A Survey on Wildfire Management Issues Related to Homeowners and National Forest Lands

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A)	The use of a	atment Opt active fire ma removal (thir	nagement to	ols on Nation	al Forests inc	ludes prescril	bed fires,
1.	How effective i	s prescribe d	d or manage	ed fire at red	ucing the risk	s of wildfire?	
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
2.	How effective i	s managing	naturally ig	ınited wildfi	res at reduci	ng the risks o	of wildfire?
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
3.	3. How effective is selectively thinning small diameter trees (less that 16 inches in diameter) at reducing the risks of wildfire?						ies in
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
4.	How effective i reducing the ri			rge diamete	r trees (over	16 inches in	diameter) at
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
5.	How effective i		d fire and th	inning smal	l trees in co	mbination a	t reducing the
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
6.	How effective i		d fire and lo	gging large	trees in con	nbination at	reducing the
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
7.	How effective i the risks of wild		ts to reduce	the amoun	t of brush a	nd vegetatio	on at reducing
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective

8.	How effective risks of wildfir		e logging (re	emoving buri	ned trees afte	r a wildfire) a	at reducing the
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
9.	How effective trees) at redu				or diseased	I trees (remo	oving dead or dying
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
10	.How effective wildfire risks?	is no act	ive fire man	agement ("	et nature tak	e its course")	at reducing
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
11	you prefer to	see land		e to reduce t			ment options that
	2						
	<i>3.</i>						
ΡI	ease rate the	followin	g forest trea	atment stat	ements:		
1.	Forest treatme	ent option	s to reduce th	ne risks of wi	ldfire should l	oe focused ar	ound communities.
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
2.	Forest treatment national forest						
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
3.	Prescribed fire commercial lo		nly be used o	nce the usab	le wood mate	erial is remov	ed through
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree

4. Prescribed fire should only be used once the usable wood material is removed through

	thinning (for example, fuel wood gathering, small-scale timber operations).						
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
5.	If lives and struneeded.	uctures are no	ot threatened	, the U.S. For	est Service sl	nould let wildf	ïres burn as
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
6.	 Prescribed fire should <u>not</u> be used as a treatment because of the potential health (e.g. respiratory) problems from smoke. 						
	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
B)	Effectiveness Risk of Wildfi		ent U.S. For	est Service	at Managin	g Public Lan	ds for the
1.	How effective wildfire?	is the <u>current</u>	U.S. Forest S	ervice at ma	naging public	lands to redu	ce the risk of
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
2.	How effective (for example, o					echanical rem	oval programs
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
3.	How effective example, for fu						
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective
4.	How effective programs on n			ervice at imp	lementing pr	escribed or m	anaged fire
	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very effective

C) Wildfires in the Wildland-Urban Interface

1.	How vulnerable family?	do you fee	l about	the pos	ssibilit	y of a w	vildfire	physic	ally affecting	you or your
	1 not at all vulnerable	2	3		4		5		6	7 extremely vulnerable
2.	How vulnerable possessions?	do you fee	l about	the pos	ssibilit	y of a w	vildfire	affecti	ng your prop	erty and/or
	1 not at all vulnerable	2	3		4		5		6	7 extremely vulnerable
3.	What is the couple of years		kelihoc	d of a v	vildfire	e happe	ning n	ear you	ur home withi	in the next
	0 1 No chance	2 3 probably will happen	4 not	5 50-50	6	7 proba chance	8 bly happe	9 will en	10 certain	to happen
4.	On a scale of live?	of 0 to 10, h	ow sev	ere will	the im	npact of	a cata	astroph	ic wildfire be	where you
	0 1 no harm at all	2 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 extremely devastating	
D)	Responsibil	ity of Vario	ous Gr	oups in	Safe	guardi	ng Liv	es, Pr	operty, and	Lands
1.	How responsibe the impact of		omeo	wners b	oe for	protecti	ng the	emselve	es and their p	property from
	1 not at all responsible	2	3		4		5		6	7 very responsible
2.	How responsib private property from				assoc	ciations	s be fo	r prote	cting homeo	wners and
	1 not at all responsible	2	3		4		5		6	7 very responsible
3.	How responsib protecting hor) be for
	1 not at all	2	3		4		5		6	7 very

4.	How responsible should the U.S. Forest Service be for protecting homeowners and private property from the impact of wildfire?									
	1 not at all responsible	2	3	4	5	6	7 very responsible			
E)	Residents' Kr	nowledge ar	nd Experienc	ce with Wild	lfire					
1.	How well inforr	med do you c	onsider yours	self to be abo	ut wildfire an	d wildfire risk	s?			
	1 not at all informed	2	3	4	5	6	7 very informed			
2.	To what extent	do you find	information a	bout wildfires	s to be persor	nally relevant	?			
	1 not at relevant	2 all	3	4	5	6	7 very relevant			
3.	How motivated are you to learn more about the connection between wildfire risks and undertaking the actions to make your property more defensible against wildfire?									
	1 not at all motivated	2	3	4	5	6	7 very motivated			
4.	My ho There There There I\we h	ouse and/or se have been fe have been fe have been fe have been evalue beerd also beer evalue beerd also beerience	tructures on i ires very nead ires 5 to 50 m ires 51 to 100 acuated from bout wildfire o	my property or r my property niles from my of miles from r n my\our hous experiences t	were destroye (less than 5) property	ed (partially o miles) the threat of ls, family, or i	r totally) a wildfire			
5.	Other State Count Local Media	heck each so Forest Service federal land Forestry ty/City Fire D and State La	urce that has e (e.g. Firewis managemen epartment w Enforceme newspaper, friends	provided you se Community t agencies (B nt		rmation. Che	ck all that			

	TE THE	NUMBER THAT BEST FITS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH OF THE TS:
	For ea	ach source checked above, how helpful was the information on a scale from 1=not at elpful to 7=very helpful ? If you do not have any experience with a group, please it blank.
6.	U.S. F Other State Count Local Media Neigh Enviro	mation Source orest Service (Firewise Community info, educational brochures) federal land management agencies (BLM, Park Service, etc.) Forestry cy/City Fire Department and State Law Enforcement reports (TV, newspaper, radio) bors and/or friends commental organizations (please specify
to N		G, and H apply <u>only</u> to those homeowners who live or have property close Forest lands. Otherwise, you should go directly to Section I of the survey
your	family l	section, we are interested in knowing what types of defensible space actions you and have taken on your property. Check the answer that best fits with what you on your property.
F) D	efensi	ble Space Actions on Private Property
1. V	Vhat is	your likelihood of doing the following actions to your property?
	a.	Creating a minimum 30-foot defensible space around your home: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
	b.	Planting low-growing, fire resistant plants around your home: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
	C.	Putting a fire resistant roof on your home: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
	d.	Putting fire resistant undersides to any decks and balconies on your home: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months

Other (please specify______)

CHECK THE	Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not? CHOICE THAT BEST FITS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE OR INTEND TO DO:
e.	Removing any dead branches from your home's roof and around the chimney: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
f.	Making sure that your home is easily identifiable and accessible from a main road by emergency vehicles: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
g.	Making sure that all the trees on your property are planted away from structures: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
h.	Making sure that all the trees on your property are planted away from overhead utility lines: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
i.	Working with neighbors to prune and clear common areas with heavy vegetation: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
j.	Stacking firewood and scrap wood piles at least 30 feet from any structure: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)
k.	Contacting your local fire department to get a personal fire safety inspection of your home and property: Already done Will do in next month Will do in next 3-6 months Will do next year Probably will not do (Why not?)

G) Effectiveness of Risk Reduction Actions

How effective are the following actions at reducing the risk of wildfire from impacting your property and lives? Using the scale below, insert an X in the column that best fits with how effective you believe each action is at reducing the risk of wildfire.

		1 Not at Effect		3	4	5	6	7 Very Effective
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
a.	Creating a 30-foot defensible space around your home:							
b.	Planting low-growing, fire resistant plants around your home:							
C.	Putting a fire resistant roof on your home:							
d.	Putting fire resistant undersides to any decks & balconies on your home:							
e.	Removing any dead branches from your home's roof and around the chimney:							
f.	Making sure that your home is easily identifiable and accessible from a main road:							
g.	Making sure that all trees on your property are planted away from structures:							
h.	Making sure that all the trees on your property are planted away from overhead utility lines:							
i.	Working with neighbors to prune and clear heavy vegetation on common areas:							
j.	Stacking firewood and scrap wood piles at least 30 feet away from any structure:							
k.	Contacting the local fire department to get a fire safety inspection of your home and property:							

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4.						effective can and your life	
		2 t at all ective	3	4	5	6	7 very effective

H) Confidence in Ability to Undertake Defensive Actions

How confident do you feel in your ability to conduct any of these defensible actions on your property in an effort to reduce the risks of wildfire impacting you and your property? Using the scale below, insert an X in the column that best fits with how confident you feel in your ability to undertake each of these actions in an effort to reduce the risk of wildfire.

		1 Not a Confi		3	4	5	6 Co	7 Very onfident
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
a.	Creating a 30-foot defensible space around your home:							
b.	Planting low-growing, fire resistant plants around your home:							
C.	Putting a fire resistant roof on your home:							
d.	Putting fire resistant undersides to any decks & balconies on your home:							
e.	Removing any dead branches from your home's roof and around the chimney:							
f.	Making sure that your home is easily identifiable and accessible from a main road:							
g.	Making sure that all trees on your property are planted away from structures:							
h.	Making sure that all the trees on your property are planted away from overhead utility lines:							
i.	Working with neighbors to prune and clear heavy vegetation on common areas:							
j.	Stacking firewood and scrap wood piles at least 30 feet away from any structure:							
k.	Contacting the local fire department to get a fire safety inspection of your home and property:							

,		s at least 30 feet n any structure:				
k	departme safety ins	g the local fire nt to get a fire pection of your I property:				
2. How risk of v		o you feel in yo	our ability to	o protect yo	ur property and	d yourself from the
	2 oot at all onfident	3	4	5	6	7 very confident

3.		nat would you say is the biggest impediment or constraint to taking some action to protect ur property from the impact of wildfire? Please specify:
	Wł ply.	nat convinced you to take defensible space action on your property? Please check all that
		Major fire event Suggestions by local government (for example, local fire department) Suggestions by federal government Insurance incentive Aesthetics Creating a healthy forest Improving wildlife habitat Getting rid of dead or dying trees (for example, from bug infestations) Reducing wildfire risks
		Have not taken any action Other — please explain:
	pro	r the following questions, please check the appropriate category or fill in the opriate information.
	1.	Where is your primary residence ?(city and state)
		(city and state) Please identify your age group: 18-25
	3.	Please identify your gender: Male Female
	4.	What is your highest level of education completed? Some high school High school Some college College degree Postgraduate work Graduate degree Other (please specify)
	5.	If you have <u>a home near the forest</u> , how many months per year do you live in your home near the forest? # of months
	6.	If you have <u>a home near the forest</u> , how close is your home to the closest National Forest or Grassland? less than 1 mile 21 to 50 miles 1 to 10 miles more than 50 miles 11 to 20 miles Other (please specify)
	7.	Please check the category which best fits your household income level per year: Less than \$15,000 \$35,000 - \$49,999 \$15,000 - \$24,999 \$50,000 - \$74,999 \$25,000 - \$34,999 \$75,000 - over
	8.	Please identify the zip code for your primary residence :

9. Please identify the zip code for your r o	esidence near the forest:
10. With which racial/ethnic group do you mo	st closely identify?
Chinese American Cuban American Hispanic American	Mexican American Native American/First Nation (Please Specify: Nation/Tribe/Pueblo) Vietnamese American White American/Caucasian Other Ethnic/Racial Group (Specify
10a. Please mark the appropriate statement	concerning Hispanic or Latino ethnicity:
Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino
11.If you were born outside the U.S., how ma of years)	iny years have you lived in the U.S.? (#
12.What is the primary language you speak	at home?
English Spanish	Other (please specify)
13. How many times have you visited Nationa	al Forests in the past 12 months?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! If you have any questions or comments about the survey or topics related to what was covered in this survey, you are welcome to put that information in this section. If you would like us to respond to any questions that you may have please include your name and address/contact email so that we can respond.	
Name:Address:	
Email:	