

ABOUT

A Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) is a national interagency resource designed to help communities build sustainable local capacity for community wildfire mitigation within high-risk areas before, during and after a wildfire.

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CMAT
Community Mitigation
Assistance Team

CMAT CAN

- Help develop an effective cross boundary mitigation strategy
- Provide highly proficient wildfire mitigation experts who can share mitigation best practices
- Engage a variety of local and regional stakeholders to form an effective collaboration
- Develop mitigation action plans in collaboration with local needs

WHAT CMAT DOESN'T DO

- Prevention- please order a prevention team
- Create literature, brochures, awareness campaigns, websites, etc.
- The work of the local community or unit

WHAT A CMAT DOES

DURING WILDFIRE INCIDENTS

CMAT works with the incident management team and functions as a community mitigation support division focused on working with residents and community leaders to guide identified just-in-time mitigation actions that the community can undertake before wildfire impact.

This might include:

- home assessments
- pertinent training
- partnership development
- community meetings
- resource identification
- mentoring

BEFORE AND AFTER A WILDFIRE INCIDENT

CMAT collaborates with local partners, the Forest, and community leaders to identify and resolve mitigation challenges and build sustainable mitigation efforts using best practices focused on action on the ground.

This might include:

- collaborative analysis of barriers and opportunities
- community engagement
- strengthening partnerships
- training
- coalition building
- mitigation planning

HOW TO ORDER A CMAT

Communities, incident commanders or forests in high wildfire risk areas with an identified mitigation challenge and who are willing to work closely with CMAT during and after deployment may request a CMAT by filling out and submitting a **CMAT request form** at:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/fire/cmata>

Requests are then vetted by the national CMAT lead based on enabling conditions, need and likelihood of success. There is no cost* to order a team - only a commitment of time to participate and a desire to act on recommendations.

CMAT is a self-contained team, but the ordering unit must supply a secure work location.



“When a neighborhood takes responsibility for its future, we can direct them to techniques and available assistance that can help build resiliency to the risk of fire that is always with us.”

***Mike Vogt, Chief,
Alpine Wyoming Fire District***

