

Equity and Environmental Justice in Wildland Fire

A Virtual Workshop

November 12-14, 2024, 9am-1pm PST

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/equityinfireworkshop>

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Tuesday
Nov. 12



Resilience in Wildfire Preparation, Response, and Recovery

Wildfire can pose disproportionate hazards to vulnerable populations. Policies and programs to increase resilience to wildfires may not reach or benefit everyone equally, and access to resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire events can also be uneven. As wildfire activity surges across the west, understanding these dynamics is critical. This session highlights new knowledge, ideas, and efforts focused on integrating equity and environmental justice into the management of wildfire hazard, response, and recovery on the ground.

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Wednesday
Nov. 13



Considering Public Health & Equity: Wildland Fire Air Quality

Air quality impacts from wildland fire are becoming an increasingly common public health hazard. Impacts from smoke are a significant concern for many segments of the population, especially people at increased risk such as those with cardiovascular or respiratory diseases, asthma, and those who cannot readily find refuge from the smoke. Those without adequate home air filtration, who are unhoused, or work outdoors can also be particularly vulnerable. This session focuses on how communities and agencies are engaging in improved planning, communication, and response strategies across the Pacific Northwest for both wildfire and prescribed fire. This includes highlighting lessons learned and promising practices for adaptation to future smoke events.

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Thursday
Nov. 14



Hands on the Land: Understanding Workforce Diversity and Equity in Forestry & Fire

The path to more wildfire-adapted communities and resilient landscapes in the Northwest relies on a diverse mitigation, restoration, and fire response workforce. Youth, students, volunteers, immigrants, visiting workers, Tribal members, and incarcerated people are all part of this workforce; but their roles, working conditions, and equity challenges are often not well-recognized or understood. This session brings together workers, scientists, and practitioners to explore how this workforce is structured, the lived experiences of people whose hands are on the land, and potential policy and practice solutions.

This event is event organized by the Northwest Fire Science Consortium in partnership with:

Oregon State University Extension Fire Program, University of Oregon's Ecosystem Workforce Program and Center for Wildfire Smoke Research and Practice, and Northern Rockies Fire Science Network.

