

State Urban-Wildland Fire Safety Committee

PURPOSE: To develop recommendations for minimum standards for: (1) safeguarding life and property from wildland fire and fire hazards; (2) preventing wildland fires and alleviation of fire hazards; (3) storage, sale, distribution and use of dangerous chemicals, combustibles, flammable liquids, explosives and radioactive materials in urban-wildland interface areas; (4) fire evacuation routes and community alert systems; (5) the creation of defensible spaces in and around urban-wildland interface areas as authorized by existing county and municipal laws and ordinances; (6) the application of adaptive management practices to use in monitoring data from treatment programs to assess the effectiveness of those programs in meeting forest health objectives; (7) other matters relating to urban-wildland fire prevention and control that the Committee considers to be necessary. The Committee shall issue an annual report with recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31 of each year and provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

MEMBERSHIP:

Other One member who owns property and serves as a firefighter for a fire district in an area at high risk from wildland fire, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Mr. Michael Bradley

One watershed management expert, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Ms. Sandy Byra, Salt River Project

One member of the Arizona Fire Chiefs' Association:
Mr. Don Howard, Summit Fire Department

One member in a liaison capacity with this State's Congressional Delegation, appointed from nominees solicited by the President of the Senate from one or more members of Congress:
Mr. Sean Noble, Chief of Staff, Congressman John Shadegg, District 3

The State Forester or the State Forester's designee:
Mr. Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Land Department

One resident of, and property owner in, a city, town or county with a high risk urban-wildland interface area, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Mr. Darrell Willis, Prescott Fire Chief

One fire chief or fire marshal of a paid municipal fire department of a city with a population of 50,000 or more, appointed by the Governor:
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One wildland fire science expert from Region 3 of the United States Forest Service who resides in this state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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One city or town planning and zoning official from a municipality with a high risk urban-wildland interface area with a population of 50,000 or more, appointed by the Governor:

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One member who holds a professional position in forest ecology and knowledgeable about the effects of forest thinning on the biological diversity of forests, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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One property owner from a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons who has knowledge and expertise in property development in wildland areas, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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One registered architect with expertise in designing residential dwellings, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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Notes: The Committee shall annually select a Chair from its membership. The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair or on the request of at least four members of the Committee. Members are not eligible to receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses. Members serve three-year terms.

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