

# Equity and Environmental Justice in Wildfire

Wildfire poses disproportionate hazards to vulnerable populations. Access to resources to prepare and recover from fire events can also be uneven. This series highlights new knowledge, ideas, and efforts focused on integrating equity and environmental justice into the management of wildfire risk and recovery.

## **Developing a Social Vulnerability Index for Wildfire Risk in Oregon**

7/26. **RECORDED:** <https://youtu.be/SVGjwycrnrg>

This webinar described the development of a Social Vulnerability Index for Oregon and its incorporation into the Wildfire Risk Explorer tool mandated through SB 762.

**Presented by:** Mindy Crandall & Caitlyn Reilley; *Oregon State University College of Forestry*

## **Addressing Equity & Environmental Justice in the Forest Service's Wildfire Crisis Strategy**

Wedn. Nov. 2, 10am PDT ----- **REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/3Rr2Agh>

The U.S. Forest Service's Wildfire Crisis Strategy, & the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that is funding the agency's initial investments to reduce wildfire risk under the Strategy, both call for considering equity & environmental justice when implementing projects. We present practical applications of our research on the environmental justice implications of hazardous fuels reduction, including new tools, that help address this need.

**Presented by:** Susan Charnley & Mark Adams; *US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station*

## **Wildfires, Communities, and Environmental Justice**

Tues. Nov. 8, 10am PDT ----- **REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/3SprpKI>

This webinar will go over results of a recent literature review of studies that focus on the environmental justice aspects of wildfire, as well as present preliminary findings on how different socio-demographic groups have been affected by wildfires across California in the last decade. Co-hosted w/ CA Fire Science Consortium.

**Presented by:** Francisco Escobedo; *US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station*

## **Considering Equity in Wildfire Risk and Protection**

Thurs. Dec. 1, 10am PDT ----- **REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/3dWM1Lw>

This webinar will summarize recent research examining the equity implications of rising wildfire risk and associated costs, including insurance coverage and the comparative costs for risk management activities in populations with different incomes.

**Presented by:** Matthew R. Auer; *The University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs*