



# 2021 FAC NET MEMBER WINS

Celebrating impact, successes & hope

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*We asked FAC Net members to share some of their biggest wins from 2021 in order to celebrate as the year comes to a close. Read on for what they shared; snapshots of a nation adapting to wildfire from practitioners across the country!*

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**Gabe Kohler & Eytan Krazilovsky**  
FOREST STEWARDS GUILD,  
NEW MEXICO



"The Forest Stewards Guild and Fire Adapted NM (FACNM), have been working with the Cibola, Carson, and Santa Fe National Forests, New Mexico Forestry Division, the National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Office on a messaging campaign under the tagline "Wildfire Preparedness is Year-Round." This effort included a landing page at <https://facnm.org/wildfire-preparedness>, a 2021 wildfire preparedness calendar, and messaging across multiple platforms, including social media, webinars, and community events. The campaign delivered a monthly theme and content each month throughout 2021."

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"A highlight for me has been getting some funding thru the Butte County RCD to help landowners get fire on the ground as part of their Butte PBA project. I've been making some videos about the Dixie Fire and prescribed burning on my new YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/thelookout1](http://www.youtube.com/thelookout1)."



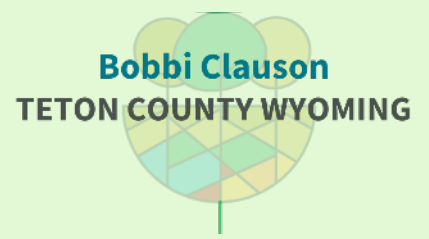
**Jessica Kirby**  
SUMMIT COUNTY UTAH



Jessica Kirby, Summit County Public Lands Manager, won a 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Award. The Wildfire Mitigation Awards are the highest national honor one can receive for outstanding work and significant program impact in wildfire preparedness and mitigation.

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"Two agencies in Teton County, Wyoming, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS and Teton Conservation District, were able to jointly fund a new FTE designated the Wildland Fire Prevention Specialist. There is now a dedicated staff member for Public Education, Outreach, and supporting grant opportunities."



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"Eagle County Government recently secured a large amount of funding for mitigation work throughout the County that will begin in 2022! Projects include fuel breaks, mastication and mowing projects, and the adoption of a Fire Adapted Communities Neighborhood Ambassador program that will empower community members to take charge of mitigation practices in their own neighborhoods. 2022 will be an exciting year!"



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"A win for Oregon State University Extension's Fire Program is that we offered a three day basic prescribed fire education and training event for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This training provides the basic job approval authority for District Conservationist to recommend prescribed fire to landowners as a tool in their management toolbox. A video of this event can be seen at: <https://oregonstate.app.box.com/s/vbwh4mlforward7fwqi6h27gkulfas7z1c> "



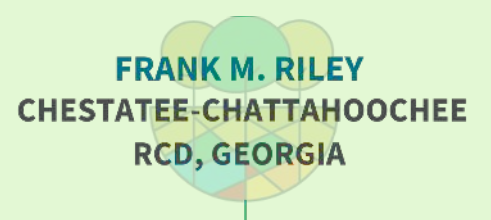
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"My community's 2021 win is that we have an updated CWPP, full-time wildland specialist, and a thorough home assessment program implemented. To date 51 home assessments have been completed and the home assessment calendar is scheduled through March of next year!"



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Frank Riley, Executive Director for the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation and Development Council, received a 2021 Silver Smokey Bear Award – one of the highest honors an individual can receive for outstanding wildfire prevention service.





"Working in Partnership with the City of Ashland's Wildfire Safety Commission since last December, Ashland Fire & Rescue certified its first class of volunteers for Ashland's Wildfire Risk Assessment Program (WRAP) in September 2021. Volunteer Assessors have already completed Fifty (50) wildfire home risk assessments for Ashland residents! The City of Ashland Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Code went into effect on Oct. 1, 2021. Ashland was the second community in the State of Oregon to adopt a wildfire hazard mitigation code for new construction based on ORSC Section 327.4, on June 1, 2021."

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"Smokey Bear has a new friend from Hawai'i. Hawaii's wildfire mascot, Kaleo the Pueo (owl), has moved off paper and into reality (courtesy of Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization)! He is good friends with Smokey, of course, and presents an image and a message specific to the people and places of our Hawaiian Island chain."



"A big win is that the USFS committed \$11.6M for the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project. In addition, the Flagstaff TREFX has been active!. And lastly, we have initiated HEPA filter program in partnership with City of Flagstaff Sustainability Division and the Flagstaff Fire Department."

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"By the end of 2021 we will have over 200 new communities in the Firewise USA program. The majority of growth has been in California and Oregon, with many other states bringing on new sites as well.

The real win is seeing the time and effort these communities are putting in to home hardening and mitigation and the support they are getting from local partners and practitioners."

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