

6D

Community Cluster.....6

Landscape Class.....D

Description

These five rural, socio-economically stressed counties of the interior have relatively few ignitions and a low area burned. Given the flammability of fuels in several of these counties, they may become more like group 3D if fire increases.

Example of a Typical County

Mellette County, South Dakota: This southern South Dakota county is mostly grassland. Large wind-driven fires have occurred here and in nearby counties over the last decade.

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. Many of these counties also have nearby forest products industries, so they may consider using mechanical treatments to create a buffer between the forest and the communities before using prescribed fire. These counties could manage wildfires for multiple benefits, but will need an increased awareness of community risk.

Homes, Communities and Values at Risk

These counties could adjust building and construction codes in non-municipal areas.

Human-Caused Ignitions

Reduce human-caused incendiary ignitions by focusing on enforcement programs.

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	Low
Human-Caused Ignitions	Very Low

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

6D County Names

Mississippi

Sunflower

Missouri

Pemiscot

Montana

Blaine

Oklahoma

Harmon

South Dakota

Mellette