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DNR, Insurance Industry and Chelan County Fire Chief to host ‘Wildfire Ready’ Webinar July 1

Wenatchee-area webinar will cover simple things residents can do to prepare for the wildfire season, which officially begins July 1

SEATTLE, June 24, 2020 – The NW Insurance Council will participate in a [free wildfire preparedness webinar](#) on Wednesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (PST). The webinar is sponsored by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, NW Insurance Council, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Insurance Information Institute and National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Details are provided below.

What:

Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz; Kenton Brine, president, NW Insurance Council; and, Brian Brett, fire chief, Chelan County Fire District #1; will host a “Wildfire Ready” webinar Wednesday, July 1, at 10 a.m. in the Wenatchee area. It will cover simple tasks every homeowner, landowner and renter can do to prepare for the wildfire season, which officially begins in July, and what residents can do to prevent wildfires.

Residents will also get the chance to ask questions of the speakers during the webinar. Residents can register [here](#) to participate in the one-hour event.

DETAILS

Who:

- Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz

- Kenton Brine, president, NW Insurance Council
- Brian Brett, fire chief, Chelan County Fire District #1

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Time: 10 – 11 a.m.

Where: Wenatchee and surrounding area

Topics:

- Creating a defensible space around the home, outbuildings
- Safety with fire – debris piles, fireworks, campfires, outdoor burning and grilling
- Wildland-Urban Interface property readiness for wildfire season
- Tips for residents about insurance coverage, claims and recovery, before and during and to financially prepare for wildfire season
- Resident question and answer

RSVP: Registration is required to participate – [register here](#).

Format: Participants use the chat feature to ask questions

Sponsors: This webinar is being sponsored by NW Insurance Council, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Insurance Information Institute, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

MEDIA:

Media are welcome to join the webinar but will not be allowed to ask questions during the event to save time for residents' questions. However, pre- and post-event interviews can be scheduled with Bobbi Cussins, deputy communications director at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, at 360-878-4217 or bobbi.cussins@dnr.wa.gov.

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