



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

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To: NWCG Executive Board
From: NWCG Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Of major concern throughout the wildland fire community is the threat to the human-built community: the *Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)*. The NWCG through its Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee (WUIMC) has established a focus on the wildland fire threat to the Wildland Urban Interface, its residents and structures and associated properties through the concept of achieving “Fire Adapted Communities” (FAC). This NWCG initiative is supportive of the National Cohesive Strategy’s Strategic Mission of “achieving Fire Adapted Communities”.

Increasing awareness of elected and appointed officials at all levels of government, the wildland fire and land management community (both public and private), and of residents of threatened communities is of paramount importance in gaining advantage in the effort to reduce the risk to communities from wildland fire. It is important that our wildland fire and land management leadership speak of this wildfire risk issue and of the responsibilities of all stakeholders to recognize and mitigate that risk.

The WUIMC has developed a set of “Fire Adapted Communities *Talking Points*” for increasing the awareness of wildland fire risk to Wildland Urban Interface communities. The Committee recommends the NWCG Executive Board and NWCG member agencies use these “talking points” in their oral and written communications at the Congressional level, within their agencies, and with all other wildland management and fire interests, including residents of the *WUI*.

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