

The New Mexico Hub of the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FACLN): Peer-Learning Workshop

Thursday, March 19th 9:00 – 5:00pm

Albuquerque Fire Department Training Center, 11500 Sunset Gardens Rd. SW, Albuquerque, NM

FACLN is a network of fire and land managers, businesses, NGOs, elected officials, Firewise communities, tribal governments, and anyone else interested in making their community more **Fire Adapted**. The New Mexico hub of the FACLN (www.facnetwork.org) is hosting a peer-learning workshop in Albuquerque on **March 19th, 2015**. The workshop will feature presentations from various peer-leaders who will share success stories and best management practices for implementing FAC concepts. Participants will work together in small groups to identify challenges and solutions to common problems related to making our communities fire adapted and look for ways to improve the New Mexico FACLN.

Goals:

1. To implement fire adapted community elements of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy in north-central and northern New Mexico in concert with the Nature Conservancy's Water Fund initiative through proven methods to affect positive change.
2. To connect communities and leaders in implementing FAC concepts so that communities can learn from each other's strengths and challenge areas.
3. To build the capacity of the New Mexico FACLN hub to implement FAC concepts by identifying needs gaps, sharing best management practices, and expanding the network.

Workshop format: Topic specific presentations will precede small group discussions on three topics, (1) Mapping the FACLN: stakeholders, resources available, and resources needed, (2) Engaging residents in FAC: identifying challenges and tools & solutions to implementing FAC concepts within a community, and (3) Building adaptive capacity: identifying challenges and tools & solutions before, during, and after a wildfire occurs.

Background: The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy lists creating fire adapted communities as one of three primary goals. The FACLN was created with this goal in mind. This event is directly supported by the New Mexico chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

If you would like to attend the workshop, please **RSVP** to Matt Piccarello at matt@forestguild.org, 505.983.8992 ext. 14 by **March 6th, 2015** with this information:

1. Name, email, affiliation.
2. What wildfire challenges face your community?
3. What are you interested in learning?

The workshop is **free** to attend. Additional information will available at www.fireadaptednewmexico.org.

