

Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks

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Response to OMB (Ruth Solomon & Brian Harris-Kojetin)

The following set of questions will be used to test for non-response bias. Approximately one month after second mailing of the complete survey (the fourth contact), we will select approximately 10 percent of the non-respondents and contact them via telephone to ask them a subset of the survey questions (see below for a list of the questions). The answers from the telephone contact will be compared to the responses of the survey respondents to test for statistical differences using paired t-tests.

Questions for telephone contact to test for Non-response bias.

Hello, my name is _____ from Integrated Resource Solutions and we are working on a project for the USDA Forest Service. May I please speak to an adult member of the household. (Reintroduce self if necessary). I am calling to ask a few questions regarding wildfires and it should only take about 2 minutes of your time.

1. How many times have you visited National Forests in the past 12 months?

2. How vulnerable do you feel about the possibility of a wildfire affecting your property and/or possessions:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
not at all						extremely
vulnerable						vulnerable

3. How **confident do you feel in your ability** to protect your property and yourself from the risk of wildfire:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
not at all						very
confident						confident

4. To what extent do you find information about wildfires to be personally relevant?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
not at						very
all relevant						relevant

5. What type of experience have you had with large-scale wildfire(s): Check all that apply.

- _____ My house and/or structures on my property were destroyed (partially or totally)
- _____ There have been fires very near my property (less than 5 miles)
- _____ There have been fires 5 to 50 miles from my property
- _____ There have been fires 51 to 100 miles from my property
- _____ \we have been evacuated from my\our house because of the threat of a wildfire.
- _____ \we have heard about wildfire experiences through friends, family or neighbors.
- _____ Other-- please explain:
- _____

6. Please identify your age group:

18-25 _____	45-54 _____
26-34 _____	55-64 _____
35-44 _____	65 and over _____

7. Please identify your gender: _____ Male _____ Female

8. What is your highest level of education completed:

Some high school _____	High School _____
Some college _____	College degree _____
Postgraduate work _____	Graduate degree _____
Other (please specify _____)	