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Dear <<name>>,

About three weeks ago, on behalf of the US Forest Service and Colorado State University, we sent a letter inviting you to answer an Internet survey seeking your opinions regarding steps you might take to reduce the potential impacts of wildland fire around your home. To the best of our knowledge, it has not yet been completed. If you have completed the survey in the last few days, please accept our sincere thanks.

We are writing to you again because every survey is very important to the results of this study. You are one of a small number of Colorado's wildland-urban interface residents chosen through a random sampling process to participate in this study. For the results to truly represent the opinions of all of Colorado's wildland-urban interface residents, it is very important that every survey be completed and mailed back to us. Without your help, the conclusions that we draw from the surveys that have already been returned *may be wrong*. Even if you know little about wildland fire, your opinions are important and should be considered.

We would like to do everything we can to make it easy and enjoyable for you to participate in the study. We hope that you will fill out the questionnaire soon and that you will be able to complete the questionnaire on the Internet. Doing that is easy: just enter this web page address in your Internet browser, and then type in your access code to begin the questionnaire.

<<web address>>

<<access code>>

We have also included a paper copy of the questionnaire for those who are unable or do not wish to complete it on the Internet. The questionnaire should only take about 30 minutes to complete and your responses are voluntary. We want to assure you that we make every effort to uphold the confidentiality of your answers. Once we have finished conducting the survey, we will delete your name and contact information from our files. 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. 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.

Many Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Vaske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry J. Vaske, Ph.D.