

University of Georgia Survey Research Center Letterhead

Name
Address

Dear _____:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important study on fire management in California's forests. You have been chosen for this study as part of a scientific sample of California residents.

Enclosed is the survey booklet that our telephone interviewer indicated would be mailed to you. You will be asked about the wildland fire risk condition of the areas where you live, the expected losses you would incur if a wildland fire affected your community and your homes. The booklet and our interviewer will provide you information about different fuel reduction methods to reduce the risk of a wildland fire, and you will be asked to express your preference for different fuel reduction options at the personal and public agencies level.

Even if you do not live near forestland or have never visited California's forests, **public fire managers are very interested in your views** concerning management of California's forestlands. Public forest managers such as the California Division of Forestry, Fire Protection and USDA Forest Service are interested because reducing the risks of wildfire affects all of us in many ways including our safety, the air quality, recreation opportunities, and the taxes we pay.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the interview. Please have your survey questionnaire available with you when our interviewer contacts you on the agreed date and time. The interviewer will prompt you to answer the questions as the interview progresses. When the interview has been completed, please mail the survey questionnaire in the **enclosed postage paid return envelope**.

Your responses are strictly anonymous **and will be used only for statistical purposes. You will not be identified in any way and your name or address will not be distributed or sold to any mailing list.** Your opinions will be summarized along with those of others to reflect California citizens' opinions about fire prevention in California's forests.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, feel free to call me at the Survey Research Center at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or email me at yyy@server.edu

Thank you for participating in the study and we look forward to receiving your completed survey in the mail.

Sincerely,

Dr. SSS, Director
Survey Research Center

Enc.: Survey questionnaire