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**Wildfire Education Academy Invites Residents to Join
Virtual Session on Wildfire Management Plans and Policies**

ESCOG Hosting Seven-Part Series Educating the Public on Wildfire and Preparedness

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (June 8, 2022) – The third session of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Citizen’s Wildfire Education Academy (Academy) will focus on Current U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) 2022 Wildfire Management Plans and Policies. The session is scheduled for Monday, June 20th at 6:00pm.

Details on the Academy and instructions on how to register for the upcoming session can be accessed here: <https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/academy>. All sessions are recorded, and available on-demand following the live event via the Academy’s website.

Organized by ESCOG and sponsored by Mono County, Inyo County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Friends of the Inyo, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, the Mono Lake Committee, the Whitebark Institute, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, several Mono County Fire Safe Councils, and others, the Academy is aimed at reducing the anxiety about wildfire, and addressing and responding to the multitude of questions that residents and visitors have about the topic. The 60–90-minute sessions are held the third Monday of each month at 6:00PM.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

June 20	Current USFS, BLM, and CAL FIRE 2022 Wildfire Management Plans and Policies
July 18	Current Eastern Sierra Fuels Reduction Treatment and Other Projects
August 15	Home Hardening and Defensible Space Projects
September 19	Smoke, Evacuation, and Other Preparation Procedures
October 17	Insurance Concerns, Local Fire Departments, and Fire Safe Councils

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