

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association
WUI Issues Survey**

Below are the results of the survey of CSFCA Board and CSFCA WUI Working Group opinions on the issues under consideration for potential legislation by the Legislative Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland Urban Interface Area.

Identify the relative importance of each of the following issues to the Association.

| Rank | Issue | Rating Average |
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| 1 | Clarifying the statutes related to the respective roles of counties, county sheriffs, and fire protection districts. | 4.64 |
| 2 | Create State Fire Marshals Office | 4.43 |
| 3 | Liability protection for Incident Commanders (IMT's) | 4.36 |
| 4 | Liability protection for equipment donations between jurisdictions | 3.79 |
| 5 | Matching funds from state to match county contributions to Emergency Fire Fund | 3.71 |
| 5 | Statutory definition of a fire department | 3.71 |
| 6 | Minimum statewide standards for WUI areas | 3.64 |
| 7 | Empower counties to adopt and enforce WUI codes for existing properties | 3.64 |
| 8 | Direct CSU to put their forestry management program back in gear | 3.64 |
| 9 | Funding for basic firefighter training (basic structural and wildland fire training) | 3.64 |
| 10 | Require mitigation when property changes hands or when improvements are made | 3.57 |
| 11 | More powers for fire protection districts to generate revenue for operations | 3.43 |
| 12 | Provide incentives to industry to reduce fuel load in WUI areas | 3.36 |
| 13 | Omnibus Bill on Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Incentives | 3.21 |
| 14 | Address issue of areas without fire protection | 3.21 |
| 15 | Statewide standardized approach to CWPP's | 3.00 |
| 16 | Emergency Mitigation Grant Fund | 2.93 |
| 17 | Bill to conduct a comprehensive forest assessment | 2.79 |
| 18 | Expanding corrections crews for firefighting | 2.71 |

| <u>Rating Values</u> | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Most Important = 5 | Very Important = 4 | Important = 3 | Somewhat Important = 2 |
| Not Important = 1 | | | |

Note: Issues that had the same rating average were ranked by the number of "Most Important" votes cast. For example, Issue #6 had 4 votes as "Most Important" and Issue #7 had 3 votes as "Most Important". If the "Most Important" votes were tied, the rank was shown as a tie.

Comments or other WUI issues that should be considered for legislation.

1. Develop legislation to empower the county to choose how they manage wildfire within there county. Like the DERA statute.
2. Demand honest open and communication from CSFS/CSU on where the 23% revenue is actually used and how it DIRECTLY benefits the Colorado Fire Service.