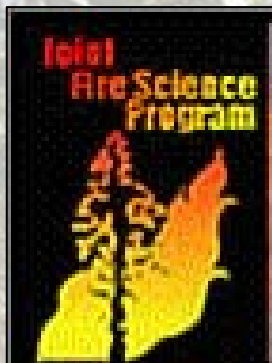
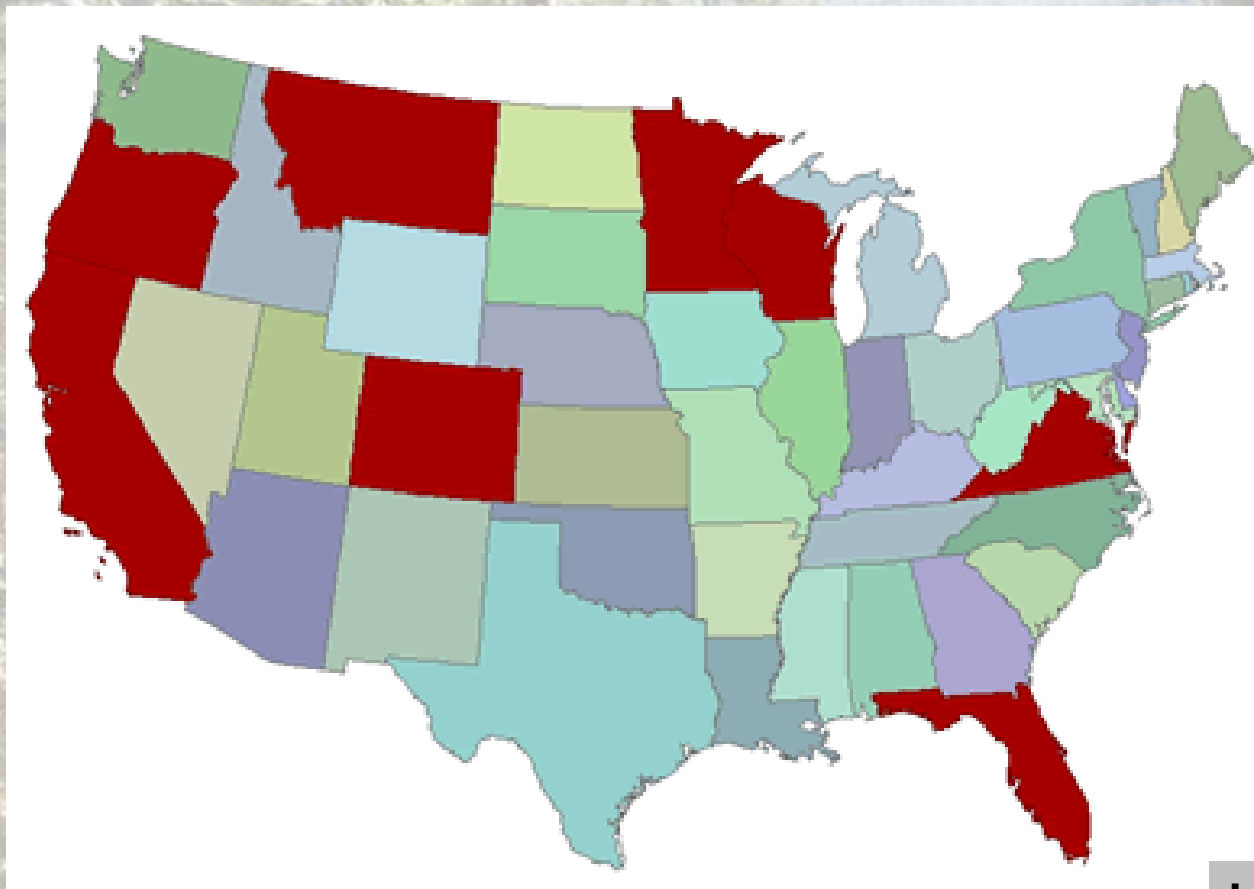


# Community Wildfire Protection Plans: Enhancing Collaboration and Building Community Capacity



# COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

Enhancing Collaboration & Building Community Capacity



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# **Community Wildfire Protection Plans: Enhancing Collaboration and Building Community Capacity**

- improve the ability of agencies, organizations, communities, and citizens to work together collaboratively, and**
- enhance the long-term capacity of community to address wildfire risk**



**Collaboration**



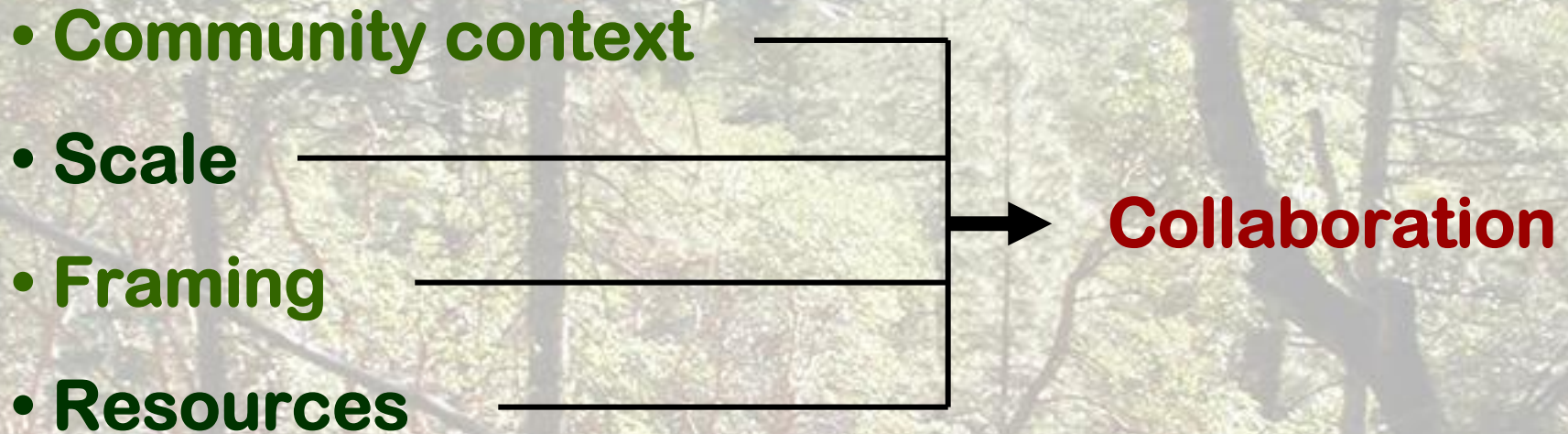
**Community capacity**



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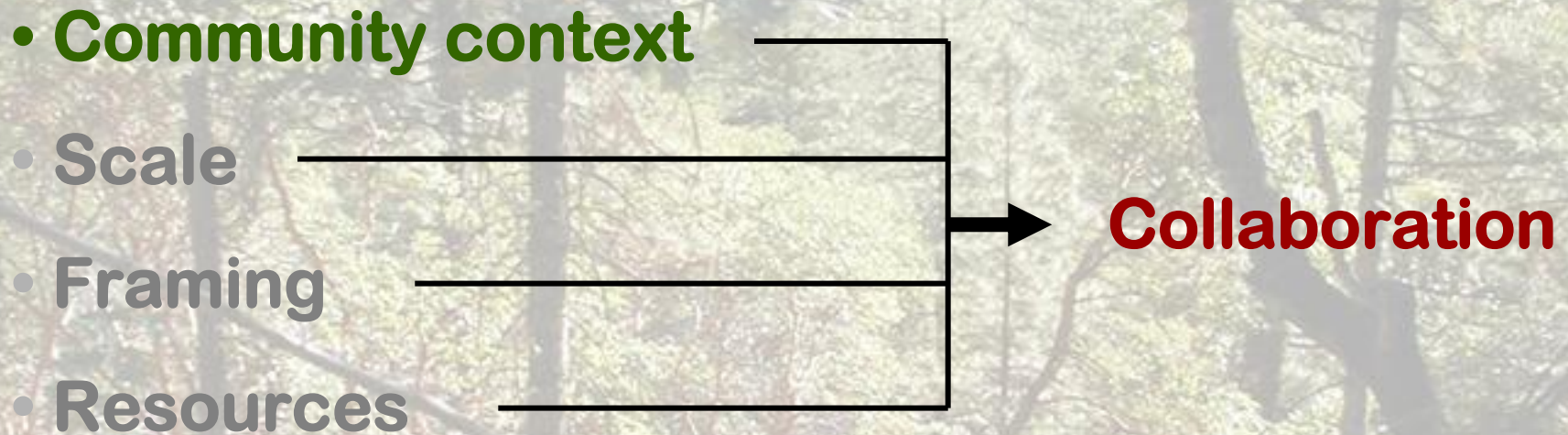


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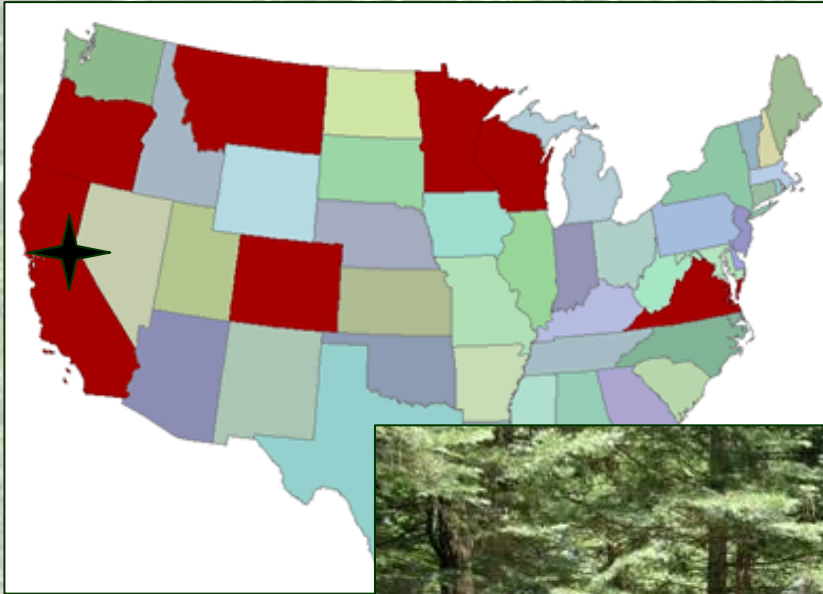




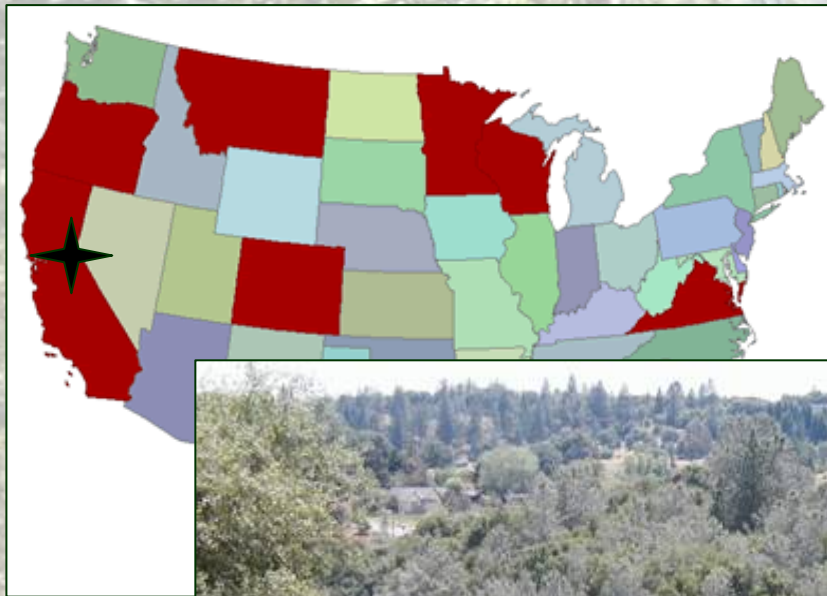
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# Grizzly Flats, El Dorado County, California



# Auburn Lake Trails, El Dorado County, California





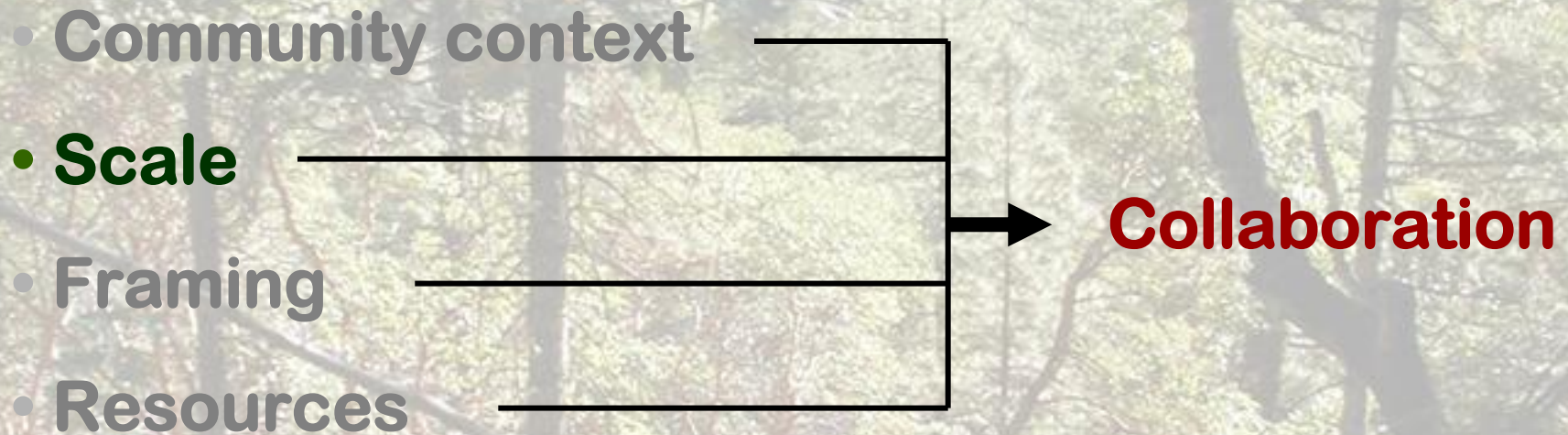


# Community Context- Lessons Learned

- **There is no one collaborative process or approach that is most appropriate for developing and implementing a CWPP.**
- Identify and understand previous collaborative initiatives in the community so the CWPP can build on earlier successful initiatives and learn from past issues.
- Community involvement in the CWPP process is not automatic and may require many different approaches, but community involvement is necessary for buy-in and legitimacy.



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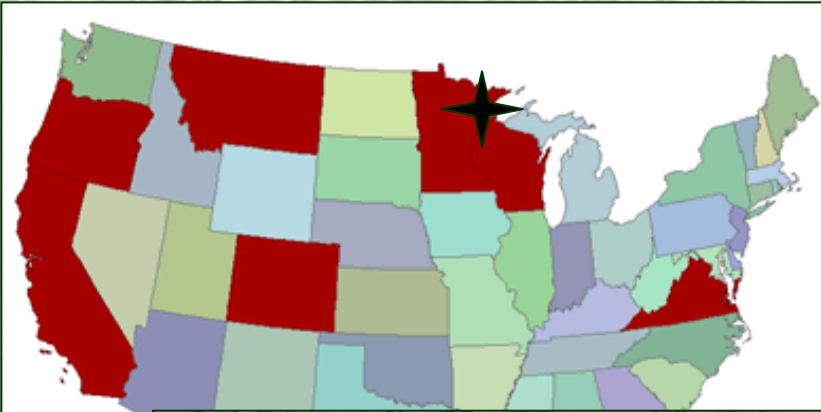
# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs—Scale

- **Goal = strategic, landscape-level planning**



- **Broader scale planning (multi-county, county, or multi-township)**
- **Agency involvement critical**

# Lake County, Minnesota





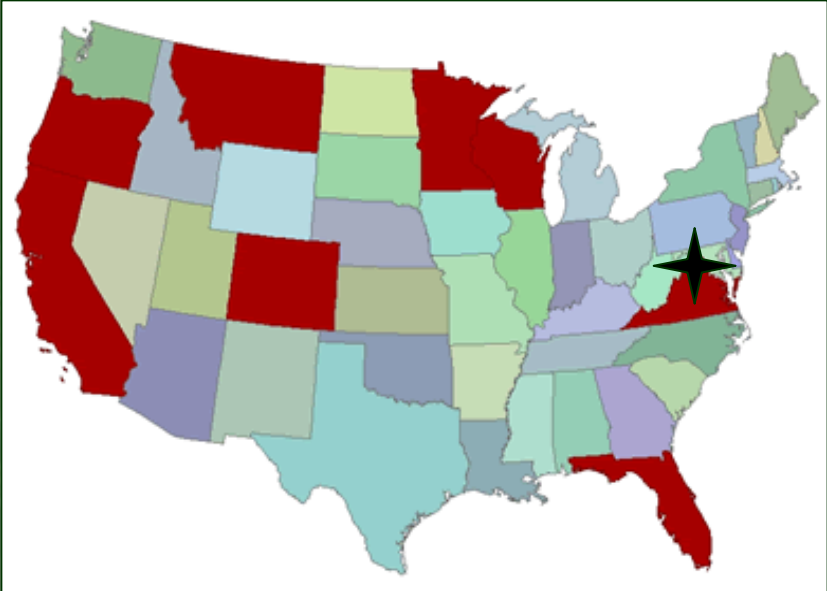
# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs—Scale

- **Goal = property owner-level planning**



- **Smaller scale planning (neighborhood, homeowners association, community)**
- **Homeowner involvement critical.**

# High Knob, Virginia

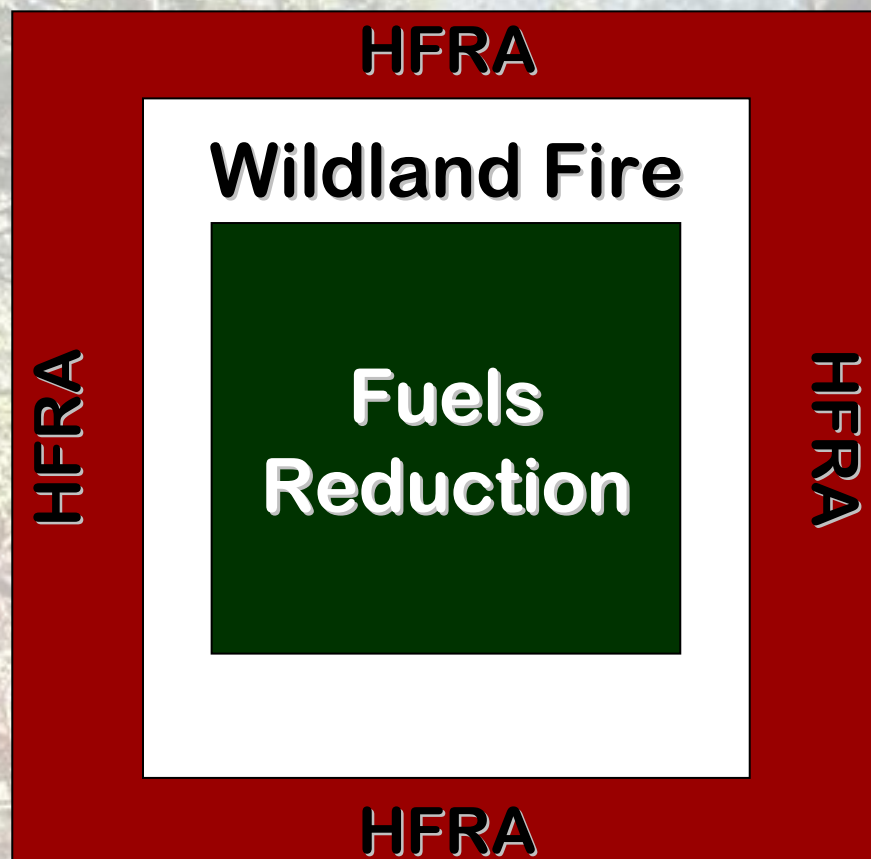




# Scale – Lessons Learned

- **Select the scale where you can make something happen!**
- Consider the tension between the need for an integrated, landscape-level management versus the necessity for local community impact when deciding on scale.
  - ✓ Community involvement in the CWPP process is not automatic and may require many different approaches, but community involvement is necessary for buy-in and legitimacy.
  - ✓ Government agencies bring jurisdictional authority, information and resources useful for strategic risk assessment and fuel reduction across ownership boundaries. They are also key to sustainability .

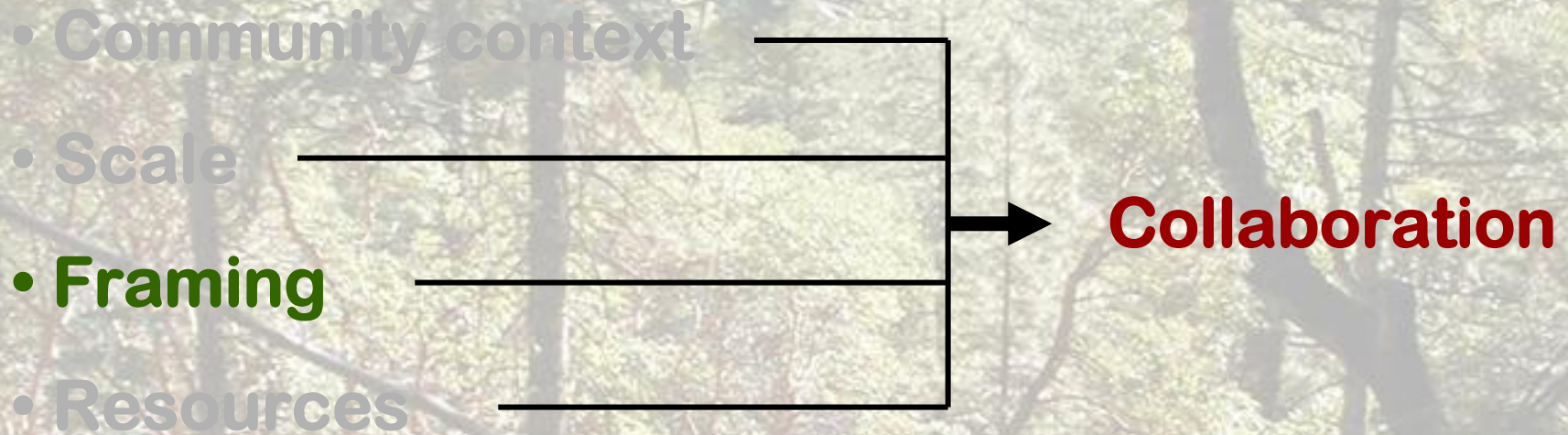
# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs—Framing







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# Taylor, Florida



**Safety**



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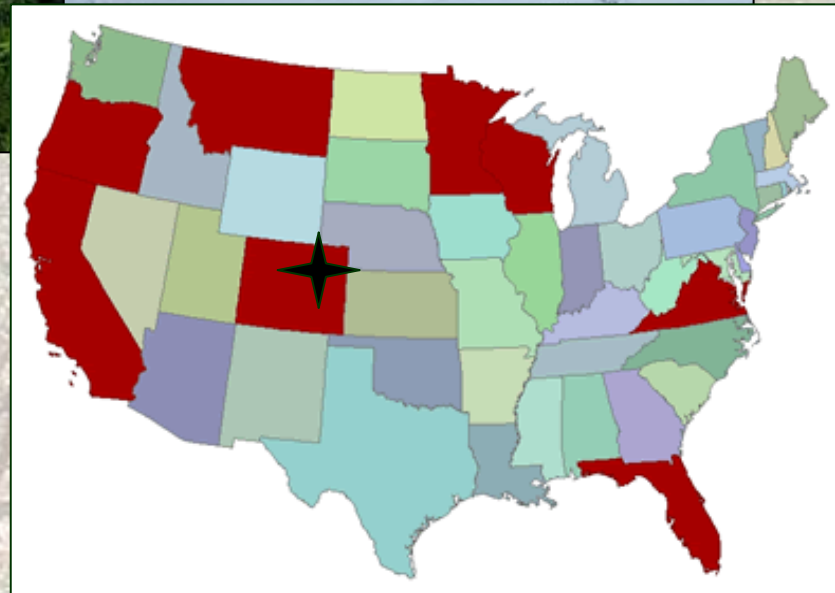
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# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs—Framing

**Restoration**



# Harris Park & East Portal, Colorado



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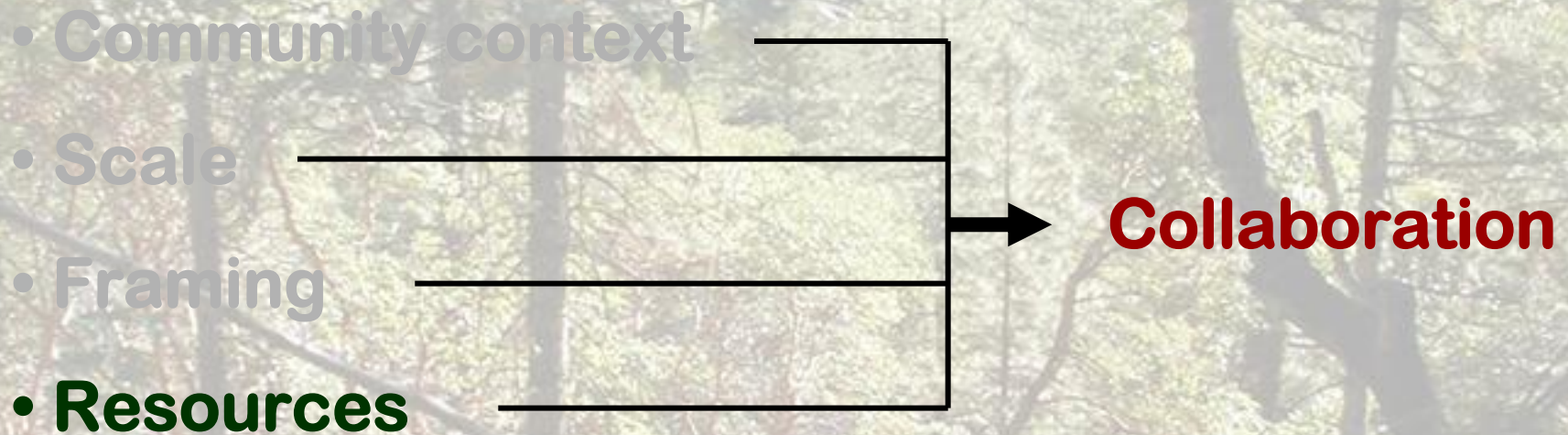


# Framing – Lessons Learned

- **How the CWPP goals and objectives are framed will be a determining factor in who becomes and stays involved, the collaborative process that is employed, and how success is defined.**
- A CWPP framed as immediate wildfire risk to lives and properties in specific subdivisions is often a good starting point for engaging community residents in the CWPP process specifically and wildfire mitigation in general.
- A forest ecosystem frame can complement the wildfire frame and provide a more inclusive issue frame; however, in some communities forest ecosystem restoration may be a frame that fragments the community.



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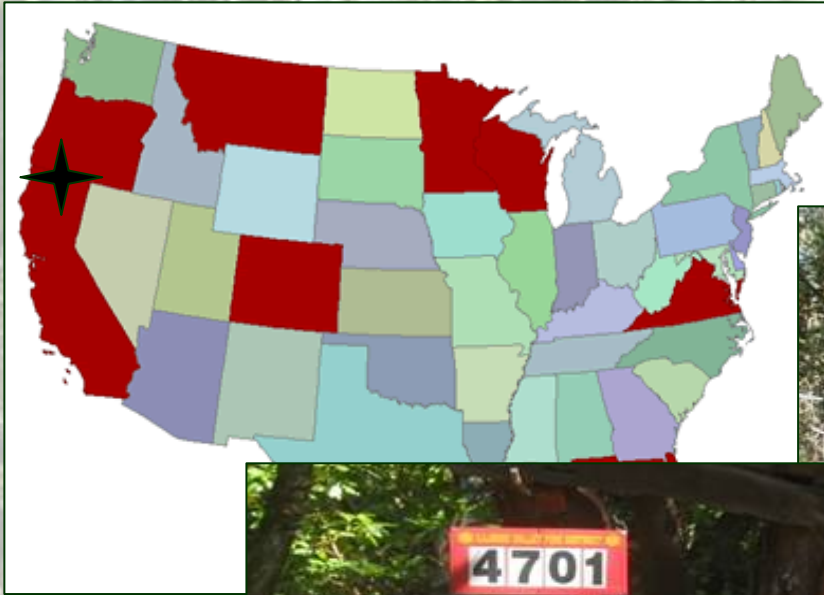




# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs—Resources

- Community context
- Scale
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- **Resources**
  - **Financial resources**
  - **Human resources**
  - **Technical resources**

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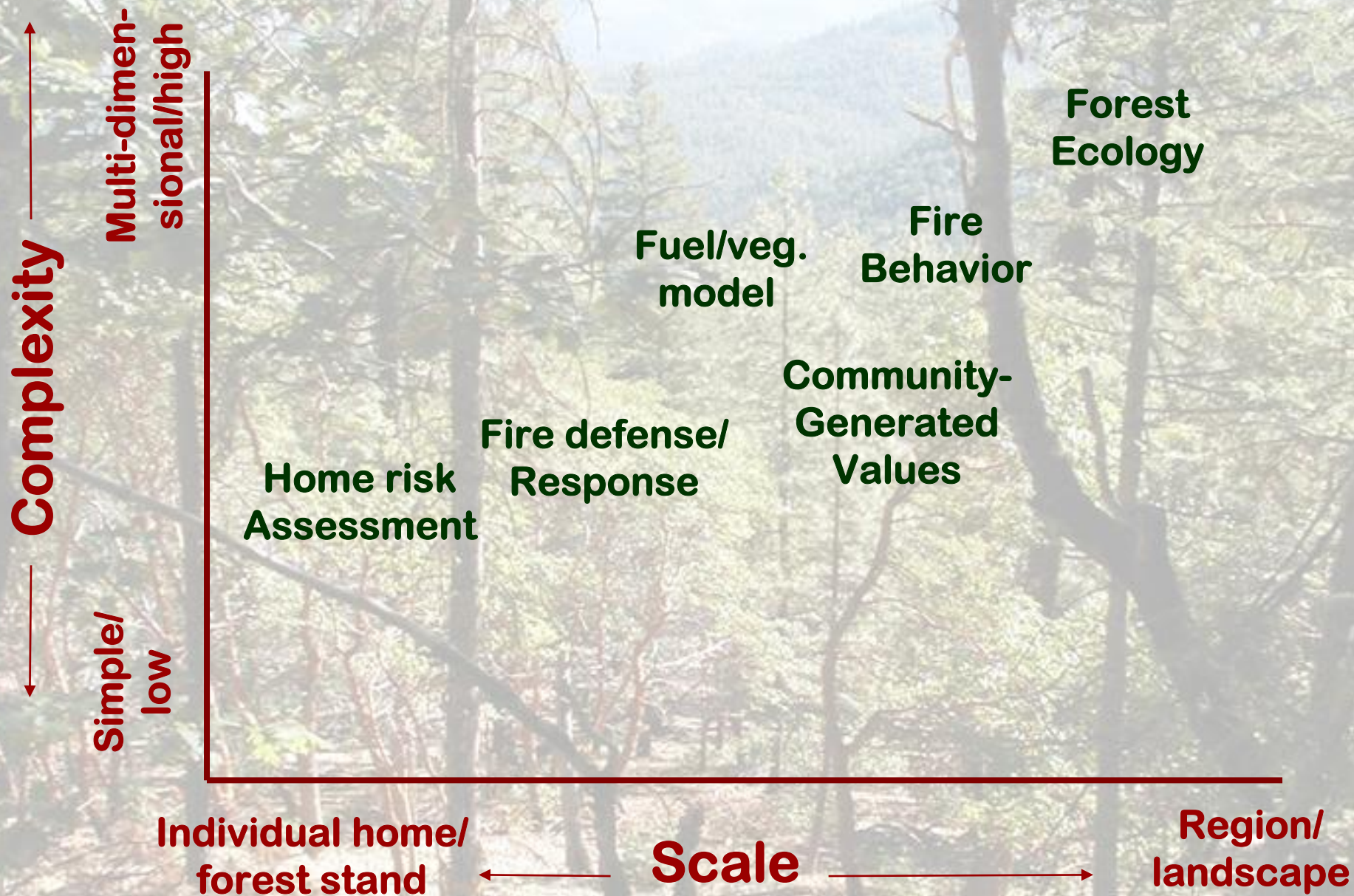


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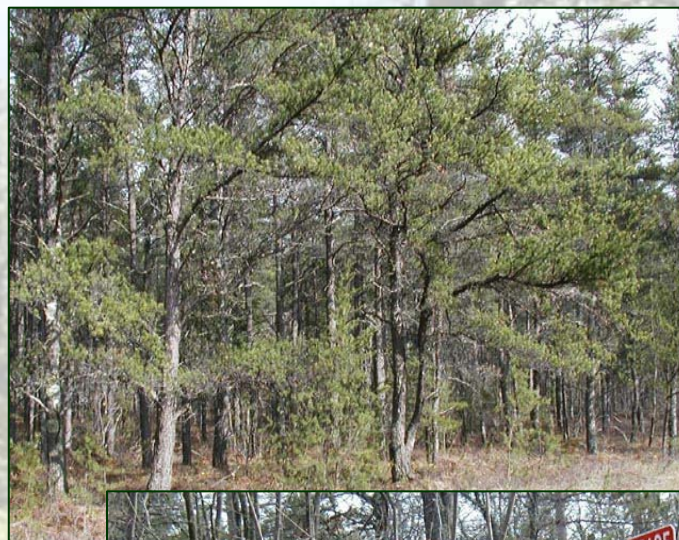
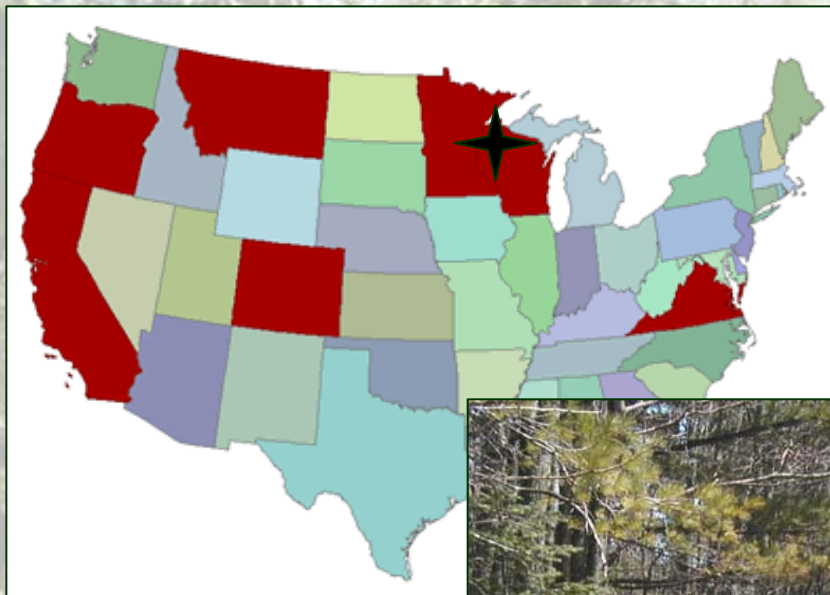




# Technical Resources for Collaboration



# Barnes & Drummond, Wisconsin

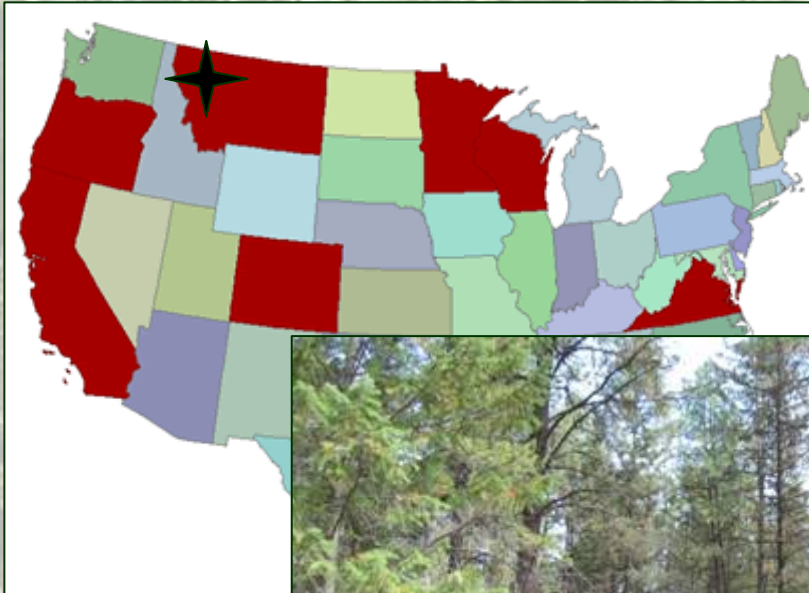


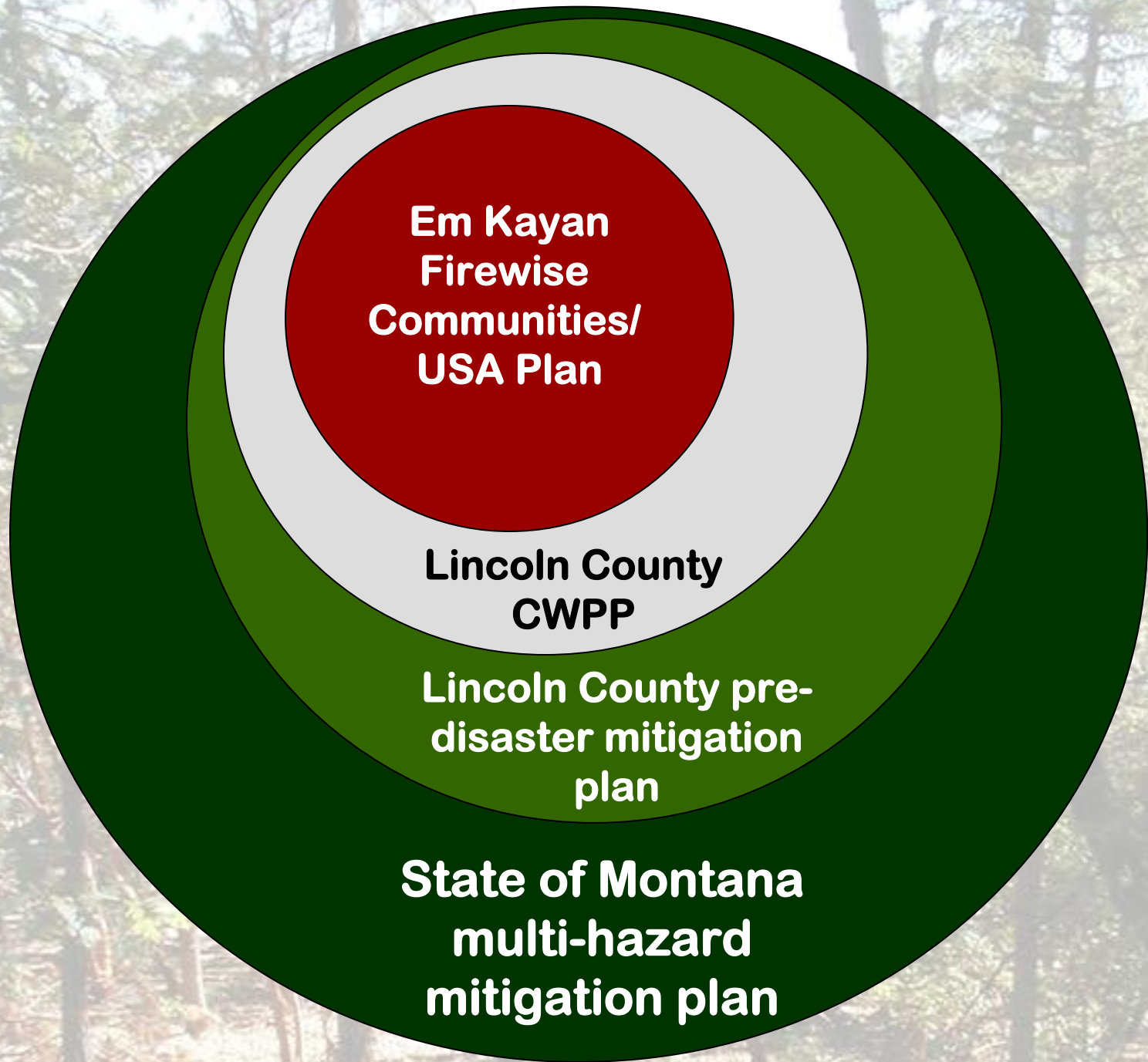


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# Lincoln County, Montana





**Em Kayan  
Firewise  
Communities/  
USA Plan**

**Lincoln County  
CWPP**

**Lincoln County pre-  
disaster mitigation  
plan**

**State of Montana  
multi-hazard  
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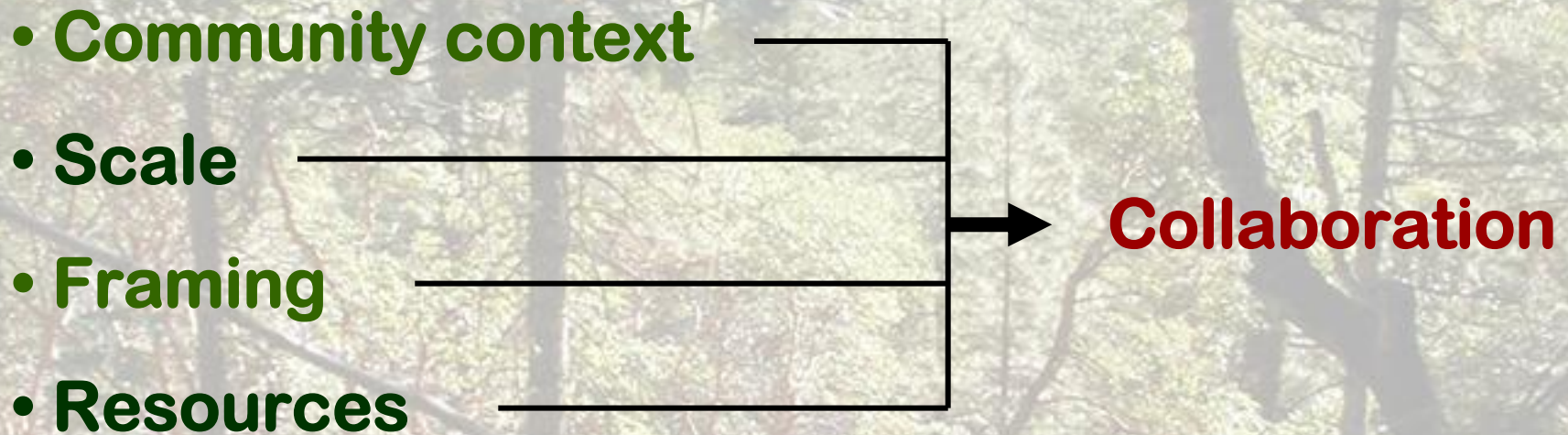


# Resources – Lessons Learned

- **Consciously use, strengthen, and build networks during the planning process in order to create the capacity for planning and implementation.**
- Intermediaries – local and regional non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations -- can be instrumental in coordinating and facilitating the CWPP process.
- Key participants in the CWPP process can each plan critical leadership roles at different stages. Multiple types of leaders are useful, depending on the needs and issues at hand.
- Nesting the CWPP in or linking it to other planning documents (hazard mitigation plans, forest plans, Firewise plans) can make the collaborative process more efficient and the CWPP more relevant and sustainable.



# Elements Influencing Collaboration for CWPPs



*Part of this is trying to get the trust back between the community and the USFS.... Because I've been working diligently with the FS, and the fuels reduction program, and the Fire Safe Council, and with [Ranger] directly. We've established that this is a community that wants to make this work. Not to fight against them, but to work together. If we work together, we can do things together the right way. (VFD Chief)*

*We can't do new stuff alone, we can't just do that same tired stuff that got us into this predicament. So only by working with the community folks that live here, only by constantly meeting and talking and hashing it out and doing little stuff at a time can that be done. (BLM Fire mitigation specialist)*