
Wildfire Response Council Adaptation and Recovery Health Sub-Committee

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Recommendations

1. **Clean Air Spaces**
2. **Integrated Prescribed Burning Plan**
3. **Environmental Public Health Infrastructure & Early Warning Systems**
4. **Oregon Emergency Management System**
5. **Tenants' Rights**

Recommendation 1: Clean Air Spaces

Increase access to cleaner air spaces during a smoke event regardless of the source of smoke, prescribed burn or wildfire smoke.

- Air Filtration Systems
- Public Clean Air Spaces
- What is the best and most cost effective way to increase access to clean air spaces?
 - Individuals vs. the public?
 - Is the committee open to making recommendations outside the normal scope of forests and land use?
 - Where should accountability sit?

Recommendation 2: Integrated Prescribed Burning Plan

Build community resiliency to wildland fire and smoke for longer periods in the year, including the prescribed burn season (fall and spring).

- Pace & Scale
 - Air Quality Monitoring
 - Health Impacts
 - Community outreach
- Is this a phased in approach? What is phase one?
 - How do we address the health concerns from both the Oregon Health Authority and Environmental Quality Commission, regarding exposure to smoke?
 - Can we satisfy concerns with enough community infrastructure to protect people?

Recommendation 3: Environmental Public Health Infrastructure & Early Warning Systems

Invest in Oregon's environmental public health infrastructure and early warning systems to help communities prepare for projected health risks from wildfire and smoke.

- Early warning systems
- Smoke warning infrastructure
- Water infrastructure
- Back-up power sources as a result of mitigation decisions
- The foundation for this is in place, what has been difficult about implementing this to date? What would it take to get us over the finish line?

Recommendation 5: Tenants' Rights

Pursuant to the Wildfire Council's social justice objective, ensure tenants are not disproportionately affected by wildfire.

- Smoke damage
- Missed rent
- Displacement & Relocation
- Given these are primarily requiring changes in ORS Chapter 90, can these be bundled? What are unintended consequences we may be blind to?

Recommendation 4: Oregon Emergency Management System

Increase awareness and efficiency of Oregon's Emergency Management system and state and local agency collaborations in existence. Empower communities to strengthen their coordination locally.

- Interagency Coordination
- Outreach and awareness
- What can we expect from local communities? What would it look like to increase coordination in Smoke Sensitive Receptor Areas, that may cross county and city jurisdictions?