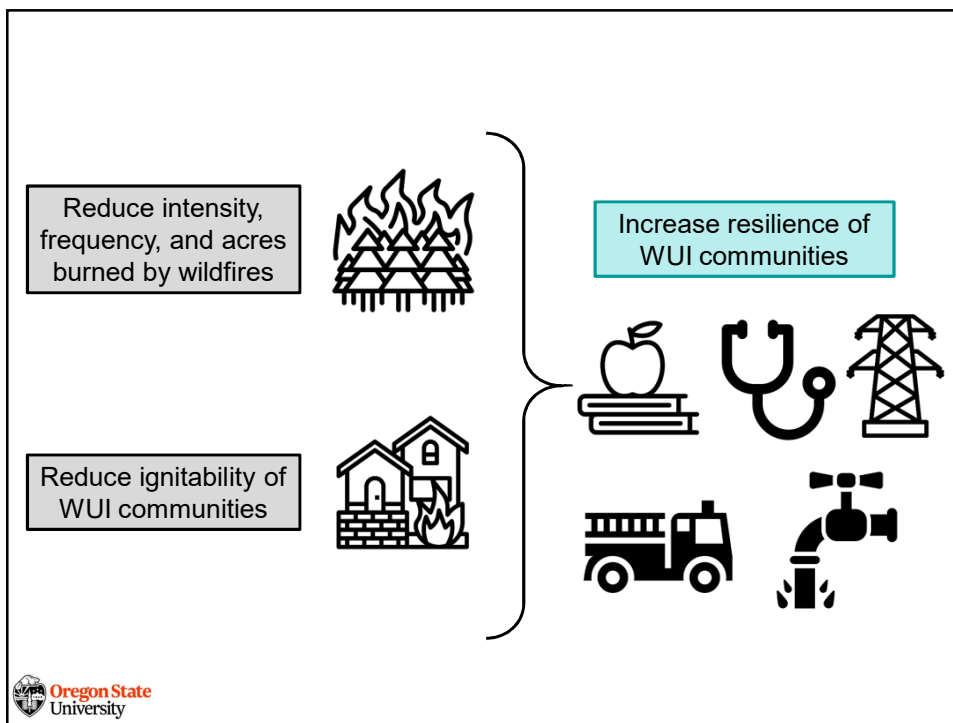
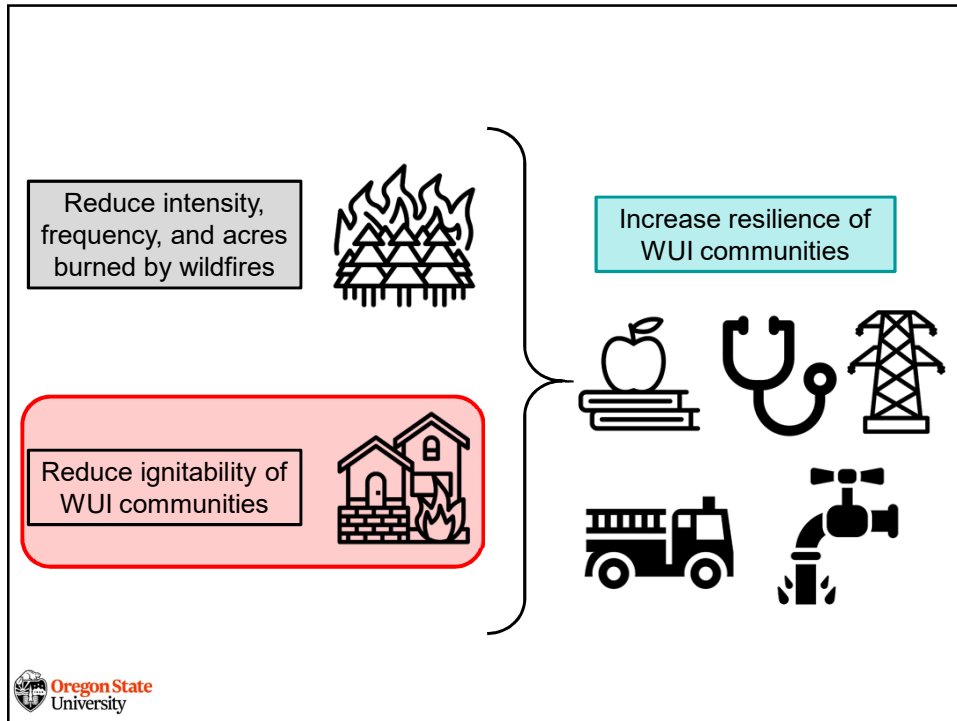


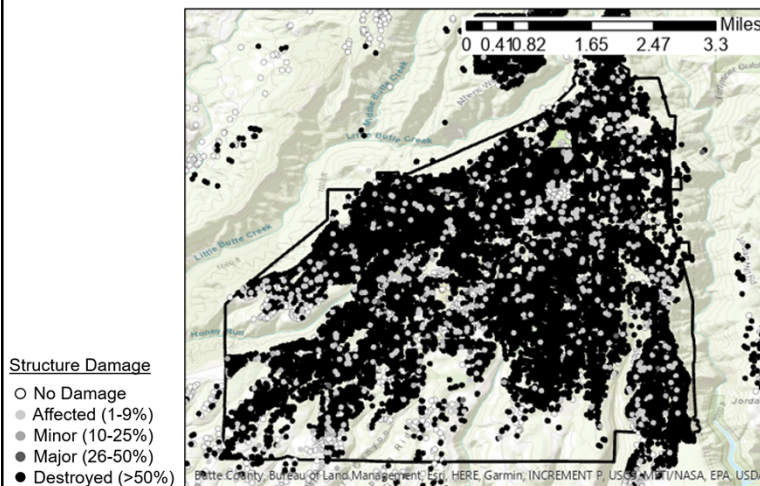
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**Damage Map of Paradise, CA**

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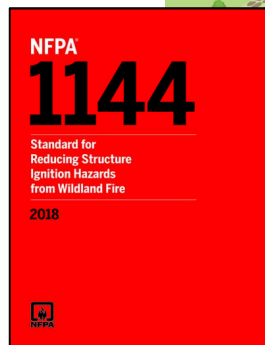
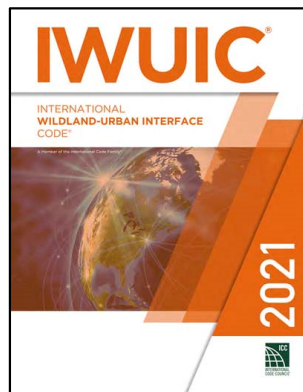
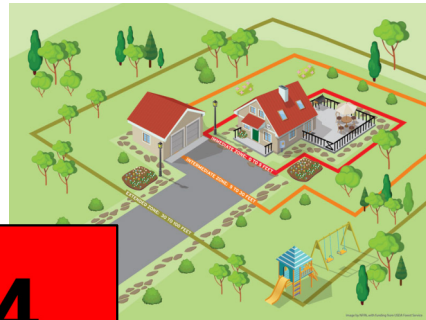


Maternity ward of Adventist Health Hospital, Feather River (Paradise, CA)



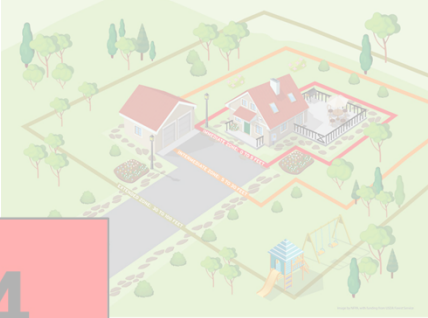
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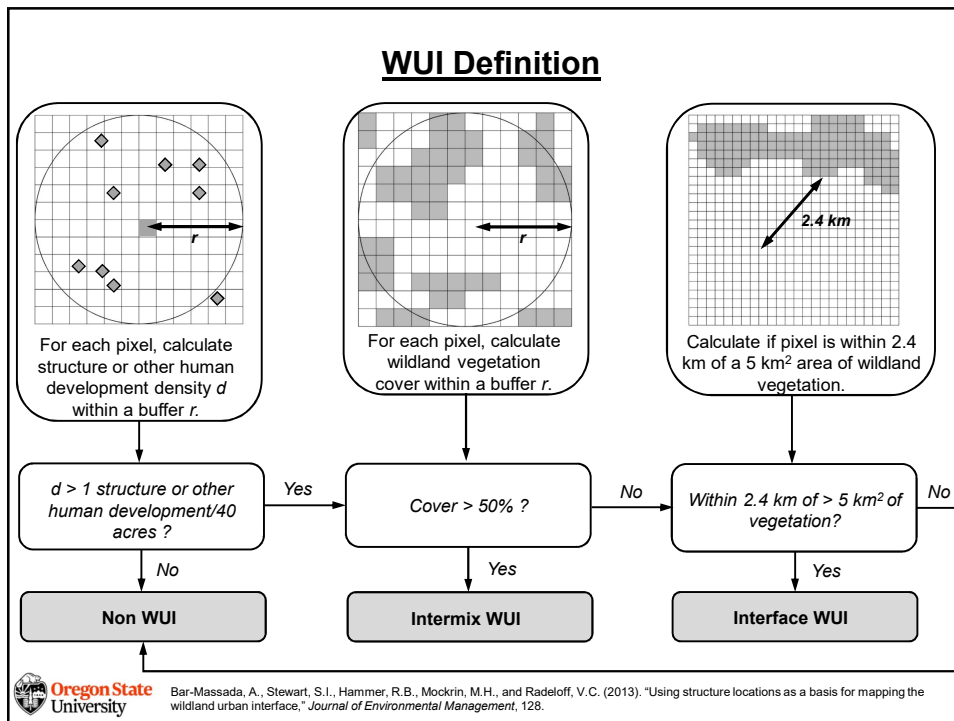
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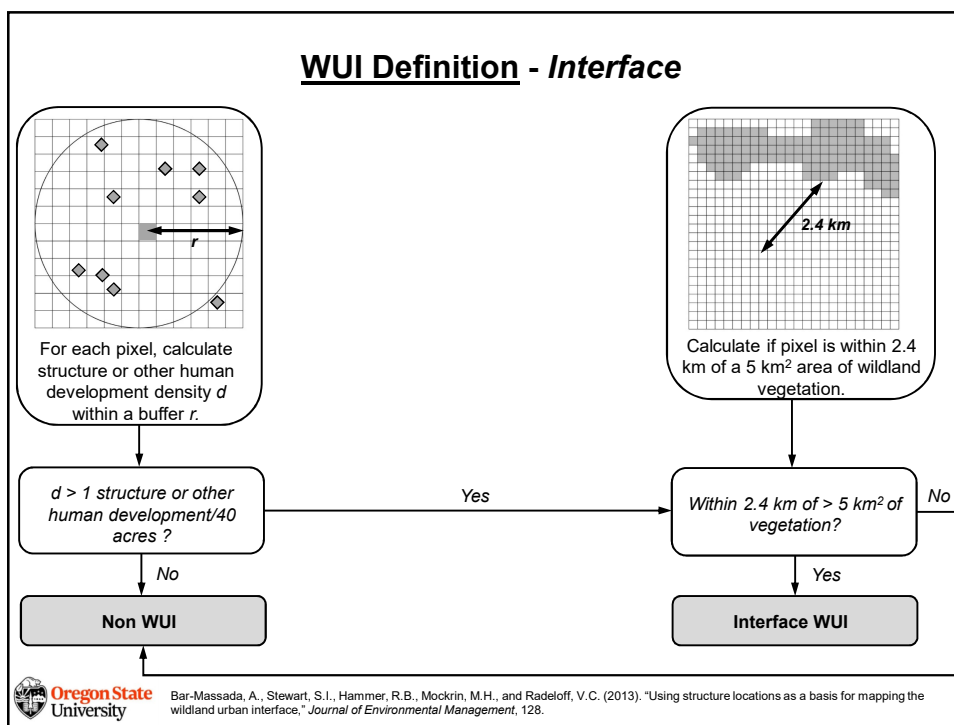
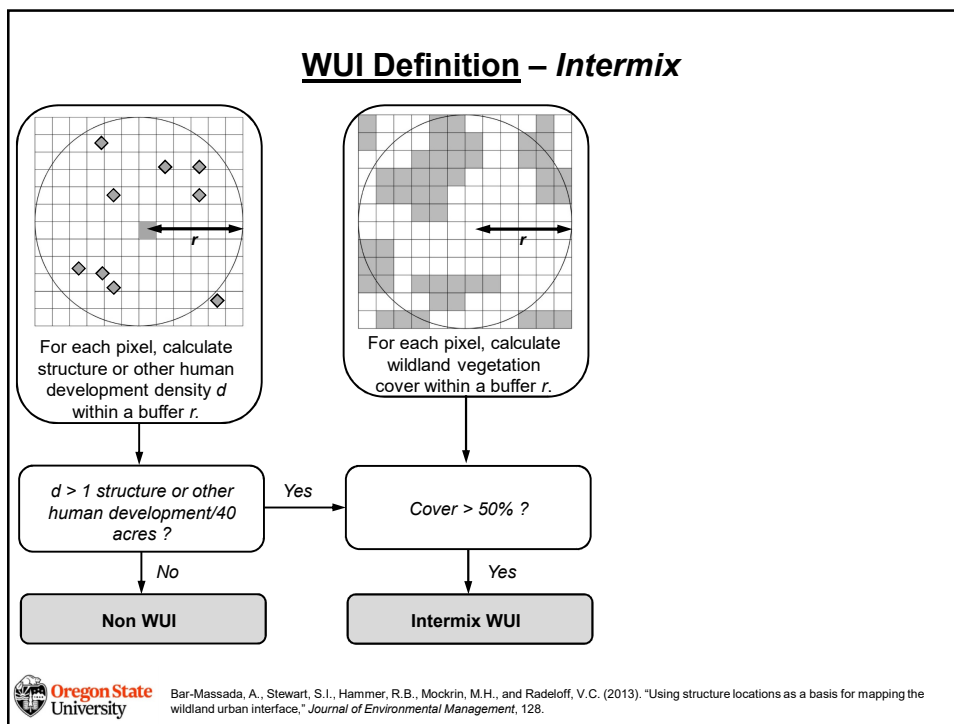
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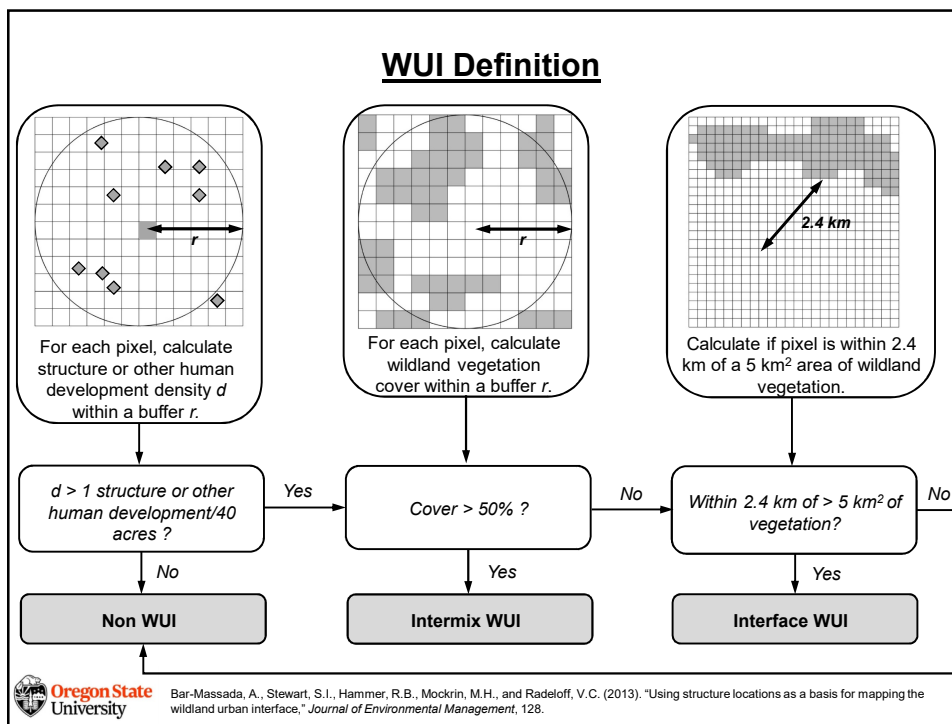
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