

Fire and Fire Management Questionnaire

Discussion Group: _____

Your ID _____

(Please write in your ID on this survey, assigned to you when you arrived to this session. Please write that ID on the notecard in front of your placement at the table. You can add your name to the card if you like, but we'll make all our notes based on your assigned ID. We need to match your survey with your discussion comments and this will allow us to do so.)

The following questions focus on your views about fire and fire management in the San Bernardino National Forest. Please circle one number from 1 to 8 indicating your response to each question. For any item that you are unable, or do not wish to answer, circle the "D/K; no answer" option.

Note: For this first set of questions we will ask you about fire management. When we ask about that we are referring to forest management techniques to reduce fire risk as well as fire management and suppression during an actual fire.

1. How concerned are you about fire and the risk of fire on the San Bernardino National Forest?

Not at all Concerned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Very Concerned
	0								
	D/K								
	No Answer								

2. In your opinion, how concerned are San Bernardino National Forest community residents regarding fire and the risk of fire?

Not at all Concerned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Very Concerned
	0								
	D/K								
	No Answer								

3. How knowledgeable are you about what should be done for effective fire management on the San Bernardino National Forest?

Not very Knowledgeable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Very Knowledgeable
	0								
	D/K								
	No Answer								

4. How knowledgeable do you think San Bernardino forest community residents are about what should be done for effective fire management on the San Bernardino National Forest?

Not very Knowledgeable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Very Knowledgeable

0
D/K
No Answer

5. How knowledgeable do you think the Forest Service is about what should be done for effective fire management on the San Bernardino National Forest?

Not very Knowledgeable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Very Knowledgeable

0
D/K
No Answer

6. To what extent do you believe the USDA Forest Service (FS) *shares your values* about fire management?

The FS shares my values 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 The FS does not share my values

0
D/K
No Answer

7. To the extent that you understand them, *does the FS have the same goals* for fire management as you do?

The FS shares my goals 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 The FS does not share my goals

0
D/K
No Answer

8. To what extent does the FS *support your views* about fire management?

The FS supports my views 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 The FS does not support my views

0
D/K
No Answer

9. To what extent do you trust the FS in their fire management efforts?

I completely trust the FS 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 I completely distrust the FS

0
D/K
No Answer

10. How often is the following true? "The FS makes decisions and takes actions consistent with my values, goals, and views."

- always
- almost always
- usually
- sometimes
- rarely
- never
- Don't know, prefer to not answer

11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following? "If or when the FS makes decisions or takes actions inconsistent with my values, goals, and views, the reasons for doing so are valid." Do you...

- completely disagree
- disagree
- neither agree nor disagree
- agree
- completely agree
- don't know, prefer not to answer

12. There are various reasons why individuals may or may not rely on the Forest Service's fire management on the San Bernardino. Please rate each of the items below, using the following scale:

- 1 = This is not a reason that I rely on the Forest Service
- 0 = I have no opinion or am not sure
- 1 = I agree, this is a reason that I rely on the Forest Service
- 2 = I strongly agree this is a reason that I rely on the Forest Service

- The Forest Service's past record of fire management
- The laws controlling the Forest Service's fire management
- Personal relationships I have with Forest Service personnel
- Procedures that ensure the Forest Service uses effective fire management
- Congress holds the Forest Service accountable for its fire management
- Opportunities that I have to voice my views about fire management
- Media coverage of Forest Service fire management

13. Fire management can accomplish multiple and varied objectives. In your opinion, what are the most important objectives for fire management on this forest? (For example, the objectives might be to improve forest health, to protect private property, or to reduce the risk of larger, uncontrolled fires.)

14. Earlier, we asked about trust of the FS in fire management efforts. In general, do you find people to be:

Generally trustworthy 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Generally not worthy of my trust

0
D/K
No Answer

15. Earlier, we asked you about shared values with the FS. We'd also like to know to what extent your fellow community residents share your values about fire management. Would you say that they:

Do not share my values at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Share my values completely

0
D/K
No Answer

16. Which of these personal experiences with fire have you had during your lifetime?

- Saw a wildland fire
- Experienced smoke from a wildland fire
- A prescribed burn occurred near my home
- Experienced road closure due to wildland fire
- Was evacuated from my home because of wildland fire or risk of fire
- Went without power, shut off to reduce fire risk
- Lost or suffered damage to personal property due to a wildland fire
(Approximate value of loss \$ _____)
- Family, friend, or close neighbor lost or suffered damage to personal property due to a wildland fire
- Was injured by a wildland fire
(Please describe _____)
- Family, friend, or neighbor was injured by a wildland fire
(Please describe _____)
- Experienced health problems or discomfort caused by smoke from a wildland fire
(Please describe _____)

17. Please rate the degree of impact that fire on the San Bernardino National Forest has had on you directly.

No personal impact	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Extensive personal impact
0									
D/K									
No Answer									

18. Following is a series of questions focused on difficulties people sometimes have after stressful life events. Please indicate which if any of the following difficulties you have experienced during the PAST SEVEN DAYS with respect to the risk of wildland fire.

- Any reminder brought back feelings about it
- I had trouble staying asleep
- Other things kept making me think about it
- I felt irritable and angry
- I avoided letting myself get upset when I thought about it or was reminded of it
- I thought about it when I didn't mean to
- I felt as if it hadn't happened or wasn't real
- I stayed away from reminders about it
- Pictures about it popped into my mind
- I was jumpy and easily startled
- I tried not to think about it
- I was aware that I still had a lot of feelings about it, but I didn't deal with them
- My feelings about it were kind of numb
- I found myself acting or feeling as though I was back at a time when there was a fire
- I had trouble falling asleep
- I had waves of strong feelings about it
- I tried to remove it from my memory
- I had trouble concentrating
- Reminders of it caused me to have physical reactions, such as sweating, trouble breathing, nausea, or a pounding heart
- I had dreams about it
- I felt watchful or on guard
- I tried not to think about it
- I have not experienced any of these difficulties

19. Assuming you have 100 points to characterize full responsibility for reduction of fire risk, please assign the number of points (using whole numbers only please) you think each party has in reducing the risk of wildland fires on the San Bernardino Mountains.

- % Federal legislators and representatives
- % State legislators and representatives
- % Scientists and researchers
- % Local fire departments
- % The U.S.D.A. Forest Service
- % California Department of Forestry
- % Local business owners
- % Visitors and tourists
- % My local community
- % Me and the people who live with me
- % Other (please fill in) _____
- 100% TOTAL

20. Taking only those who you assigned points to (even if 1 or 2), please assign each a grade (from A for excellent through F for failing, avoiding pluses or minuses) on how you think they have done in the past 12 months to the present in reducing the risk of wildland fires on the San Bernardino Mountains. If you did not assign points to someone listed, leave it blank or circle N/A.

Federal legislators and representatives	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
State legislators and representatives	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Scientists and researchers	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Local fire departments	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
The U.S.D.A. Forest Service	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
California Department of Forestry	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Local business owners	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Visitors and tourists	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
My local community	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Me and the people who live with me	A	B	C	D	F	N/A
Other (if filled in above)	A	B	C	D	F	N/A

21. Which of the following actions have you taken as a resident in the San Bernardino Mountains?

- Read about home protection from wildland fires
- Attended a public meeting about wildland fire
- Implemented defensible space around my property
- Removed flammable vegetation on my property because I was required to do it
- Made inquiries of the local fire department how to reduce risk of property damage from wildland fire
- Made inquiries of the local forest ranger how to reduce risk of property damage from wildland fire
- Made inquiries of the local Fire Safe Council office or volunteer(s) on how to reduce risk of property damage from wildland fire.
- Changed structure of my home to reduce risk of property damage from wildland fire
- Worked with community effort focused on fire protection
- Worked on wildland fire suppression effort as part of paid or volunteer position
- Other : Please describe _____

22. If you listed any actions you took that are designed to reduce the risk of losing your home during a wildland fire, how effective do you think these actions are?

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Extremely
Effective Effective

0
D/K
No Answer

23. Sometimes there are barriers to effective reduction of fire risk. Among the possible barriers listed below, please check any barrier that applies to reducing the risk of fire in the area immediately surrounding your property.

- I don't have adequate financial resources
- My own physical limitations
- Don't know who to call/hire to help
- I don't want to change the landscape
- I don't want to change my roof or other built structures
- I am not sure what will really work
- I am not worried about fire risk
- My neighbors have not done their part
- Public agencies have not done their part
- The Forest Service has not done its part
- Other (_____)
fill in

24. For each of the statements below, please indicate whether or not the statement is characteristic of you. If the statement is extremely uncharacteristic of you (not at all like you) please write a "1" to the left of the question; if the statement is extremely characteristic of you (very much like you) please write a "5" next to the question. And, of course, use the numbers in the middle if you fall between the extremes. Please keep the following scale in mind as you rate each of the statements below.

1	2	3	4	5
extremely uncharacteristic	somewhat uncharacteristic	uncertain	somewhat characteristic	extremely characteristic

- I consider how things might be in the future, and try to influence those things with my day to day behavior.
- Often I engage in a particular behavior in order to achieve outcomes that may not result for many years.
- I only act to satisfy immediate concerns, figuring the future will take care of itself.
- My behavior is only influenced by the immediate (i.e., a matter of days or weeks) outcomes of my actions.
- My convenience is a big factor in the decisions I make or the actions I take.
- I am willing to sacrifice my immediate happiness or well-being in order to achieve future outcomes.
- I think it is important to take warnings about negative outcomes seriously even if the negative outcome will not occur for many years.
- I think it is more important to perform a behavior with important distant consequences than a behavior with less-important immediate consequences.
- I generally ignore warnings about possible future problems because I think the problems will be resolved before they reach crisis level.
- I think that sacrificing now is usually unnecessary since future outcomes can be dealt with at a later time.
- I only act to satisfy immediate concerns, figuring that I will take care of future problems that may occur at a later date.
- Since my day to day work has specific outcomes, it is more important to me than behavior that has distant outcomes.

25. How would you like to receive information from the FS regarding fire and reduction of fire risk?

- Articles in our local paper
- Attendance at community meetings
- Public meetings the FS leads so community can ask questions
- Information and displays at FS visitor center
- Brochures and pamphlets available on request
- Website
- E-mail tree sent by a FS representative and forwarded by Fire Safe Council volunteers
- Local television/radio spots, put on by local FS ranger
- Other (please fill-in) _____

26. What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed and received credit for?

- middle school or less
- a high school degree (or G.E.D.)
- at least one year of college, trade, or vocational school
- graduated college with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- at least one year of graduate work beyond a Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Don't wish to answer

27. Check the category that contains your age:

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 or over
- Don't wish to answer

28. Which of the following ethnic and or racial categories best describe you?

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino / a
- Native American or First Nations
- White or Caucasian
- another ethnic or racial group _____
- Don't wish to answer

29. Which category best describes your household's total income for last year before taxes?

- under \$5,000
- \$5,000 to \$9,999
- \$10,000 to \$14,999
- \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,00 or more
- Don't wish to answer

30. How many years have you lived in your current home?
____ Years

31. How many years have you lived within the perimeter of the San Bernardino National Forest?
____ Years

32. What is your zipcode? _____