



## Preparing for Wildfire Season: Past, Present, Future

In 2017 and 2018, the Puget Sound region experienced wildfire smoke events caused by fires in the Pacific Northwest region and beyond. These events raised concerns about the potentially harmful effects of wildfire on our health, communities, and ecosystems.

We invite you to join the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative for a three-part webinar series to discuss what has changed in terms of wildfire preparedness as a result of the 2017-18 wildfire smoke events. What are communities doing to plan for and respond to wildfires? And what is being done to ensure that residents stay safe and healthy?

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#### **Webinar #1: Emergency Management and Community Health Response**

Wildfire events in 2017/18, combined with growing concern about the impacts of climate change on wildfire potential in Washington state, have spurred increased efforts in the Puget Sound region related to planning for and responding to wildfires. Join the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative and invited guests for a discussion on how wildfire preparedness and response has evolved since the 2017/18 and what we have learned along the way. This webinar, the first in a three-part series, is specifically focused on emergency response and public health activities related to wildfire and

**Date: July 16, 2020**

**Time: 1pm – 2:30pm**

Speakers:

- Matt Auflick, Community Relations Manager, Office of Emergency Management, City of Seattle
- Jason Biermann, Director, Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management
- C. Addison Houston, Environmental Health Emergency Response Planner, Public Health - Seattle & King County
- Crystal Raymond, Climate Adaptation Specialist, UW Climate Impacts Group

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**Webinar #2: Managing Forests for a Changing Climate**

A robust approach to managing wildfire risk includes looking at how we manage forest health, restoration, and treatment for wildfire risk. This webinar will include examples of how local governments are implementing forest management practices intended to support more climate-resilient forests.

**Date: July 22, 2020**

**Time: 10am – 11:30am**

Speakers:

- Rolf Gersonde, Forest Ecologist, Seattle Public Utilities
- Stay tuned for more speakers!

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**Webinar #3: Managing Wildfire Risk at the Wildland and Urban Interface**

Managing wildfire at the Wildland-Urban Interface, or the WUI, is critical. This threat is exacerbated as more homes are built near and into forested areas. Join us to learn about updated mapping of the WUI by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and efforts to increase technical assistance to homeowners and communities in the WUI.

**Date: July 30, 2020**

**Time: 10am – 11:30am**

Speakers:

- Ashley Blazina, Natural Resources Specialist, WA State Department of Natural Resources
- Dave Ward, Planning and Environmental Programs, Division Manager, Kitsap County
- Stay tuned for more speakers!