



# **Presentation to the Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery**

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# Senate Bill 762: Wildland-urban interface and risk mapping

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# Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)

- Amends Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 477.015 to 477.064
- Board of Forestry to establish a definition of Wildland-urban interface (WUI) in rule within 100 days
- Rule must establish criteria to identify and classify the wildland-urban interface



# WUI Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) Timeline

Jul. 27 – Aug. 17	WUI RAC met 4 times
Aug. 24	ODF presented draft WUI definition to BOF
Sep. 22 – 24	Public hearings held on proposed rules
Oct. 20	ODF Presented comments & Board approved the final rule
Ongoing...	RAC resumed work to develop WUI boundary criteria
Mar. 2022	ODF will return to BOF to present draft criteria rules
April 2022	ODF request to conduct public hearings



# Statewide Map of Wildfire Risk (Section 7: Requirements)

- Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk by June 2022.
- Oregon State University (OSU) to collaborate with others to create the map.
- Requirements:
  - Map to be publicly accessible
  - OSU to provide technical assistance to state and local governments
  - Use Oregon Explorer Wildfire Risk Portal platform



# Statewide Map of Wildfire Risk (Key Dates)

Jul. 24	ODF request permission from Board to begin rulemaking
Aug. 5 → ongoing	Statewide Wildfire Risk Map RAC met & continue meeting
Mar. 2022	ODF present draft rules & public hearing request to Board
Apr. 2022	Public Hearings
Jun. 2022	Present final rules to the Board



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Dr. Mindy S. Crandall, Assistant Professor of Forest Policy

Mindy's research is focused on the intersection between people and forests in rural places in the US. In particular, the role of forestry and the forest products industry in regional economies.



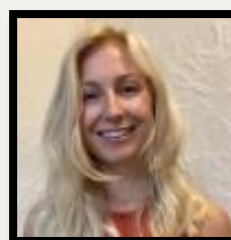
Dr. Erica Fischer, Assistant Professor in Civil and Construction Engineering

Erica's research revolves around innovative approaches to improve the resilience and robustness of structural systems affected by natural and man-made hazards.



Dr. Christopher Dunn, Assistant Professor in Wildfire Risk Management

Chris's research focuses on wildfire risk management science, through the lens of our fire management service, including assessment, mitigation, response and performance of actions.



Caitlyn Reilley studies the intersection of human communities and wildfire. In particular, her research explores the relationship between socioeconomic factors of communities and human caused wildfire ignitions and whether socially vulnerable communities experience disproportionate amounts of wildfire.



Andy McEvoy's work with the US Forest Service aimed at developing effective outcome indicators that can be measured to track progress towards Shared Stewardship and wildfire risk mitigation to refine effective indicators, improve data collection, and enable outcomes to be tracked annually.



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**Questions?**