



Briefing Notice

Living with Climate Change: Wildfires Policies to Anticipate Threats and Build Preparedness

Monday, June 13, 2022
1:00-2:30pm EDT

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing on policies and practices to address **wildfires**. Billions of dollars are spent fighting wildfires every year, and the cascading economic, health, and societal impacts of wildfires are enormous. Compounding these challenges, wildfires also release greenhouse gases and harmful aerosols into the atmosphere. Over the last century, battling wildfires after they have started has been the main approach to address this threat. Yet, with record-setting fire seasons happening almost every year, more proactive and preventative steps are needed.

Panelists will discuss policies and practices that would allow the United States to reduce the overall risk of wildfires, including how innovations in community-centered wildfire protection can improve resilience for humans and ecosystems.

Introductory remarks from:

- **Representative Joe Neguse (D-Colo.)**

Panelists include:

- **Carly Phillips**, Western States Climate Team Fellow, Union of Concerned Scientists
- **Kimiko Barrett**, Wildfire Research & Policy Lead, Headwaters Economics, Director, Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire
- **Margo Robbins**, Executive Director, Cultural Fire Management Council, Co-Lead, Indigenous Peoples Burn Network
- **Steve Bowen**, Managing Director and Head of Catastrophe Insight, Aon

This briefing is part of a series called [Living with Climate Change](#) that will run through June and focus on strategies, policies, and programs preparing communities around the country for four major climate threats: **polar vortices, sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme heat**.

The series will run in parallel with another briefing series, [Scaling Up Innovation to Drive Down Emissions](#), covering hydrogen, direct air capture, offshore wind, and electric vehicle infrastructure build-out. [RSVP for this other briefing series here](#).

These events are free and open to the public.
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