Living with Wildfire in Estes Valley in 2023





Estes Valley Fire Protection District 901 N St Vrain Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517 https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/ Section 1: In this first section of the survey, we ask about your home in Estes Valley. Please answer the following questions with respect to your *Estes Valley home*.

Wr	nen cho	osing a	a respor	ise, plea	ase fill i	n the cir	cle com	pletely.	Correct	:	ncorrect:	\vee	lacktriangle
1.1.	Do yo	ou own	or rent	your Es	stes Val	ley hom	e? (<i>Fill i</i>	n one ci	rcle)				
	0	O Own: do not rent											
	0	O Own: rent out short term											
	0	O Own: rent out long term											
	0	Ro	ent: I do	not ow	n this h	nome							
1.2.		•	year, wh at apply		ths do	you spei	nd any t	ime at y	our Este	es Valle	y home	?	
All 12 nonths	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	No month
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.3. 1.4.			Y r was yo	ear mov our Este	ved to r	Estes V ny Estes home c alley hor	Valley originall	nome y built?		·	k)		
1.5.			of wildf e? (<i>Fill ir</i>		-	ou when	you bo	ught or	decided	to rent	your Es	stes	
	0	Ve	ery awa	re									
	0	Sc	omewha	ıt aware	9								
	0	N	ot awar	e									
	0	D	on't ren	nember									

Section 2: In this section, we ask about your experience with, and preparation for, wildfire at your Estes Valley home.

property? (Fill in one circle)											
	0	O There has been a wildfire on my property									
	0	O Less than 2 miles away, but not on my property									
	0	2 to 10 miles away									
	0	More than 10 miles away									
	0	Not sure									
2.2.	•	u had any of the following wildfire experiences	s at your E	stes Valley h	ome?						
				No	Yes						
		acuated from my Estes Valley home due to a voice of a wildfire	0	0							
	My Estes	Valley home has had wildfire smoke damage	Ο	0							
	My Estes	Valley home has had wildfire damage	0	0							
	My Estes	Valley home was destroyed by a wildfire		0	0						
2.3.	-	currently have an evacuation plan in the event ome? (Fill in one circle per row)	a wildfire	threatens yo	our Estes						
	•		No	Yes	Not applicable						
	For the p	eople in my household	0	0	аррпсаыс						
	For the p	ets in my household and on my property	0	0	0						
	For livest	cock on my property	0	0	0						

2.4. Have you completed any of the following actions to prepare for a **wildfire evacuation**, and do you want more information about how to complete any of the actions? (*Fill in all circles that apply*)

(i iii iii dii circies tride appriy)	Completed action	Want more information
Identify how I will be notified about an evacuation	0	0
Sign up for a wildfire evacuation notification system (NOCO Alert https://nocoalert.org/)	0	0
Identify safe evacuation routes (multiple, if possible)	0	0
Identify a location that my household will evacuate to	0	Ο
Identify what to take and what to leave behind during an evacuation	0	0
Discuss evacuation with my neighbors	0	0
Create a checklist for steps to take before evacuating	0	0
Identify a place to stay during a long-term evacuation (i.e., more than a few days)	0	0
Pack a "go" bag with important items you would need during an evacuation (see https://simplebooklet.com/emergencygobag)	0	0

2.5. Please tell us about your experiences with your **homeowners insurance** for your Estes Valley home. (*Fill in one circle per row*)

	No	Yes	Don't know
Has your current or a previous insurance company ever provided information on reducing the risk of wildfire?	0	0	0
Did an insurance company ever refuse to provide or renew insurance because of the risk of wildfire?	0	0	0
Do you pay a higher premium for your insurance due to wildfire risk?	0	0	0
Do you receive a discount on your insurance premium because you have reduced wildfire risk on your property?	Ο	Ο	0
Do you think your home is adequately insured against loss from a wildfire?	0	0	0
Has your current insurance company ever required you to take action to reduce wildfire risk in order to continue coverage?	0	Ο	0
Has your current insurance company offered private firefighting services?	0	0	0

Section 3: In this section, we ask about the characteristics of your Estes Valley home and the area near your Estes Valley home.

3.1. Does your Estes Valley home have any of the following roofing materials? (Fill in all that apply)					
	0	Tile, metal, or asphalt shingles			
	0	Wood (shake shingles)			
3.2.		ur Estes Valley home have any of the following exterior siding materials? If that apply)			
	0	Stucco, cement, brick, stone, or other noncombustible siding			
	0	Log or heavy timbers			
	0	Wood or vinyl siding			
3.3.	·=	ur Estes Valley home have a combustible balcony, deck, porch, or fence attached tructure? (<i>Fill in one circle</i>)			
	0	No			
	0	Yes			
3.4.	vegetati	the closest distance from your Estes Valley home to combustible items other thar on such as lumber, firewood, a propane tank, hay bales, flammable outdoor e, or other materials that could easily ignite? (Fill in one circle)			
	0	More than 30 feet or no combustible items			
	0	5 – 30 feet			
	0	Less than 5 feet			

	3.5.		the closest distance from your Estes Valley home to overgrown, dense, or ained vegetation? (Fill in one circle)					
		0	More than 100 feet					
		0	30 – 100 feet					
		0	5 – 29 feet					
		0	Less than 5 feet					
	3.6.	property figure be	the following best describes the majority of vegetation on your Estes Valley between 100 and 150 feet from your home (the shaded part of the circle in the low)? That area might be outside your property boundary and include properties tely surrounding you. (<i>Fill in one circle</i>)					
0	Ligl	nt: Grasse	s less than 6 inches high with isolated brush Light	▲				
0	Medium: Sparse brush and/or isolated trees (ex. sage mix 100 ft) 150 ft							
with some pinion-juniper and/or ponderosa pine)								
0	clus	sters of pi	nion-juniper and/or ponderosa pine)	معد				
	3.7.	What is t	the closest distance from your Estes Valley home to a neighboring home? ne circle)					
		0	More than 100 feet					
		0	30 – 100 feet					
		0	10 – 29 feet					
		0	Less than 10 feet					
	3.8.	steep, m	e of a property refers to the steepness of the land. A large property may have oderate, and gentle slopes. How would you describe the average slope 50 feet of your Estes Valley home? (<i>Fill in one circle</i>)					
		0	Steep – Greater than 45% Steep Moderate Gentle					
		0	Moderate – 20% to 45%					
		0	Gentle – Less than 20%					

3.9. What is the closest distance from your Estes Valley home to a ridge, steep drainag narrow canyon? (<i>Fill in one circle</i>)						
	0	More than 150 feet				
	0	50 – 150 feet				
	0	Less than 50 feet				
3.10.	Do any	of the following describe your driveway? My driveway (Fil	I in one circ	le per row)		
			No	Yes		
	has an	overhead obstruction (ex. tree limbs) lower than 15 feet	0	0		
	is narr	ower than 12 feet wide	0	0		
	is long	er than 150 feet	0	0		
	has ro	om for a fire truck to turn around	0	0		
3.11.	•	of the following describe your address number? My address one circle per row)	number			
			No	Yes		
	is post	ed at the end of my driveway?	0	0		
	is refle	ective?	0	0		
	has 4-i	inch numerals?	0	0		
		contrasting background letters on blue background)?	0	0		
	is mad	le of noncombustible materials?	0	0		
3.12.		oad you use to access your Estes Valley home was blocked d nother road you could use to get out of your community? (F	_			
	0	No				
	0	Yes				
3.13.	asked a	ties in your community are assessed for overall wildfire risk labout in questions 3.1 – 3.12 above. What do you think is youty's current overall wildfire risk rating? (Fill in one circle)				
	0	Low risk				
	0	Moderate risk				
	0	High risk				
	0	Very high risk				
	0	Extreme risk				

	4.1.	Have you	ı ever talked a	about wildfire is	ssues with a n	eighbor?	(Fill in one c	ircle)			
		0	No								
		0	Yes								
	4.2.	Have you	done any of	the following w	vildfire-related	l activitie	es? (Fill in on	e circle p	er row	')	
									No	Υ	es
Remove	d larg	e or dense	e vegetation r	near my Estes V	alley home (e	x. trees,	shrubs, brusl	h)	0	(C
Regular	ly clea	red my ro	of and gutter	s of leaves and	pine needles				0	(C
Regularly cleared my roof and gutters of leaves and pine needles OOO Regularly mowed and raked around my Estes Valley home OOOO									С		
Made m nardsca	•	s Valley h	ome more fir	e resistant (ex.	replaced roof	ing, sidin	g, added		0	(C
Helped	neighl	or(s) redu	uce vegetation	n on their prop	erties				0	(С
Helped	reduce	e vegetation	on on commu	nity property (ex. HOA, subd	ivision)			0	(C
Helped	reduce	e vegetatio	on on nearby	public lands (ex	κ. county, stat	e, federa	al lands)		0	(C
Particip	ated ir	n a commi	unity wildfire	preparedness a	ctivity (ex. me	eeting, ch	nipper day, e	tc.)	0	(С
		ldfire prof dfire risk	essional at m	y Estes Valley h	ome to evalua	ate and o	discuss my		0	(C
Participa	ated ir	n a cost sh	are program	to reduce veget	tation and wile	dfire risk			0	(C
		•	_	(ex. Colorado : fuels reduction					0	(C
	4.3.		•	nk each of the for	_				row)	e	
	Vege	tation on	my property			0	0	0			
	•		teristics of m siding) on my	y house or othe property	er buildings	0	0	0			
	Vege	tation on	my neighbors	' properties		0	0	0			
	Vege	tation on	nearby public	or large undev	eloped land	0	0	0			
		of nearby uppressio		(ex. hydrant or	cistern) for	0	0	0			

Section 4: In this section, we ask about wildfire risk reduction activities.

0	Most of my neighbors ha	ve taken actio	on			
0	Some of my neighbors ha	ave taken acti	on			
0	None of my neighbors ha	ve taken acti	on			
	eptable are the following Il in one circle per row)	approaches t	o reducing wi	i ldfire risk in E	Estes Valley to)
, ,	, ,	Extremely acceptable	Very acceptable	Moderately acceptable	Slightly acceptable	Not at all acceptable
Removing trees and redu HOA property surroundin spread of wildfire (ex. fue	g communities to slow the	0	0	0	0	0
Removing trees and redu (thinning/fuel breaks) on		Ο	Ο	0	Ο	0
Burning piles of vegetatio <i>public</i> lands	n (slash piles) on nearby	0	0	0	0	0
Conducting a prescribed f professionals on nearby p	•	0	0	0	0	0
Allowing a naturally ignite public lands, when and w management and fire mit	here appropriate, for forest	0	0	0	0	0
Burning piles of vegetatio nearby <i>private</i> land	n (slash piles) on my or	0	0	0	0	0
Growth policies or land us new development in fire-	se regulations that limit prone areas in Estes Valley	0	0	0	0	0
Building codes that requing for structures located in focaley		Ο	0	0	0	0
Development standards t management (ex. removi mowing grass) on lots loc Estes Valley		Ο	0	0	0	0
Temporarily shutting off t extreme fire risk days to a	the power grid during avoid new wildfire ignitions	0	0	0	0	0
Removing vegetation alor evacuation	ng roadways for safer	0	0	0	0	0
Building a new road(s) to evacuation route	provide an emergency	0	0	0	0	0
Managing the forest befo post-fire impacts on wate	re a fire to reduce potential r resources	0	0	0	0	0

4.4. How many of your immediate neighbors do you think have taken action to reduce wildfire risk on their properties (ex. removing dense vegetation or switching to noncombustible

siding)? (Fill in one circle)

All my neighbors have taken action

Section 5: In this section, we ask about your notions, expectations, and risk perceptions related to wildfire.

5.1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about wildfire? (Fill in one circle per row)

(Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
With proper technology, we can control most wildfires.	0	0	0	0	0
We should put out wildfires that threaten human life.	0	0	0	0	0
We should put out wildfires that threaten homes.	0	0	0	0	0
During a wildfire, saving homes should be a priority over saving forests.	0	0	0	0	0
During a wildfire, I will receive an evacuation order with enough time to safely evacuate.	0	0	0	0	0
Wildfires are a natural part of a healthy forest/ecosystem.	0	0	0	0	0
I live here for the trees and will not remove any of them to reduce wildfire risk.	0	0	0	0	0
Managing the wildfire danger is a government responsibility, not mine.	0	0	0	0	0
Homeowners' actions to reduce wildfire are not effective.	0	0	0	0	0
My property is at risk of wildfire.	0	0	0	0	0
My effort to reduce wildfire risk on my property is not effective because of the heavy vegetation on my neighbors' properties.	0	0	0	0	0
Local firefighters have sufficient resources to keep a wildfire from spreading.	0	0	0	0	0
Local firefighters have sufficient resources to protect threatened homes.	0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters should put their lives at risk to protect my home.	0	0	0	0	0
Wildfires threaten my community water supply.	0	0	0	0	0
I plan to move out of the area in the next 12 months because of wildfires.	0	0	0	0	0
Development in fire-prone areas of Estes Valley increases the wildfire risk to my Estes Valley property.	0	0	0	0	0

5.2. If there is a wildfire on your Estes Valley property, how likely do you think it is that the following would occur? (Fill in one circle per row)										
		0	,	Extremely likely		Mod	erately kely	Slightly likely	Not at all likely	Not applicable
I would put	the fire o	ut.		0	0		0	0	0	0
The fire dep home.	artment	would save	e my	0	Ο		0	0	0	0
My home w	ould have	e smoke da	amage.	0	0		0	0	0	0
My home w damage.	ould have	e some ph	ysical	0	0		0	0	0	0
My home w	ould be c	lestroyed.		0	0		0	0	0	0
I would lose business or	-			0	0		0	0	0	0
My trees an	d landsca	pe would	burn.	0	0		0	0	0	0
My neighbors' homes would be damaged or destroyed.				0	0		0	0	0	0
Direct flame would ignite my home.				0	0		0	0	0	0
Embers would ignite my home.				0	0		0	0	0	0
Nearby hom	ies would	d ignite my	home.	0	0		0	0	0	0
5.3. For sure		-		ance that a v		vill be on	your Est	tes Valley		No chance
100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%		0%
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.4. If there is a wildfire on your property in the next 12 months, what do you think is the chance that it will destroy or severely damage your Estes Valley home? (Fill in one circle)										
For sure	-	·								No chance
100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	0%
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 6: In this section, we ask where you get information about wildfire, how useful the information is, how you receive information, and how you would like to receive information.

6.1. The following sources provide information about wildfire risk. If you have received information from one of these sources, how useful has it been? (*Fill in one circle per row*)

Fill in this circle if you have **NOT** received information from this Extremely Very Moderately Slightly Not at all useful useful useful useful useful source \circ \circ \circ \circ \circ \circ Estes Valley Fire Protection District Community group (ex. homeowners \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc association) \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \circ \bigcirc \bigcirc Community wildfire ambassador \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc Local arborist/contractor Larimer County (Sherriff's Office, Office of 0 0 0 0 0 0 Emergency Management, Parks) \bigcirc Local government \circ \bigcirc \bigcirc \circ \circ 2022 Estes Valley Fire Protection District \bigcirc \circ \circ \circ \circ \circ Community Wildfire Protection Plan \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc **Estes Valley Watershed Coalition** 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc 0 **Larimer Conservation District** \bigcirc Firewise USA® \circ \circ \circ \circ \circ My Personal Wildfire Preparedness Action 0 0 0 0 0 0 Guide (Ready, Set, Go! Program) 0 0 0 0 0 0 Colorado Parks and Wildlife 0 0 0 0 0 0 Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc Colorado State Forest Service USDA Forest Service (Arapaho-Roosevelt 0 0 0 0 0 0 National Forest) National Park Service (Rocky Mountain 0 0 0 0 0 0 National Park) **Bureau of Reclamation** 0 0 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 Media (newspaper, TV, radio, internet)

6.2. How do you currently receive information about wildfire risk reduction, and how would you prefer to receive information? (*Fill in all circles that apply*)

	I receive information from this source	I would like to receive information from this source
Email/e-newsletter	0	0
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor)	0	0
Conversations with local wildfire specialists	Ο	О
Community meetings	Ο	Ο
Internet (non-social media)	0	0
Mailed newsletter	Ο	0
TV news	0	0
Newspaper	0	0
Radio	0	0

Section 7: In this section, we would like to know why you do or do not take action to reduce the risk of wildfire to your Estes Valley property.

7.1. Do any of the following **prevent you** from taking action to reduce the wildfire risk on your Estes Valley property (ex. cutting trees, changing roof/siding)? (Fill in all that apply for each row)

Personal resources	Financial cost	Time to do the work	Physical ability to do the work	None of these	
	The factors	How to reduce	O	O	
Lack of specific information	contributing to my property's wildfire risk	wildfire risk on my property	Where to dispose of vegetation/slash	None of these	
about	0	0	0	0	
Personal perspectives	I do not want to change the way my property looks	I do not think taking action would reduce my property's wildfire risk	It's a low priority to me	None of these	
	0	0	0	0	
Community	Lack of options for disposing vegetation/slash	Restrictions on the changes I can make to my property	Social pressure from neighbors	None of these	
	0	0	0	0	

7.2. Would any of the following **encourage you** to take action to reduce the wildfire risk on your Estes Valley property? (*Fill in all that apply for each row*)

Resources	Cost-share or financial assistance	Help doing the work	Recommended contractors	None of these	
Information	A report describing my property's wildfire risk factors	Videos showing how to reduce risk on a property in my area	One-on-one visit with wildfire risk experts on my property	None of these	
Other	Feedback on the work I've done to reduce my property's risk	Recognition for taking action	Neighborhood group that organizes wildfire risk-reduction activities	None of these	

Section 8: In this section, we ask about personal and household characteristics. Your name will never be connected to your answers in any way.

	8.1.				ırself as so <i>one circle</i>)		ho is very v	willing to t	ake risks o	or not at al	I
Very w to take	_	J		`	,						at all willing take risks
10		9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0		0	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
	8.2.	What is y	our age?	(Fill in th	e blank)						
			years	s old							
	8.3.	Are you?	(Fill in one	e circle)							
		0	Male								
		0	Female								
		0	Other								
i	8.4.	What is t	he highes	t grade c	or year of s	chool you	ı complete	d? (Fill in d	one circle)		
		0	Less than	n high scl	hool						
		0	High scho	ool gradı	uate						
		0	Some col	llege or t	echnical so	chool					
		0	Technica	l or trad	e school						
		0	College g	raduate							
		0	Some gra	aduate w	ork						

Advanced degree (M.D., M.A., M.S., Ph.D., etc.)

0

8.5.		ch of the following best describes your current employment situation? in one circle)				
	0	Employed full time (including self-employed)				
	0	Employed part time (including self-employed)				
	0	Unemployed or do not work outside of the home				
	O Retired					
8.6.		ch of the following categories describes your annual household income? in one circle)				
	0	Less than \$15,000				
	0	\$15,000 - \$24,999				
	0	\$25,000 – \$34,999				
	0	\$35,000 - \$49,999				
	0	\$50,000 - \$74,999				
	0	\$75,000 - \$99,999				
	0	\$100,000 - \$149,999				
	0	\$150,000 - \$199,999				
	0	\$200,000 or more				

Thank you for your help. Please use the space below to write any additional comments. Refer to the cover letter included in your mailing for contact information if you would like to schedule an onsite visit with a wildfire professional to learn how you can reduce risk on your property.