

Impacts of Climate Change and Forest Management on the Western Wildfires

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Critical Current Wildfire Risk Issues

Property Exposure

- Continued development in fire-prone wildlands

Causes of Fire

- Humans dominate
- Lightning key in 2020

Ecosystem Management

- Forest fire suppression
- Invasive species

Property Management

- Hardening against embers
- Defensible space

Climate Change

- Longer fire season
- Drought frequency/severity

Gigafires

- New name
- Old phenomenon?

Will a New Climate Disrupt an Old Wildfire Cycle?

