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News from Region 10



FEMA, USFA Release Wildland Urban Interface Report

In June of this year, FEMA's U.S. Fire Administration released the "Wildland Urban Interface: A Look at Issues and Resolutions," report.

The report is meant to raise awareness and initiate collaborative efforts to facilitate change in wake of catastrophic wildfire losses in the wildland urban interface. This report highlights the wildland interface issues in the United States and will help the wildland and structural firefighting community and neighborhoods unite around key actions to reduce risk to themselves, to firefighters and the environment.

"Wildfires are no longer seasonal events -- fueled by climate change, they are destroying lives and property year-round," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. *"Our communities have battled the nation's most damaging wildfires in just the last few years, with wildfires accounting for 62% of the structures*

lost over the last 15 years. It is clear that we simply cannot shy away from the work required to mitigate future risk," she said. *"In addition to the mitigation grants that FEMA provides to state and local communities to bolster their climate resilience to wildfires, this Wildland Urban Interface report lays out a unified, strategic approach to risk reduction at the national, state, regional and local levels to achieve that critical objective."*

Wildfires are among the worst natural and man-made disasters facing our nation. Factors such as climate change and reduced land management practices are significantly contributing to the cause, increasing the frequency and intensity of wildfires.

"While the resolutions to the challenges identified may seem daunting, they are achievable," said U.S. Fire Administration Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell.

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Wildland Urban Interface (Cont'd)

“Together, we can take action to change the trajectory of the ever-increasing wildfire threat in America and create resilient landscapes for generations to come.”

Federal agencies are working with partners to address many of the wildland interface challenges discussed in this report. These efforts include:

- Increasing forest and rangeland resiliency through prescribed burning and mechanical thinning.
- Strengthening communication strategies and engagement operations through wildfire prevention and mitigation programs.
- Proactively planning for and mitigating the continued effects of climate change.

Other high-priority areas in the report are also focused on firefighter health and safety, especially mental and behavioral health, and public safety through improving evacuation procedures with efforts such as Reverse 911.

To help prepare yourself and your family for wildfires, visit [Ready.gov/wildfires](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires).

2022 Mitigation Spotlight Campaign

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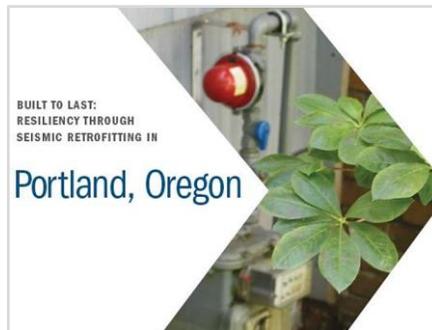
Recently, FEMA Region 10 conducted the #MitigationSpotlight

social campaign. The Mitigation Spotlight campaign builds off the “*Cascadia Rising: Rehearsal of Concept*” May exercise to emphasize the importance of seismic mitigation.

Throughout the campaign, resources, upcoming trainings, FEMA mitigation staff, and projects that support earthquake resilience were highlighted on the FEMA Region 10 social channels.

Below are some post highlights from the Mitigation Spotlight Campaign effort:

Seismic Showcase Guidelines May 25th



I AM FEMA: Laura McSweeney June 1st



Bremer Apartments Retrofit June 3rd



For more information, or to view additional Mitigation Spotlight Campaign post, please FEMA Region 10’s [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Newsletter Ideas?

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.

Email: RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.

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.

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

STARR II: NFIP Basics

July 7, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Annual CRS Requirements

July 19, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)

July 20, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

STARR II: Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage

July 21, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

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

