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Dear <<name>>,

I am writing to ask for your help with a study being conducted by Colorado State University and the US Forest Service to understand homeowners' actions to reduce the potential impacts of wildland fire. As a resident of the wildland-urban interface in Colorado, you play an important role in reducing the impacts of wildland fire.

The purpose of this survey is to examine your opinions and behaviors regarding steps you might take to reduce the risk of wildfire. These are important issues that require serious thought on your part. The results of this study will be used to inform future management actions regarding wildland fires. Your opinions can influence those decisions.

We would like to do everything we can to make it easy and enjoyable for you to participate in the study. If you have access to the Internet and would prefer to take the survey online you can do so by going to the following web address and entering the password below.

<<web address>>  
<<access code>>

We realize that some households do not have Internet access. If you do not, we will send a paper questionnaire to all households we have not heard from in about 2½ weeks. If you would like one sooner, please contact Katie Lyon by telephone at 970-491-1494.

The questionnaire is being conducted via a secure website and should only take about 30 minutes to complete. We want to assure you that this questionnaire is voluntary and your responses will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. The access code is for mailing purposes only. This enables us to check your name off the mailing list when your completed questionnaire is submitted. This list is then destroyed so that individual names can never be connected to results in any way. In addition, when we write about this study, we will write about the combined information we have gathered. No individual's answers will ever be identified.

If you have any questions about [this survey](#), please call Dr. Jerry Vaske, the study director, by telephone at 970-491-2360 or by email at [jerryv@warnercnr.colostate.edu](mailto:jerryv@warnercnr.colostate.edu). If you have any questions about your rights as a volunteer in this research, contact Janell Barker, Human Research Administrator, at 970-491-1655.

This research can only be successful with the generous help of people like you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Vaske".

Jerry J. Vaske, Ph.D.