

Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Application

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In accordance with Title II of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, DOI, FEMA, and USDA announced the establishment of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission (“Commission”) on December 2021. The Commission is charged with providing Congress with both short-term and long-term federal policy recommendations for improved prevention, mitigation, suppression, and management of wildfires and rehabilitation of affected lands. With collaboration from Tribal, federal, state, local, and private sector subject matter experts, the Commission will deliver two reports to Congress with wildland fire policy recommendations one year from its first meeting. Description of wildland fire information topics to be submitted to Congress can be found here XXX.

The Commission is seeking members that will represent a diverse set of backgrounds and will serve in a voluntary capacity. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires specific non-federal representation per the statute. The statute including membership requirements can be found here. Members will commit to serve the lifetime of the Commission (estimated 1 year and 6 months). The first meeting is targeted for late spring 2022.

The Commission will convene for 12 months to prepare the reports with policy recommendations. The Commission will terminate 6 months after the required reports are submitted to Congress. Members should expect to devote an estimated 10 to 15 hours a month for Commission duties such as meeting attendance, strategic planning, and development of the reports. Coordination and facilitation support will be provided to the Commission.

In selecting members to serve on the Commission, the Secretaries will consider the following statutory requirements: 1) experience, knowledge and subject matter expertise in various aspects of wildland fire and wildland-urban interface preparedness, mitigation, suppression, or management; 2) geographic representation; 3) balanced representation of rural, urban, and suburban areas; and 4) diversity of backgrounds, approaches, experiences, and viewpoints.

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1. First Name: *

2. Last name: *

3. Email: *

4. Phone Number: *

5. Organization (if applicable):

6. Please identify which representative member seat you are applying for: *

- State hazard mitigation officer
- State department of natural resources, forestry, or agriculture
- State department of energy
- State fire marshal
- State or Tribal department of emergency management or disaster recovery
- County government, with at least a portion of which is in the wildland-urban interface
- Municipal government, with at least a portion of which is in the wildland-urban interface
- Public utility industry
- Property development industry
- Indian tribal government representative
- Wildland firefighters
- Forest management and/or environmental conservation (501(c)(3) organization)
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7. Do you represent a "High-risk" State? *

"High-risk" is defined as a State that, during not fewer than 4 of the 5 years preceding the date of enactment of this Act, received fire management assistance under section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187); or included an area for which the President declared a major disaster for fire in accordance with section 401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170). (IIJA, Title II)

**Note: candidates from a state, tribe, territory, or local jurisdiction who does not meet the IJJA definitions of "high-risk" but have demonstrated commitment to community risk management and reduction to wildfires will also be considered for inclusion and are encouraged to submit their interest in membership.*

Yes

No

8. If yes above, indicate which state:

AZ

CA

CO

MT

NM

OK

OR

NV

UT

WA

9. Please identify if you are representing a "High-Risk" federally recognized Indian tribal government who has either received a major federal disaster declaration or has land in an area which received a major declaration and if so, list name below:

HIGH-RISK INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term "high-risk Indian tribal government" means an Indian tribal government, during not fewer than 4 of the 5 years preceding the date of enactment of this Act— (A) that received fire management assistance under section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187); or (B) land of which included an area for which the President declared a major disaster for fire in accordance with section 401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170). (IJJA, Title II)

The term "Indian tribal government" means the governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe under the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.). (Stafford Act, Section 102)

Enter your answer

10. What are your wildland fire technical areas of expertise? Please check all applicable boxes. *

- Implementation and assessment of pre- and post-wildfire mitigation
- Local wildfire impacts, needs, and practices
- Natural resource management
- Project planning, analysis and regulatory compliance for wildfire mitigation and management
- Utility provider issues
- Housing and development issues
- Firefighter pay equity, safety, and culture issues
- Forest conservation, restoration, and climate impacts
- Wildland Fire Technology
- Insurance related to wildfire
- Hazardous fuels management, including prescribed fire
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) codes and standards
- State, Tribe, or Multi-Jurisdiction WUI risk reduction/mitigation program
- Land Use Planning, Wildfire Planning and Community Wildfire Protection Planning
- Financial analysis related to wildfire
- Fire aviation
- Fire prevention and public safety

- Public health related to wildfire
- Equity issues related to wildfire
- Risk assessment related to wildland urban interface
- Climate science related to wildfire
- Science related to wildfire mitigation and management
- Indian Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Community organizing, collaborative and leadership work with stakeholder and partners
- Communications and/or social science on behavior change
- Environmental and historic preservation related to wildfire mitigation
- Other

11. Please describe any specialized knowledge or experience regarding the areas you selected above: (Max 500 words) *

Enter your answer

12. Why are you interested in serving on the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission? (Max 500 words) *

Enter your answer

13. If you have any additional supporting materials for consideration (ex: letter of recommendation or brief resume), please email them to wildlandfirecommission@usda.gov. In the subject line include [Your Full Name - Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Application - Supplemental Information]. Please indicate below if you will submit supplemental materials.

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