

2013 Texas Community Wildfire Protection Grant Program Summary Report



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The Community Wildfire Protection Grant is intended to protect natural resources, local communities, and National Forest land within the Wildland Urban Interface. The four national forests in Texas are the Agelina National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Sabine National Forest, and Sam Houston National Forest (Figure 1).

A ranking matrix was used to determine which prescribed burn treatments would be most effective in accomplishing this goal. Factors for the ranking included the property being within a 3 miles radius of a national forest, 2 miles within a community, completion of a CWPP in the county, use of TxWRAP to determine wildfire ignition density, along with a the submission of comprehensive burn plan.

The prescribed burn treatment program is an effective tool that is used to reduce the threat of wildfire to the National Forests, local communities, wildlife and natural resources located in East Texas. The grant opened for applications in mid-November 2012 and closed in mid-December 2012.

The 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Grant accomplishments included **14 landowners** completing prescribed burn treatments on a total of **2,348.5 acres** in East Texas. The grant program allowed these landowners to be reimbursed at a rate of \$30.00 per acre for a total of **\$74,455.00** paid thru the grant funding process. Texas A&M Forest Service did not complete the prescribed burns. Landowners contracted out to consulting foresters in East Texas to complete the prescribed burns.

The following is a detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2013:

- 42 prescribed burn treatment applications were received by Texas A & M Forest Service
- 27 prescribed burn treatment agreements were approved
- 14 of these 27 landowners completed their prescribed burn treatments
- 3 of these 27 landowners confirmed that they would not be burning in the Agreement period
- 9 of these 27 landowners did not perform the burn treatment during the Agreement period due to unknown reasons.
- 1 of these 27 landowners used a Wild Turkey Federation grant to complete burn treatment instead of Community Wildfire Protection Grant.

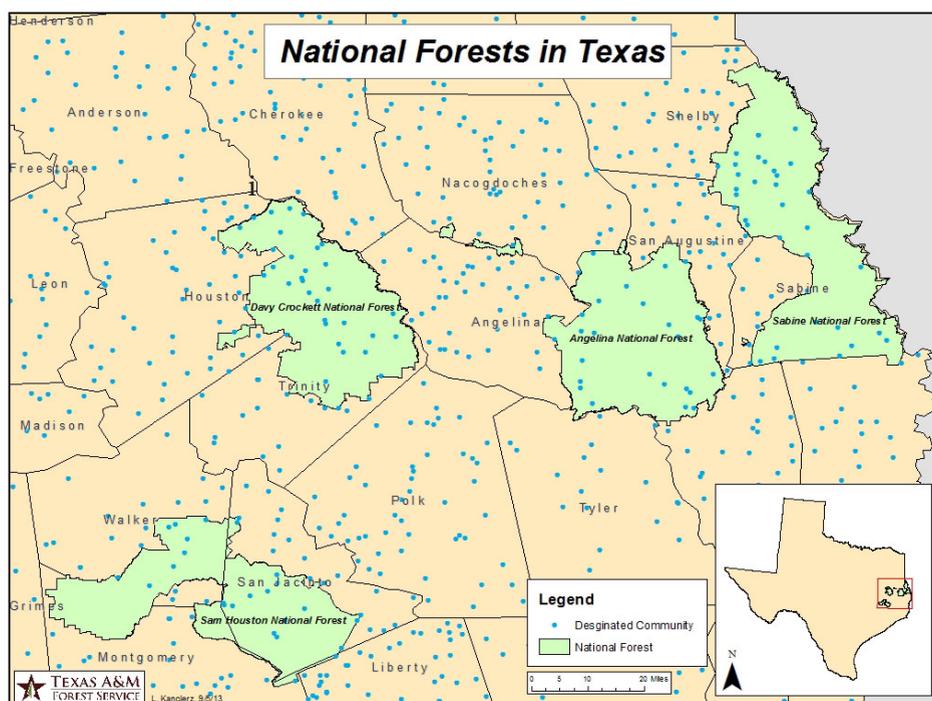


Figure 1: National Forests in Texas

Acres treated with prescribed fire by county (See appendix for map):

- Houston County – 3 burns, 922 acres
- Jasper County – 1 burn, 320 acres
- Montgomery County – 1 burn, 65 acres
- San Augustine County – 3 burns, 333.5 acres
- San Jacinto County – 1 burn, 432 acres
- Trinity County – 1 burn, 35 acres
- Walker County – 3 burns, 241 acres

The prescribed burn window was limited during the spring of 2013, and many landowners who planned on completing their burn treatments through the grant program were unable to do so.

Grant extensions were not given for 2013 grant period. Landowners were encouraged to re-apply for the 2014 Community Wildfire Grant Program that will reopen in the fall of 2013. Landowners who were unable to burn will be awarded extra points in the matrix to determine viable applicants for the 2014 grant program.

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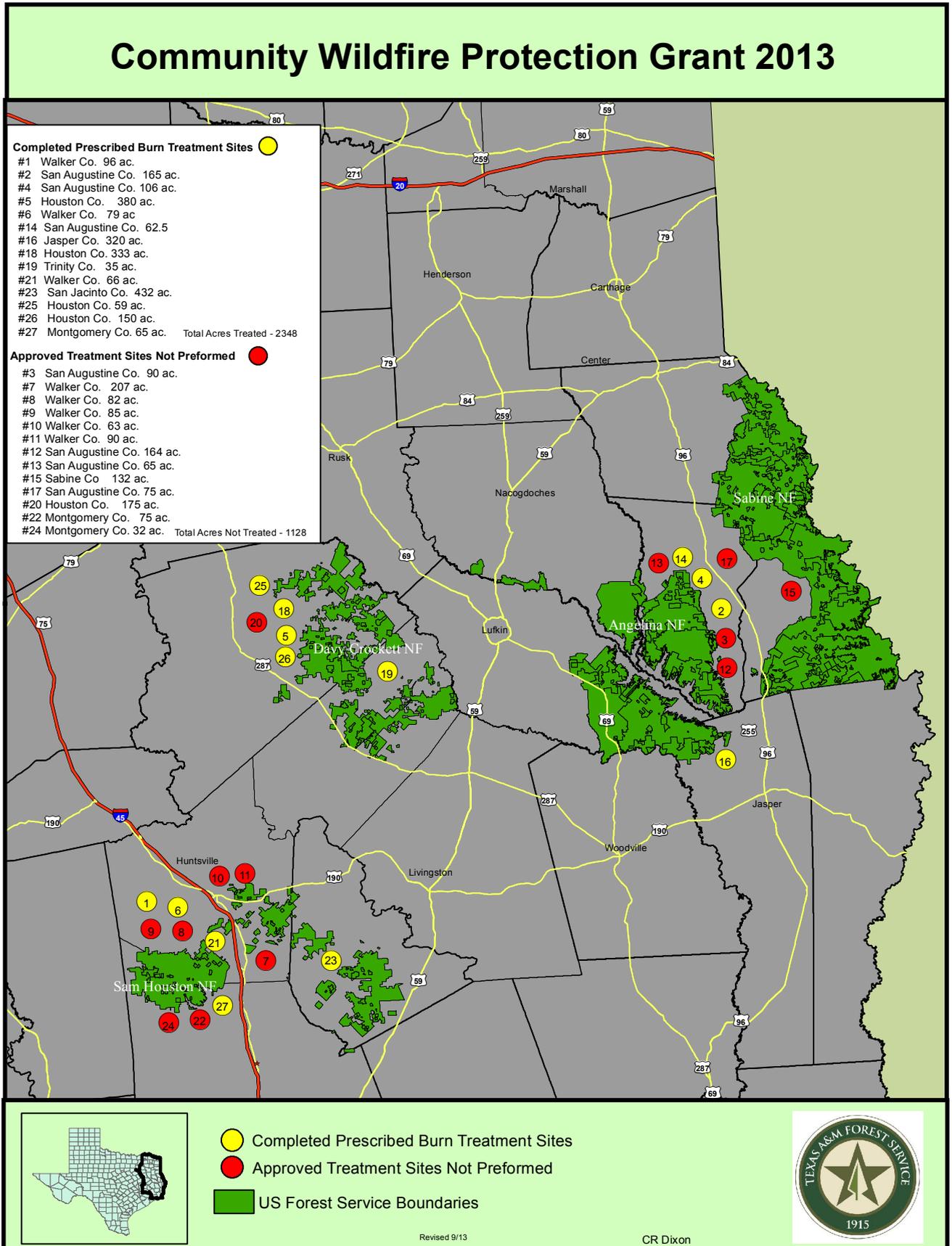
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Appendix

2013 Community Wildfire Protection Grant Overview Map



Landowners and Burn Contractors

Landowner	Burn Contractor	County	Acreage
C.L. Blackstock	Scull Timber Co. Inc.	Trinity	30
Joe Crawford	Champion Forest Resource Mgt., Inc.	Walker	96
Jack Erwin	Ladner Forestry Consulting Inc.	San Augustine	165
Mollie Ethington	Ladner Forestry Consulting Inc.	San Augustine	62.5
John Gnemi	Acorn Forestry	San Jacinto	432
Hugh Hamilton	Ward Service Inc.-DBA Advance Forest Services	Jasper	320
Clay Harrison	Scull Timber Co. Inc.	Houston	380
Katherine Hutson	Raven Environmental Services, Inc.	Montgomery	65
Lawson Kloesel	Scull Timber Co. Inc.	Houston	333
Joe Larrison	Acorn Forestry	Walker	66
John Oglesbee Jr.	Ladner Forestry Consulting Inc.	San Augustine	106
Jon Short	Forestry Associates Inc.	Walker	79
Glenda Taylor	Acorn Forestry	Houston	59
Carl Watts	Acorn Forestry	Houston	150

380 Acre Prescribed Burn in Houston County



Before



After

