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## **Press Release – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **NARC&DC to host Wildfire Safe Sound and Code Smart Meetings with the International Code Council and local RC&D Councils**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — August 5 — The National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils (NARC&DC), and the International Code Council (ICC) are combining talents and resources to combat the growing tragedy of destructive forest fires in America's Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI). The two organizations, working through local Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Councils are combining forces to give localities located along the forest edge the tools needed to save lives and properties from deadly forest fire. The recent loss of life and property destruction in the Western United States emphasizes the continuing need for impacted communities to develop more comprehensive fire, building and safety coding, fire readiness and education programs.

The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Alabama: August 22-23  
Hosted by the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys RC&D  
Holiday Inn Express  
2052 Hayes Dr. NW  
Cullman, AL 35058  
Host Contact Number: (256) 734-6471 x 3
- Virginia: August 29-30  
Hosted by the New River Highlands RC&D Council  
Wytheville Meeting Center  
333 Community Blvd  
Wytheville, VA 24382  
Host contact Number: (276) 227-0536
- Arizona: September 5-6  
Hosted by the Little Colorado River RC&D Council  
Show Low City Hall, City of Show Low  
180 North 9th Street  
Show Low, AZ 85901  
Host Contact Number: (928) 524-2912
- Idaho: September 10-11  
Hosted by the High Country RC&D Council  
Hotel on the Falls  
475 River Parkway  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402  
Host Contact Number: (208) 624-3200

Montana: September 13-14  
Hosted by the Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D Council  
Best Western GranTree Inn  
1325 N 7th Avenue  
Bozeman, Montana, 59715.  
Host Contact Number: (406) 222-7227

Texas: September 16-17  
Hosted by the Texas State Association of RC&D Councils  
CL Simon Rec Center  
1112 North St.  
Nacogdoches, TX 75961  
Host Contact Number: (936) 568-0414

Texas: September 16-17  
Hosted by the Texas State Association of RC&D Councils  
Brazos Center  
3232 Briarcrest Dr  
Bryan, TX 77802  
Host Contact Number: (936) 568-0414

Washington: September 25-16  
Hosted by the South Central Mountain RC&D Council  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
121 N. Wenatchee Ave.  
Wenatchee, Washington 98801  
Host Contact Number: (509) 454-5736 x 129

Georgia: October 7-8  
Hosted by the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council  
Brasstown Valley Resort  
6321 Highway 76  
Young Harris, Georgia 30582  
Host Contact Number: (706) 894-1591

Alaska: October 10-11  
Hosted by the Mat-Su RC&D Council  
Evangelo's Restaurant  
2530 E Parks Hwy  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
Host Contact Number: (907) 373-1016

California\Oregon: October 15-16  
Hosted by the Ore-Cal RC&D Council  
The McCloud River Mercantile Co. & The Mercantile Hotel  
241 Main Street, PO Box 658  
McCloud, CA 96057  
Host Contact Number: (541) 887-8291

New Hampshire: October 21  
Hosted by the North Country RC&D Council  
Fire Standards and Training Facility  
98 Smokey Bear Blvd  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301  
Host Contact Number: (603) 527-2093

California: October 22-23  
Hosted by the Desert Mountain RC&D Council  
Hilton Garden Inn Calabasas  
24150 Park Sorrento  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
Host Contact Number: (760) 446-1974

New Jersey: October 28-29  
Hosted by the South Jersey RC&D Council  
RUTGERS EcoComplex  
Environmental Research and Extension Center  
1200 Florence-Columbus Rd.  
Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200  
Host Contact Number: (609) 613-5573

This continuing effort, funded through Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (DHS/FEMA) Grant Program Directorate for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, aims to establish training and workshops that help reduce the risk of uncontrolled wildfire through the Wildfire Safe, Sound & Code Smart (WSS&CS) program.

The program will actively involve RC&D community leaders in the WUI code development, adoption and education process. Local RC&D Councils will work within their communities to increase awareness and prevention efforts among homeowners and businesses at increased risk of WUI fires. The WUI code adoption process includes planning, designing, building and retrofitting homes as well as properly maintaining them and the surrounding property. These tools will help further protect entire communities from wildfire. The ultimate goal is summed up in the statement, "Wildfire Safe, Sound and Code Smart."

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The NARC&DC represents America's Resource Conservation and Development Councils, non-profit organizations that work to protect natural resources and develop rural economies. RC&D Councils are grassroots organizations comprised of community members and local government representatives. They deliver resource conservation and community development assistance throughout rural America, including soil and water quality projects, job creation programs, and renewable energy assistance.