

# Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Wildfire Concerns Survey

**Are You Ready for Wildfire? Help us understand what your wildfire concerns and priorities are.**

The Quartz Valley Indian Reservation is intended to inspire and guide actions that will mitigate wildfire losses in all vulnerable communities within Quartz Valley within Siskiyou County. It is being updated to reflect current wildfire risks and present the most up-to-date recommendations for how to prepare Quartz Valley communities for wildfire. **We're seeking input from residents regarding priorities for preparing vulnerable communities in Siskiyou County for the eventuality of wildfire.**

*Thank you for taking some time to answer the following questions about your home and/or property in Siskiyou County. You do not have to answer all the questions. However, any information you can share with us will help to better prepare our neighborhoods and communities for wildfire. Please provide your contact information were prompted for various opportunities to get involved with your local fire programs or Fire Safe Council. **You can also answer this survey confidentially.***

***This survey should take about 15 minutes.***

In addition, please visit: <http://www.qvir.com/>, or visit our Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/Quartz-Valley-Indian-Reservation-501914399844843/>. To receive periodic updates and notices, send your contact information to: [sherry.smith@qvir-nsn.gov](mailto:sherry.smith@qvir-nsn.gov)

*Thank you for taking the time to help us prepare Siskiyou County for wildfire.*

1. **How concerned are you about wildfire in Siskiyou County?** (Please **check only one.**)
  - Not at all concerned
  - Slightly concerned
  - Moderately concerned
  - Extremely concerned
  
2. **Have you ever experienced a loss from wildfire?**
  - Yes
    - If so, what did you lose?
  - No
  
3. **In relation to wildfire, I believe Siskiyou County in general is:** (Please **select only one.**)
  - Well prepared for wildfire
  - Adequately prepared for wildfire, but would like to see more being done.
  - Minimally prepared for wildfire
  - Not at all prepared for wildfire
  
4. **In relation to wildfire, I believe my property and family are:** (Please **select only one.**)
  - Well prepared for wildfire

Adequately prepared for wildfire, but could be better prepared.

Minimally prepared for wildfire

Not at all prepared for wildfire

5. **Reducing wildfire risk to my family, home, and property is:** (Please **select only one.**)

Very difficult

Difficult

Neither difficult nor easy

Easy

Very easy

6. **Please indicate which, if any, of the following actions you have taken to manage the vegetation around your home:** (Please **select only one response in each row.**)

ACTION	HAVE DONE WITHIN PAST 6 MONTHS	HAVE DONE WITHIN PAST 6-24 MONTHS	HAVE DONE IN OVER 2 YEARS OR NOT AT ALL	NOT APPLICABLE TO MY HOME
Removed dead or dying vegetation around my home.				
Removed "ladder fuels." (Low-level vegetation that allows fire to climb trees or structures.)				
Trimmed tree canopies to keep their branches a minimum of 10 feet from structures or other trees around my home.				
Removed leaf litter (dry leaves/needles) from yard, roof, and rain gutters.				
Removed combustible material and vegetation from around and under decks.				
Chipped or burned vegetation on the property.				
Removed <u>all</u> combustible materials within 5 feet of my home.				
Removed or pruned vegetation under roof vents.				

7. For each structural element below, please indicate the response that best indicates the status of whether your home does or does not have that element in place. (If you are unsure whether or not your house has a certain feature, please indicate “Not Sure.” Please **select only one response in each row.**)

STRUCTURAL ELEMENT	EXISTED WHEN I PURCHASED THE HOUSE	HAVE DONE SINCE PURCHASED	HAVEN'T DONE YET BUT PLAN TO IN THE FUTURE	DO NOT PLAN TO DO	NOT APPLICABLE TO MY HOME	NOT SURE
Roof is made of fire-safe materials (e.g. metal, tile, asphalt, composition).						
All vent openings are covered with 1/8" mesh (or smaller) that is <u>not</u> plastic or fiberglass.						
Exterior walls are covered with or made of fire-resistant materials.						
Eaves are boxed-in with non-combustible material.						
Underside of decks are closed in with fire-resistant materials.						
Flammable fences (e.g. wood) do not touch my deck or any flammable house siding.						
Firewood, propane, and other fuels are stored at least 30 feet from my home.						
I have at least 2,500 gallons of dedicated “fire water” or am on a community system.						

8. Have you had a Defensible Space Inspection or Wildfire Risk Assessment at your home or property?  
Yes

If yes, who conducted the inspection?

Fire protection agency (fire fighters)

Local fire protection agency: **[[name – can we add a field for them to enter this information?]]**

CAL FIRE

Federal fire protection agency: **(name)**

Not sure which fire protection agency  
 Local Fire Safe Council: (name)  
 Insurance company  
 I did it myself  
 Not sure who did it  
 Other: (please specify)

No

9. **The following statements reflect reasons why someone may or may not prepare their home or property to reduce the risks of wildfire.** Please rate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements as they relate to why you have or have not mitigated your wildfire risk. Please **select only one in each row.**

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
I know how to manage the vegetation around my home to reduce wildfire risks.					
I know how to make structural changes to my home to reduce wildfire risks.					
The cost of preparing my home or property to reduce wildfire risks prevents me from taking action.					
There is no need to prepare my home or property because I have insurance that will cover any potential damage.					
While I would like to make changes, at least I have insurance to cover a loss to fire.					
My physical abilities make it difficult to prepare my home or property to reduce wildfire risk.					
It is difficult to find the time to prepare my home or property to reduce wildfire risk.					
I'm concerned about impacting my view or privacy screening.					
It is difficult to dispose of the vegetation once I have removed it.					

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Regulatory requirements or permitting prevent me from taking action to reduce my wildfire risk.					

NEIGHBORHOOD RULES OR PROGRAMS REQUIRE ME TO PREPARE MY HOME OR PROPERTY TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK.					
The recommended changes to my home or property interfere with how I want my property to be.					

**10. How important is it to you to receive information on the following topics in relation to the wildfire risk in Siskiyou County? (Select one in each line to indicate how much you want the information.)**

INFORMATION ABOUT	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
Fire hazards or other fuel-related concerns				
Air quality from wildfire or prescribed burning				
Evacuation planning				
Hazardous fuel reduction on nearby public lands				
Fire protection/fire fighting in my community				
Defensible space around homes and neighborhoods				
Fire safe construction or retrofitting (hardened homes)				
How to prepare water systems for efficient fire fighting access.				
Fire Safe Councils or Firewise				
Grant funding to assist me or my community to prepare for wildfire				
Water supply improvements				

INFORMATION ABOUT	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
Other: (define)				

11. Prescribed fire and/or controlled burning is an important tool in Siskiyou County to reduce the risk of larger wildfires. (Please select only one.)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

12. Recognizing there are trade-offs in what can be accomplished given existing resources, how high a priority do you put on addressing the following concerns in relation to reducing losses from wildfire? Please select only one in each row.

CONCERN	NOT IMPORTANT	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY
Vegetation management/fuel breaks on public lands (in general).				
Mechanical thinning				
Prescribed burning				
Improving fire department response time.				
Improving water supply for fire fighting.				
Creating defensible space on private, residential property.				
Receiving air quality information regarding smoke from wildfires and/or prescribed fires.				
Protecting residents from smoke.				
Improving one-way in and out roads for evacuation.				
Addressing narrow roads for evacuation.				
Improving evacuation route signage.				
Improving large animal evacuations (horses, cattle, etc.)				
Improving small animal evacuations.				
Planning for local evacuations.				

CONCERN	NOT IMPORTANT	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY
Improving other evacuation issues. Specify				
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas from wildfire.				
Protecting historic structures from wildfire.				
Protecting critical infrastructure from wildfire				
Protecting specific values other than homes from wildfire. Specify				
Reducing fire risks from indoor marijuana cultivation.				
Other: Specify				

**13. Have you heard of or participated in the (Siskiyou County Community Wildfire Protection Plan)? (Please select only one.)**

Yes, I have heard of it.

Yes, I have participated in a community meeting or public review in the past.

No, I had not heard of it before today.

(Please indicate your name and contact information here to receive workshop announcements and details)

**14. Please check any of the assistance and/or educational programs that you would like to see offered in your community. Select all that apply.** If you are interested in information not listed, please describe in the "other" text box.

Assistance with Defensible Space

Assistance with Fuel Hazard Reduction (fire breaks, thinning, etc.)

Information on how to retrofit or construct my home to reduce its potential to ignite

Senior/Disabled Assistance

Chipper programs

Prescribed fire/controlled burning

Evacuation planning, including information on evacuating large animals and pets

Educational outreach in local schools

Other (please specify):

**15. Is there a specific wildfire concern in your community that you think needs to be getting more attention?**

Yes

If yes, please describe.

No

**16. Would you like to be contacted by your local fire department about volunteering or supporting them to help protect your community?**

Yes

If yes, please indicate your name and email or phone number here:

No

**17. Are you aware of the existence of Fire Safe Councils and/or Firewise Communities in Siskiyou County?**

Yes

If yes, which one(s)? (Please list them by name, can list more than one.)

Fire Safe Council name:

Firewise Community name:

No

**18. Are you a member of a Fire Safe Council or Firewise Community?**

Yes

If yes, which one(s)? (Please list them by name, can list more than one.)

Fire Safe Council name:

Firewise Community name:

No

**19. Would you like to be contacted by your local Fire Safe Council and/or Firewise Community about fire safety measures for your home and property?**

Yes

If yes, please indicate your name and email or phone number here:

No

**20. Would you like to be contacted about doing a wildfire hazard assessment on your property?**

Yes

If yes, please indicate your name and email or phone number here:

No

If no, please explain.



21. Where do you live and/or own property in Siskiyou County?

22. Are you a member, employee, or otherwise work with an organization responsible for fire protection and/or fire management in Siskiyou County?

Yes

If yes, with which local organization do you work?

Local fire protection organization/agency: (name)

CAL FIRE

Federal fire protection agency: (name)

Other:

No

*Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts and concerns about wildfire in Siskiyou County. For more information on the Siskiyou County Fire Safe Council and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, please visit: <https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>*

