

Recruitment for Study about Wildfire & Defensible Space



Do you live or own property in the Larkspur Fire Protection District, Genesee Fire Protection District, or Evergreen Fire Protection District? We are interested in learning more about what you think about defensible space and how you have come to understand and perceive the risks associated with living in a wildland urban interface (WUI) that is prone to wildfire.

We are researchers with Colorado State University as well as former firefighters who are conducting a study on defensible space, a wildland fire mitigation strategy. Your knowledge would provide valuable insights into our research about if/how different stakeholders might understand defensible space.

This study has been approved by the the Colorado State University Institutional Review Board. The interview will include questions about your knowledge and opinions about wildfire mitigation.

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Information about the study:

- Interviews will take place a mutually agreed upon location.
- We hope to conduct interviews with 12 property owners/residents.
- Our aim is to interview six property owners/residents who have implemented defensible space on their property and six property owners who have not implemented defensible space.
- We will interview the first six property owners/residents who fit into one of those categories.
- Interviews will take 45-60 minutes.
- We will request permission to audio record the interviews.
- You can end the interview at any time.
- You can answer as many or as few questions as you like.
- There are no wrong answers.
- While there is no direct benefit for participating, the information you share will be useful in future educational and outreach programs.
- All information collected will be confidential.

Are you interested in participating in this study?

To learn more about the study or to schedule an interview please contact Dr. Tim Amidon or Ph.D. student Mike Caggiano.