



Addressing Wildfire Risk And Related Issues Together.

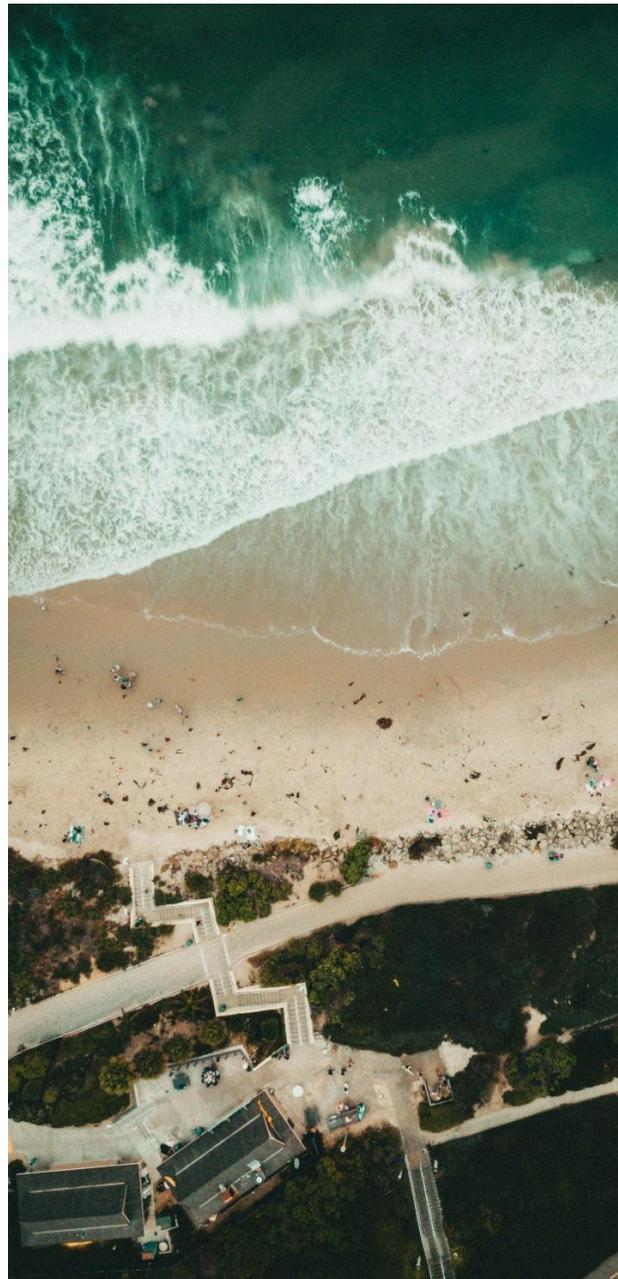
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Member Spotlight

This week's member spotlight features **South Coast Water District**

Since 1932, SCWD has provided drinking water, recycled water, and wastewater services to 40,000 residents, 1,000 businesses, and millions of visitors across Dana Point, South Laguna Beach, and parts of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

Guided by its mission to provide water resources essential for sustaining life, SCWD plays a key role in wildfire preparedness and emergency response, with over 50 million gallons of stored water, 1,600+ hydrants, and backup generators. SCWD is also building the Doheny Ocean Desalination Plant—a first-of-its-kind facility in California that will produce 5 million gallons of drought-proof water daily.



Regional Wildfire Differences

This week's regional wildfire challenge identified in a [widely shared report](#) from the [National Interagency Fire Center](#) is the [Northwestern United States](#).



While parts of the South and East benefited from a wet spring, the Northwest saw little relief, keeping wildfire concerns high as the region enters peak season. June brought few storms, rapid snowmelt, and widespread dryness, leaving nearly all of Oregon and Washington in drought—some areas now facing severe conditions. Fire potential is above average across the region and is expected to stay that way through September, especially in eastern Oregon and central Washington, where prolonged stretches of 90–100°F heat are likely.

Per the report, some relief may arrive in October as cooler weather and more frequent storms return—particularly west of the Cascades and at higher elevations—but until then, the threat of wildfire will remain elevated across much of the Northwest.

Latest on Capitol Hill

Two Bills Introduced in Congress Supporting Community Wildfire Resilience and Timber Management

Following an end to the budget reconciliation process, Congress resumed its busy legislative session with two new wildfire bills. [The SAWMILL Act](#) introduced by [Senators Merkely \(OR\) and Sheehy \(MT\)](#) permanently reauthorizes the USDA's Timber Production Expansion Loan Guarantee Program (TPEP) that provides low-interest, long-term loans to sawmills and wood processing businesses. Priority is given to facilities that process materials from wildfire-risk reduction efforts that help manage fire fuel vegetation and forest stewardship thinning projects.

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In addition, the [Wildfire Resilient Communities Act](#) was also [re-introduced](#)

by **Senator Merkley (OR) and Rep. Val Hoyle (OR)**. Concerned about funding from the executive branch, the bill dedicates \$30 billion over multiple years to the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, and others to expand hazardous fuels reduction projects. The bill also triples funding for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program, boosting its cap to \$3 billion. Permanent reauthorization of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) Program and the establishment of a County Stewardship Fund that gives counties 25% of revenue from stewardship contracts on federal lands are also included provisions.

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Wildfires Go Global

Wildfires get Global Recognition at G7 Summit and in U.S. & Canada Relations

Wildfires are growing bigger, more unpredictable, and cross borders without hesitation—no wonder it took center-stage this past week with world leaders. On June 17th, 2025 G7 leaders, who constitute some of the most advanced industrialized economies in the world, adopted the **Kananaskis Wildfire Charter**. While a non-binding resolution, the charter still speaks volumes as to where G7 leaders are putting their time, energy, and most importantly their international cooperative focus. Wildfires also had an international context when just days ago **members of Congress sent a letter to the Canadian**

Why it matters...

It should be noted that this is the first time G7 leaders have issued a statement *solely* on wildfires. This is a big win for issue awareness and gives advocates like ourselves firepower when holding these conversations with leaders. The letter to the Canadian Ambassador on wildfire smoke affecting Minnesota signals another area where Congress could have greater interest for the future.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wildland Urban Interface Summit - Prescott, AZ | Oct. 28-30**
- **Southern Blueridge TREX - Blueridge NC & SC | Nov. 3-15**

Wildfire in the News

- **WSJ** - One Way to Fight Wildfires: Burn Your Land Ahead of Time
- **CBS** - Madre Fire burning over 79,000 acres in California, largest in the state this year
- **CTI** - Connecticut firefighters from the Interstate Fire Crew deployed to fight Alaska wildfires
- **CM** - 2025 U.S. Wildfires Nearly Double Over Same Time Last Year

About Us

Wildfire Alliance is a coalition of local governments and state entities working with Congress and federal agencies to address the rising threat of wildfires.



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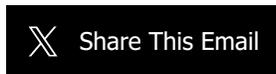


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