rangeland.

Challenges and Opportunities

Vegetation and Fuels

These counties have a history of prescribed fire and could expand or maintain use of this fuel management option. They may want to consider using prescribed fire as one of their primary fuel management options. Counties could manage wildfires for multiple benefits, but will need an increased awareness of community risk. These are largely non-forested counties where regular use of mowing or grazing may be useful for reducing fuels.

Homes, Communities and Values at Risk

Local discretion should be used to determine the importance of home and community actions.

Human-Caused Ignitions

Human caused ignitions are not as great here as in other parts of the country, but may deserve attention if a local situation dictates.

Effective and Efficient Wildfire Response

Response organizations continue to protect structures, treat fuels and target ignitions as local conditions apply.



National Priorities

Vegetation and Fuels	Very Low
Homes, Communities and Values at Risk	Very Low
Human-Caused Ignitions	Very Low

Effective and Efficient Response: There is low risk of large wildfires.

1F County Names

Louisiana

Plaquemines

South Dakota

Harding