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Living with Wildfires in [CITY/COUNTY]

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This survey is part of a research project designed to help local officials understand the public's views on wildfire fire management so they can develop better fire protection programs. This research is funded by the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station and the Joint Fire Science Program. Please answer all of the questions and add any comments in the space provided on the last page of the survey.

Please return the survey in the postage paid envelope when you are finished.

Thanks for your help!

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Q1. How likely do you think it is that a wildfire will occur near your neighborhood in the next five years? (please ✓ one)

Not likely at all Slightly likely Somewhat likely Likely Very likely

Q2. How likely do you think it is that a wildfire will damage your home in the next five years?
(please ✓ one)

Not likely at all Slightly likely Somewhat likely Likely Very likely

Q3. How concerned are you that a wildfire could change the quality of your life?

(please ✓ one)

Not concerned at all Slightly concerned Somewhat concerned Concerned Very concerned

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Q4. How would you rate your general attitude toward each of the following fire protection approaches?

(please use the scale of 1=extremely negative, and 5=extremely positive)

	Extremely negative		Extremely positive		
Local government distributing educational materials to homeowners to encourage them to maintain their vegetation for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
A visit to my home by a local government official to show me how to manage the vegetation on my property for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
Local ordinances that require builders of NEW homes in high wildfire risk areas to landscape for wildfire safety.	1	2	5	3	4
Local ordinances that require homeowners in high wildfire risk areas to manage their vegetation for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
A special taxing district in high wildfire risk areas to pay for enforcement of a local ordinance that requires homeowners to manage their vegetation for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
Curbside pickup of any yard waste that results from managing vegetation for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
Programs that will help homeowners with the cost of maintaining vegetation for fire safety if the homeowner will manage vegetation beyond the minimum standards	1	2	5	3	4
Programs that will help lower-income households with the cost of maintaining vegetation for fire safety	1	2	5	3	4
Homeowners insurance policies	1	2	5	3	4

that require homeowners to
maintain their vegetation for fire
safety

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