



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WILDFIRE RISK MAP

### **How can I find out what my risk classification is?**

The Oregon Wildfire Risk map was released on June 30, 2022. On August 4, 2022 the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) announced it has withdrawn the map and will be working to refine it. No date has been announced on when the new wildfire risk map will be released.

### **My home or business is in the wildland-urban interface and high or extreme risk; what does this mean for me?**

Homes and businesses within the wildland-urban interface **AND** high or extreme risk based on the wildfire risk map may be subject to the Oregon Defensible Space Code. On properties where structures have been issued a certificate of occupancy, a defensible space code will apply to homes and businesses.

### **My home or business is not in the wildland-urban interface and high or extreme risk; what does this mean?**

Homes and businesses not in the wildland-urban interface **AND** high or extreme risk, based on the wildfire risk map, are not subject to the Oregon Defensible Space Code. The Office of State Fire Marshal recommends that home and business owners at high or extreme risk but NOT in the wildland-urban interface follow defensible space best practices. Wildfire does not recognize map boundary lines.

### **My home or business is at high or extreme risk but not in the wildland-urban interface; does the code apply to me? What should I do?**

No. The Oregon Defensible Space Code only applies to homes and businesses in both the wildland-urban interface **AND** at high or extreme risk based on the wildfire risk map developed by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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### **I disagree with the Wildfire Risk Map's assessment of my home/business; is there an appeals process?**

The appeals process has also been suspended. Appeals already submitted by property owners will be used to identify areas where refinements may be needed to the risk map. Once the map is refined, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) will bring the draft of the updated map to communities for discussion and input. After another round of revisions based on local input, the map will be finalized which will start a new notification and 60-day appeals process.

The department has not set a timetable for these revisions because we want to allow ample time for the public process and to engage communities to get the best product possible.