



Addressing Wildfire Risk And Related Issues Together.

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Member Spotlight

This week, we're spotlighting one of Wildfire Alliance's original members, the [City of Orem](#)!

Nestled in the heart of Utah Valley, Orem is a vibrant, thriving community that proudly wears the title of "Family City USA." Over the decades, Orem has grown from a quiet farming town into a bustling city with a population of over 98,000 residents.

Orem sits at the eastern base of the Wasatch Mountains, a high-risk wildfire area defined by the [Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal](#).

The city is concerned about the potential impact wildfires have on water quality of local reservoirs, with Deer Creek only 24 miles away. City firefighters are regularly called upon to combat wildfires across the United States, and Orem is concerned about firefighting fatigue and preparedness, highlighting the growing complexity of



wildfires and their ripple effects nationally.

Congressional Spotlights

Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act of 2025 Passes Congress, Waiting for Presidential Signature

First introduced by Senator Tim Sheehy, the ***Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act of 2025*** reauthorizes the Department of Defense to sell its excess aircraft and aircraft parts that are acceptable for commercial sale for wildfire suppression purposes. The authority begins October 1st, 2025 and ends October 1st, 2035. Aircrafts addressed in this bill can also deliver water by air, as previous iterations had been restricted to only fire retardant.

Media Coverage



Senators Curtis, Cortez Masto Introduce Bill to Reduce Wildfire Risk Through Strategic Grazing

Senators John Curtis and Catherine Cortez Masto introduced the bipartisan ***Strategic Grazing to Reduce the Risk of Wildfire Act*** to direct federal agencies to work with local stakeholders to use targeted grazing as a wildfire mitigation tool. The legislation aims to manage hazardous fuels and reduce wildfire risks through strategies like temporary grazing permits and focusing efforts on high-risk areas, especially near communities.

Wildfire activity across the U.S. has significantly increased, highlighting the urgency of proactive solutions like strategic grazing. The bill also allows for reimbursement to local governments, firefighting agencies, states, and tribal

entities that coordinate with federal agencies to implement these grazing strategies.

Media Coverage



Wildfire in the News

- **New York Times** - Wildfires Are Raging in the Canadian Prairies. Here's What to Know.
- **Summit Daily** - US Forest Service Chief asks wildfire employees who took voluntary resignation to 'come back'
- **Stanford Report** - White paper finds U.S. utilities lagging on wildfire preparedness
- **Washington Post** - Canada has already surpassed a year's worth of charred land from wildfires

About Us

Wildlife Alliance is a growing coalition of local governments and state entities that work with Congress and executive agencies to address important issues related to the increased prevalence and severity of wildfires across the country.

Alliance members set the priorities, policy and legislative recommendations, and in collaboration, we make recommendations before Congress. Wildfire Alliance staff work to find consensus among its members and provide expertise on navigating the federal process to ensure member objectives are met.



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