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# News from Region 10



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## Regional Leaders Named to Federal Wildfire Commission

### FEMA & USFA

The Biden-Harris administration selected seven representatives from within FEMA Region 10 states and tribes to serve on the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission.

FEMA, representing the Department of Homeland Security, and the Departments of Interior and Agriculture have announced the selection of members to the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission. Of the 36 non-federal members selected, seven are located within FEMA Region 10 states and tribes.

As an increasing number of communities face wildfires each year and many continue to struggle to recover from recent active wildfire seasons, the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission represents a whole of government approach to tackling the wildfire crisis. Members will provide a diverse range of perspectives and expertise to develop ways to address the growing threat of wildfires across the country.

*“Wildland urban interface (WUI) fire disasters and community risk reduction efforts can be very complex, crossing multiple geographic jurisdictions. This unique fire problem has become a high-risk public safety concern for life safety, public and responder health, private property and businesses, the economy, and ecology. Likewise, potential solutions also require an all-hands approach. The need for the engagement of multiple agencies is real.*

*The U.S. Fire Administration is honored to support the work of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission, which provides an opportunity to bring together federal agencies and wildfire stakeholders from many sectors. As the WUI continues to grow across the nation, it is imperative that we pull together to address wildfire risk to communities, especially with focus on protecting life, property and our natural resources.”*

- Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, U.S. Fire Administrator.

Commission members represent federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, and the private sector.

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*Wildfire Commission (Cont'd)*

They are tasked with developing federal policy recommendations to prevent, suppress, manage, and recover from wildland fires as well develop recommendations to more cost effectively meet aerial firefighting equipment needs through 2030. These recommendations will be submitted to Congress within a year of their first meeting.

The following members are located within FEMA Region 10:

**Tim Cook**

*Washington State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Washington*

**Cody Desautel**

*Natural Resource Director, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington*

**Gary Jackson**

*Tribal Vice-Chairman, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Oregon*

**Elizabeth (Eli) King**

*Washington State Energy Management Director, Washington*

**Brian Kittler**

*Sr. Director of Forest Restoration, American Forests, Oregon*

**Kelly Martin**

*President of Grassroots Wildland Firefighters, Idaho*

**Mariana Ruiz-Temple**

*Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon*

The Commission was initially established in 2021 as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) with a call for nominations issued in March 2022. 500 applications were received, and 36 non-federal members were selected

(18 primary and 18 alternates).

*Details on all commission members are available at the [Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission website](#).*

*Follow FEMA Region 10 on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and visit [FEMA.gov](#) for more information.*

**Ask the Help Desk**

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: [RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com).

**Americans with Disabilities Act 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Celebrate. Learn. Share.**

FEMA Region 10 is proud to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by highlighting the work of one of our partners, the [Northwest ADA Center](#). Located in Mountlake Terrace, Washington, the Northwest ADA Center is part of the ADA National Network, a platform comprised of ADA professionals charged with providing technical assistance, information, and training to businesses, state and local governments, and people with disabilities about their responsibilities and rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Signed on July 26, 1990, the ADA prohibits discrimination by local and state governments, provides standards for privately owned businesses and commercial facilities,

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stands against discrimination in the workplace, and ensures equal access to emergency programs, healthcare, social services, transportation, and telecommunications. Since the signing of the ADA, the region and nation have made significant progress towards greater inclusivity and accessibility. However, more remains to be done, and organizations like the Northwest ADA Center are leading the way in promoting and improving disability access.

To mark the passage of this landmark legislation, individuals are encouraged to celebrate, learn, and share – from learning more about the [ADA timeline](#) or the [capital crawl](#), an important physical demonstration of how inaccessible architecture impacts people with disabilities. We also encourage you to watch and share [this short video](#) highlighting the important work of the Northwest ADA Center.

FEMA is committed to ensuring equitable access to our programs and eliminating longstanding barriers. Partnerships like those with the Northwest ADA Center help make those goals a reality.

*For more information about the Americans with Disabilities Act, please visit [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov).*



### **Online Training**

(All times Pacific)

#### **CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit**

August 16, 10 am

Online – 1 CEC

#### **CRS: Stormwater Management Regulations (Activity 450)**

August 17, 10 am

Online – 1 CEC

#### **CRS: Annual CRS Requirements**

September 20, 10 am

Online – 1 CEC

#### **CRS: FEMA's Elevation Certificate**

September 21, 10 am

Online – 1 CEC

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To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site: [j.mp/starronlinetraining](https://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).