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Hello, my name is _____, at the University of Georgia. We are conducting a survey about Florida forest fire management. Can you hear me okay? This survey will take a few moments of your time now, and then we will send you a booklet in the mail. After you receive the booklet, we will call back to review the booklet with you and ask a few more questions, which will take about 10 minutes.

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1. Are you familiar with or have heard of the Firewise Florida Program?

Yes No

2. Do you own or rent your place of residence?

Own Rent

2a. If Rent – Thank them and terminate interview; otherwise go to Q3.

3. Is the house you own a condo, townhouse or a Mobil home?

3a. If yes to any the three choices - Thank them and terminate interview; otherwise go to Q4.

4. Have you read or heard about the use of prescribed burns or prescribed fires to manage wildfires?

Yes No

4a. If No – Read them the following definition and skip to Q4:

A prescribed fire or prescribed burn is a fire purposely and carefully set in a designated area by fire management personnel to accomplish one or more specific objectives such as removal of underbrush and dead wood to reduce available fire fuel and increase the ability to control future wildfires.

4b. If Yes - What does a prescribed burn or prescribed fire mean to you?
(Do not read list, check closest definition)

A fire set by fire officials to remove fuels in the forest to reduce the risk of wildfire and provide habitat for wild animals.

A fire set by fire officials to slow or stop the spread of wildfire by removing fuel in its path.

Other

4c. If Yes- From what sources did you hear about prescribed burns or prescribed fire (Check all that apply):

Newspaper; Radio; TV; Neighbors; School;

Other (Please Specify _____); Don't know

I would like to ask you whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

5. All fires, regardless of their origin, should be put out as soon as possible.

Agree Disagree Don't know

6. Prescribed fire is too dangerous to be used.

Agree Disagree Don't know

7. Do you think prescribed burning or prescribed fire effectively reduces the amount of excess fuels in the forest?

Yes No Don't Know

8. Has your house or other property ever been damaged by a wildfire?

Yes No

9. Has property in your neighborhood ever been damaged by a wildfire?

Yes No Don't Know

10. Have you ever been asked to evacuate your house because of a wildfire?

Yes No

11. Have you ever evacuated your house because of a wildfire?

Yes No

Thank you for your time in answering these questions. I would now like to arrange a time for our next telephone interview. What would be a good time for you about a week from now?

To send the booklet to you we need your name and mailing address. May I ask for your name (repeat name), street address, city, and zip code?

Look for the booklet in the mail in the next few days and I am looking forward to talking to you again. As a reminder, our next telephone appointment is for _____.

Have a nice day.