

Washington state wildfire mitigation and resiliency work group questionnaire #1

You are receiving this survey link as a member of the Washington state wildfire mitigation and resiliency working group. We invite you to share your input by end of day Wednesday, June 25th. Your responses will support next steps and agenda items for future meetings. The last question invites you to share anything we did not ask about that you think we should be discussing or considering.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Forte at david.forte@oic.wa.gov or 360-725-7268.

See also: [Working group website](#)

Further context:

We appreciate your willingness to participate with this important work! Your diverse perspectives will be instrumental in achieving a successful outcome. While we still have some members yet to be identified, we want to make sure those that are selected receive an update.

As you are aware, the Washington State Legislature has passed legislation (SHB 1539) directing the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Insurance Commissioner to co-chair a working group to study and make recommendations by December 1, 2025 on the following:

- **the development and alignment of property mitigation standards for wildfires with nationally recognized, science-based standards;**
- **enhancing wildfire mitigation at the community level;**
- **sharing data between appropriate state agencies and the insurance industry regarding successful implementation of wildfire mitigation efforts;**
- **improving transparency for consumers regarding wildfire hazard and risk; and**
- **establishing a grant program for residential homes for purposes such as retrofitting and evaluations, including recommendations for decreasing insurance nonrenewals.**

The initial work group meeting will be virtual and on Tuesday, July 1, 3:30-5:00pm Pacific. Please [register here](#).

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* 1. Please share your name and organization.

Name

Representing

Email Address

2. Do you believe it is important for the state to have wildfire mitigation standards for individual residential homes that can be referenced by all impacted parties, and that promote wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts by individual homeowners?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

3. Which wildfire mitigation standards for individual residential homes are you aware of?

4. Do you believe it is important for the state to have wildfire mitigation standards for communities that all impacted parties can reference and that promote community-level wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

5. Which community-level wildfire mitigation standards are you aware of?

6. Homeowners and communities need to understand their risk from exposure to wildfire to effectively implement preparedness and mitigation strategies. How important is the dissemination to the public of wildfire hazard and risk by state agencies and the insurance industry?

Very Low

No opinion

Very High

7. What wildfire hazard and risk data are you aware of that would be important for state agencies and the insurance industry to provide to the public?

8. Some insurance companies evaluate the potential risk of loss from an individual policy from exposure to wildfire by using various methodologies to establish a “wildfire risk score.” Are you familiar with the practice of establishing wildfire risk scores by insurance companies?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

9. If yes, do you know how these scores are calculated?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

10. Do you believe property owners should be made aware of the wildfire risk score if an insurance company uses it to determine insurability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

11. Should the data and methodology the insurance company used to determine the wildfire risk score be made available to the property owner?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

12. Often a home can be “hardened” or retrofitted to resist damage caused by a wildfire in the vicinity. What level of knowledge do you have of the standards and practices that can be utilized by a homeowner to mitigate the risk of loss from wildfires?

No knowledge Somewhat knowledgeable Very knowledgeable

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13. Would a grant program to assist property owners in retrofitting their property to reduce impacts from wildfire be a benefit to at-risk communities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Do you understand the framework of fire protection for the built-environment vs wildlands in Washington?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

15. What do you hope this work group achieves?

16. What concerns would you like to highlight for this work group?

17. Is there anything else you would like to share?