

Public use of information about smoke emissions: application of the risk information seeking and processing (RISP) model

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16281

In the last few decades, the number of people living in fire-prone ecosystems has increased, placing more people and private property at risk to future fire events. Substantial research has demonstrated consistent public support for the use of prescribed fires in fuel-reduction efforts; however, continuing public concern regarding...

Author(s): Kathleen M. Rose, Eric Toman, Christine Olsen

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Application of an original wildfire smoke health cost benefits transfer protocol to the western US, 2005-2015

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15529

Recent growth in the frequency and severity of US wildfires has led to more wildfire smoke and increased public exposure to harmful air pollutants. Populations exposed to wildfire smoke experience a variety of negative health impacts, imposing economic costs on society. However, few estimates of smoke health costs exist and none for...

Author(s): Benjamin A. Jones, Robert P. Berrens

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Aligning smoke management with ecological and public health goals

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15053

Past and current forest management affects wildland fire smoke impacts on downwind human populations. However, mismatches between the scale of benefits and risks make it difficult to proactively manage wildland fires to promote both ecological and public health. Building on recent literature and advances in modeling smoke and health...

Author(s): Jonathan Long, Leland W. Tarnay, Malcolm P. North

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Occupational Exposure to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon of Wildland Firefighters at Prescribed and Wildland Fires

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16419

Wildland firefighters suppressing wildland fires or conducting prescribed fires work long shifts during which they are exposed to high levels of wood smoke with no respiratory protection. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are hazardous air pollutants formed during incomplete combustion. Exposure to PAHs was measured for 21...

Author(s): Kathleen M. Navarro, Ricardo Cisneros, Elizabeth M. Noth, John R. Balmes, Katharine Hammond

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Wildfire smoke exposure and human health: significant gaps in research for a growing public health issue

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Understanding the effect of wildfire smoke exposure on human health represents a unique interdisciplinary challenge to the scientific community. Population health studies indicate that wildfire smoke is a risk to human health and increases the healthcare burden of smoke-impacted areas. However, wildfire smoke composition is complex...

Author(s): Carolyn Black, Yohannes Tesfaigzi, Jed A. Bassein, Lisa A. Miller

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Social media approaches to modeling wildfire smoke dispersion: spatiotemporal and social scientific investigations

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15552

Wildfires have significant effects on human populations, economically, environmentally, and in terms of their general well-being. Smoke pollution, in particular, from either prescribed burns or uncontrolled wildfires, can have significant health impacts. Some estimates suggest that smoke dispersion from fire events may affect the...

Author(s): Sonya Sachdeva, Sarah M. McCaffrey, Dexter Locke

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Effectiveness of public health messaging and communication channels during smoke events: a rapid systematic review

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15062

Exposure to smoke emitted from wildfire and planned burns (i.e., smoke events) has been associated with numerous negative health outcomes, including respiratory symptoms and conditions. This rapid review investigates recent evidence (post-2009) regarding the effectiveness of public health messaging during smoke events. The...

Author(s): Jennifer A. Fish, Micah D. J. Peters, Imogen Ramsey, Greg Sharplin, Nadia Corsini, Marion Eckert

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Wildland Firefighter Exposure to Hydrocarbons

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Wildland firefighters suppressing wildland fires or conducting prescribed fires work long shifts and are exposed to high levels of smoke with no respiratory protection. Inhalation of smoke is a safety concern for wildland firefighters and can potentially impair their performance and cause short and long term health impacts.

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

Smoke management photographic guide: a visual aid for communicating impacts

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14538

Communicating emissions impacts to the public can sometimes be difficult because quantitatively conveying smoke concentrations is complicated. Regulators and land managers often refer to particulate-matter concentrations in micrograms per cubic meter, but this may not be intuitive or meaningful to everyone. The primary purpose of...

Author(s): Joshua C. Hyde, Jarod Blades, Troy E. Hall, Roger D. Ottmar, Alistair M. S. Smith
Year Published: 2016
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Technical Report or White Paper

Forest fire policy: change conventional thinking of smoke management to prioritize long-term air quality and public health

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14467

Wildland fire smoke is inevitable. Size and intensity of wildland fires are increasing in the western USA. Smoke-free skies and public exposure to wildland fire smoke have effectively been postponed through suppression. The historic policy of suppression has systematically both instilled a public expectation of a smoke-free...

Author(s): D.W. Schweizer, Richard Cisneros
Year Published: 2016
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Verification of Spot Fire Weather Forecasts

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15563

Software was developed to evaluate National Weather Service (NWS) spot forecasts. Fire management officials request spot forecasts from the NWS to provide detailed guidance as to atmospheric conditions in the vicinity of planned prescribed burns as well as wildfires that do not have incident meteorologists on site. A multi-year set...

Author(s): John D. Horel, Timothy J. Brown
Year Published: 2015
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Technical Report or White Paper

Wildfire smoke and public health risk

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13562

Wildfire activity is predicted to increase with global climate change, resulting in longer fire seasons and larger areas burned. The emissions from fires are highly variable owing to differences in fuel, burning conditions and other external environmental factors. The smoke that is generated can impact human populations spread over...

Author(s): Fabienne Reisen, Sandra M. Duran, Michael D. Flannigan, Catherine Elliott, Karen Rideout
Year Published: 2015
Type: Document
Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Characterizing large airtanker use in United States fire management

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16152

The appropriate role of large airtankers (LATs) in federal fire suppression in the United States has been the source of much debate and discussion in recent years as the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has faced impending decisions about how best to address an aging fleet of contracted aircraft. Questions of fleet efficiency are...

Author(s): Crystal S. Stonesifer, Matthew P. Thompson, David E. Calkin, Charles W. McHugh
Year Published: 2015
Type: Document
Conference Proceedings

Future mega-fires and smoke impacts

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15579

“Megafire” events, in which large high-intensity fires propagate over extended periods, can cause both immense damage to the local environment and catastrophic air quality impacts on cities and towns downwind. Increases in extreme events associated with climate change (e.g., droughts, heat waves) are projected to result in more...

Author(s): Narasimhan K. Larkin, John T. Abatzoglou, Donald McKenzie, Brian E. Potter, E. Ashley Steel, Brian J. Stocks

Year Published: 2015

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

A systematic review of the physical health impacts from non-occupational exposure to wildfire smoke

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13262

Climate change is likely to increase the threat of wild fires, and little is known about how wild fires affect health in exposed communities. A better understanding of the impacts of the resulting air pollution has important public health implications for the present day and the future. Method: We performed a systematic search to...

Author(s): Jia C. Liu, Gavin Pereira, Sarah A. Uhl, Mercedes Bravo, Michelle L. Bell

Year Published: 2015

Type: Document

Synthesis

Communicating about smoke from wildland fire: challenges and opportunities for managers

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12982

Wildland fire and associated management efforts are dominant topics in natural resource fields. Smoke from fires can be a nuisance and pose serious health risks and aggravate pre-existing health conditions. When it results in reduced visibility near roadways, smoke can also pose hazardous driving conditions and reduce the scenic...

Author(s): Christine Olsen, Danielle K. Mazzotta, Eric Toman, A. Paige Fischer

Year Published: 2014

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Smoke management of wildland and prescribed fire: understanding public preferences and trade-offs

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13012

Smoke from forest fires is a serious and increasing land management concern. However, a paucity of information exists that is specific to public perceptions of smoke. This study used conjoint analysis, a multivariate technique, to evaluate how four situational factors (i.e., smoke origin, smoke duration, health impact, and advanced...

Author(s): Jarod Blades, Steven R. Shook, Troy E. Hall

Year Published: 2014

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Perverse incentives: the case of wildfire smoke regulation

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14235

Wildfire is on the rise. The United States is witnessing a spectacular increase in acres lost to catastrophic wildfires, a phenomenon fed by the generally hotter and dryer conditions associated with

climate change. In addition to losses in lives, property, and natural resources, wildfires contribute thousands of tons of air...

Author(s): Kirsten H. Engel

Year Published: 2014

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Bridging natural resource communication boundaries: public perceptions of smoke from wildland fires and forest managers' perspectives of climate change science

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13479

Land managers of the northern Rocky Mountains and south-central U.S. are challenged with numerous social and ecological changes, many of which are linked to climate change. The work presented here focuses on two important research gaps: 1) managers do not understand public opinions toward smoke from prescribed fires (a necessary...

Author(s): Jarod Blades

Year Published: 2013

Type: Document

Dissertation or Thesis

Do carbon offsets work? The role of forest management in greenhouse gas mitigation

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12450

As forest carbon offset projects become more popular, professional foresters are providing their expertise to support them. But when several members of the Society of American Foresters questioned the science and assumptions used to design the projects, the organization decided to convene a task force to examine whether these...

Author(s): Marie Oliver

Year Published: 2013

Type: Document

Research Brief or Fact Sheet

Public perceptions and tolerance of smoke from wildland fire - draft

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13699

Land managers and officials need to understand the diverse public opinions toward smoke from wildland fires; however, a very limited amount of research has been conducted on this topic. Hence, land and fire managers are largely uncertain about society's willingness to tolerate smoke in the short-term for long-term benefits, and they...

Author(s): Jarod Blades, Troy E. Hall, Sarah M. McCaffrey

Year Published: 2013

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Public perceptions of smoke from wildfire, prescribed fire, and fire use

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13483

Managers and policy-makers across broad disciplines and organizations are calling for a better understanding of public opinion on natural resource issues. One such issue is that of fire and its role in the management of our forests and rangelands. Public perceptions of fuel reduction techniques, with a particular emphasis on using...

Author(s): Stacey S. Frederick

Year Published: 2013

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Dissertation or Thesis

Wildfire smoke and health impacts: a closer look at fire attributes and their marginal effects

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12143

Existing studies on the economic impact of wildfire smoke have focused on single fire events or entire seasons without considering the marginal effect of daily fire progression on downwind communities. In addition, neither approach allows for an examination of the impact of even the most basic fire attributes, such as distance and...

Author(s): K. Moeltner, Man-Kuen Kim, E. Zhu, W. Yang

Year Published: 2013

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Research perspectives on the public and fire management: a synthesis of current social science on eight essential questions

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12601

As part of a Joint Fire Science Program project, a team of social scientists reviewed existing fire social science literature to develop a targeted synthesis of scientific knowledge on the following questions: 1. What is the public's understanding of fire's role in the ecosystem? 2. Who are trusted sources of information about fire...

Author(s): Sarah M. McCaffrey, Christine Olsen

Year Published: 2012

Type: Document

Synthesis

Situational awareness: nighttime smoke and fog on prescribed burns

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12440

Nighttime smoke dispersal from most prescribed fires is critical for public health and safety. For this reason, prescribed fire training and guidelines include detailed information about smoke management and remind burn managers to be constantly aware of weather, fuel, and other situations that might lead to smoke dispersion...

Author(s): Anthony Matthews, Vince Carver

Year Published: 2011

Type: Document

Research Brief or Fact Sheet

The economic cost of adverse health effects from wildfire: a review

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14534

The economic costs of adverse health effects associated with exposure to wildfire smoke should be given serious consideration in determining the optimal wildfire management policy. Unfortunately, the literature in this research area is thin. In an effort to better understand the nature of these economic costs, we review and...

Author(s): Ikuho Kochi, Geoffrey H. Donovan, Patricia A. Champ, John B. Loomis

Year Published: 2010

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Wildfire smoke: a guide for public health officials

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12451

Smoke rolls into town, blanketing the city, turning on streetlights, creating an eerie and choking fog. Switchboards light up as people look for answers. Citizens want to know what they should do to protect

themselves. School officials want to know if outdoor events should be cancelled. The news media want to know how dangerous the...

Author(s): Michael Lipsett, Barbara Materna, Susan Lyon Stone, Shannon Therriault, Robert Blaisdell, Jeff Cook

Year Published: 2008

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Real time monitoring of the three dimensional distribution of smoke aerosol levels from prescribed fires and wildfires - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11168

Particulates emitted by wildfires and prescribed fires can severely affect visibility and air quality resulting in car accidents, airport and road closures, and public health problems. Researchers have developed a new remote-sensing instrument (lidar) and are now calibrating and testing this and auxiliary instrumentation and new...

Author(s): Wei Min Hao, Vladimir A. Kovalev

Year Published: 2008

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Prescribed fire: what influences public approval?

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8440

Except in remote areas, most prescribed fires will have some effect on members of the public. It is therefore important for land managers to work with the public before, during, and after a prescribed burn. To do this effectively, managers need to have an accurate idea of what people do and do not think about prescribed fire and...

Author(s): Sarah M. McCaffrey

Year Published: 2006

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Using focus groups to involve citizens in resource management - investigating perceptions of smoke as a barrier to prescribed forest burning

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11214

Participants in a series of focus groups discussed how their tolerance for smoke varied by the source of the smoke and found their opinions changing as they talked with other participants. Even those opposed to smoke from agricultural burning eventually found smoke from prescribed forest burning would be acceptable under appropriate...

Author(s): Brad R. Weisshaupt, Matthew S. Carroll, Keith A. Blatner, Pamela J. Jakes

Year Published: 2006

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Acceptability of smoke from prescribed forest burning in the northern inland west: a focus group approach

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8393

Focus groups were used to gauge tolerance of smoke from broadcast prescribed forest burning in the wildland-urban interface of the northern Inland West. Focus group participants worked through issues surrounding prescribed burning as a management tool to determine if the origin of smoke made a difference in the acceptance of that...

Author(s): Brad R. Weisshaupt, Matthew S. Carroll, Keith A. Blatner, William D. Robinson, Pamela J.

Jakes

Year Published: 2005

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Federal Implementation Plans Under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington; Final Rule

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12014

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action on these Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) under the Clean Air Act (CAA) for Indian reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The FIPs put in place basic air quality regulations to protect health and welfare on Indian reservations located in the Pacific...

Author(s): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Year Published: 2005

Type: Document

Management or Planning Document

Smoke exposure at western wildfires

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11193

Smoke exposure measurements among firefighters at wildfires in the Western United States between 1992 and 1995 showed that altogether most exposures were not significant, between 3 and 5 percent of the shift-average exposures exceeded occupational exposure limits for carbon monoxide and respiratory irritants. Exposure to benzene and...

Author(s): Timothy E. Reinhardt, Roger D. Ottmar

Year Published: 2000

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Interim air quality policy on wildland and prescribed fires

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12446

This policy statement has been prepared in response to plans by some Federal, tribal and State wildland owners/managers to significantly increase the use of wildland and prescribed fires to achieve resource benefits in the wildlands. Many wildland ecosystems are considered to be unhealthy as a result of past management strategies....

Author(s): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Year Published: 1998

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

Fire and smoke in Montana forests

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13133

The concept of forest fire is especially difficult to deal with in an objective manner because fire has deep psychological associations for most animals, especially man. Moreover, attitudes toward forest fires have been greatly conditioned by what has been called the most effective advertising campaign in history...

Author(s): William R. Beaufait

Year Published: 1971

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

Prescribed Fire: Smoke Management and Regulatory Challenges

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16358

Due to an error, the beginning of the webinar "Prescribed Fire: Smoke Management and Regulatory Challenges" was not recorded. The presentation begins with a segment on regulations and includes a Q&A session with the audience and panelists. Visit the WGA website for presentation slides (<https://goo.gl/MLnQ6w>). The session...

Type: Media

Webinar

On the causes and movements of smoke-induced fog

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12856

Smoke from residual combustion in the aftermath of prescribed burns or wildfires can combine with certain atmospheric conditions usually late at night to produce superfog -- a fog reducing visibility to less than 10 feet, and frequently to less than 3 feet. When this smoke/fog is transported across a major roadway, the results are...

Type: Media

Webinar

Public perceptions of smoke from wildland and prescribed fires

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14312

This webinar touched on stakeholder values and perceptions of restoration.

Type: Media

Webinar

Air Quality and Human Health

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15859

Roger Ottmar, Research Forester with the USFS Pacific Northwest Fire & Environmental Research Applications Team, gave a talk on air quality, wildfire smoke components and smoke impacts on human health with an eye to how air quality regulations may impact prescribed burn planning. This talk was for Intro to Fire Effects (RX-310)...

Type: Media

Webinar

Smoke consequences of new wildfire regimes driven by climate change

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12838

Smoke from wildfires has adverse biological and social consequences, and various lines of evidence suggest that smoke from wildfires in the future may be more intense and widespread, demanding that methods be developed to address its effects on people, ecosystems, and the atmosphere. Don McKenzie presented webinar on March 19, 2014...

Type: Media

Webinar

Wildland fire smoke messaging and perception

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14140

The NWCG Smoke Committee (Smoc) hosted this webinar on June 28, 2011. Four presentations and a discussion period examined public perception and messaging about smoke and fire. The webinar was a key initial step in developing needed messaging about wildland fire smoke, and it also served as the Smoke Committee's beginning effort at...

Type: Media

Webinar

Global and Western US Smoke Chemistry and Impacts: Recent Progress

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15797

No description available. This webinar was presented as part of the RMRS Fire Sciences Laboratory's weekly seminar series for 2016-2017.

Type: Media

Seminar

Introduction to air quality regulations

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14095

A 42-minute presentation recorded in February 2009 as part of Effective Communication for Smoke Management in a Changing Air Quality Environment. It provides an Introduction to federal regulations which address smoke management in the context of wildland fire.

Type: Media

Video

Research insights into effective smoke communication with the public

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15117

On November 6-8, 2014, multiple stakeholders gathered to learn about, share and discuss smoke management issues related to wildland fire. The following video is a presentation that occurred during the event, "Wildland fire smoke in the air- What does it mean to ME?" *Due to videographer limitations during...

Type: Media

Video

Emissions and Smoke Portal

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16628

The Smoke and Emissions Portal is the result of collaborative efforts between the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's (NWCG) Smoke Committee, The University of Idaho, and the Fire Research and Management Exchange System (FRAMES). This site is divided into three areas: Educational Resources, Smoke Management Guide, and Perceptions...

Type: Website

Website

Smoke management: preparing and informing the public

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12859

For several months during 2011, wildfires throughout the Southwest Area and Mexico caused air quality impacts on public health across the region, with significant impacts measured hundreds of miles away from individual wildfires. In order to address the emerging issue, a concerted multi-state interagency air quality coordination...

Type: Media

Webinar

Predicting smoke impacts with uncertain emissions and meteorology

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12840

Smoke from wildland fires can have adverse impacts on visibility and also on public health. Models are available for simulating the dispersion, long-range transport, and chemical evolution of fire plumes and predicting their impacts on air quality. However, these models are not perfect tools for decision making purposes. There are...

Type: Media

Webinar

Indoor Air Quality During Wildland Fires: Experience and Research

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15851

Kris Ray from the Air Quality Program of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation presented his experience monitoring indoor air quality during the 2015 wildfire season, and Dr. Shelly Miller from the University of Colorado shared her findings on the effectiveness of air cleaning devices and weatherization for protecting...

Type: Media

Webinar

Current research on public perceptions of smoke from wildland and prescribed fire to inform communication and outreach

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12817

This webinar covered two large, multi-region studies of public perceptions of smoke from wildland and prescribed fire funded by the JFSP. A mail/internet survey conducted by the University of Idaho investigated perceptions of urban and rural residents in the northern Rocky Mountains and south-central U.S. Research investigated...

Type: Media

Webinar

The smoke management challenge and the need for leadership

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14096

A 50-minute presentation recorded in February 2009 as part of Effective Communication for Smoke Management in a Changing Air Quality Environment. It briefly outlines the rules, policies, and guidance dictating smoke management. This presentation is still applicable, though some of the maps may no longer be current.

Type: Media

Video

Proposed smoke management framework allows larger prescribed fires with fewer health risks

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15511

Before a single drip torch is lit or blade of grass ignited, fire management staff must consult with state or local air quality control officials to negotiate a fine balance between using fire as a restorative tool on the landscape with concerns about smoke and its impacts on public health. For years, these determinations have been...

Type: Media

Webinar

Basic smoke management practices

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13061

A Southern Fire Exchange webinar presented by USDA Forest Service Air Resource Specialist Pete Lahm. This webinar presented an introduction to the six components of the USFS-NRCS Basic Smoke Management Practices.

Type: Media

Webinar

Smoke Management Photographic Guide: a visual aid for communicating smoke impacts.

www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14881

Communicating emissions impacts to the public can sometimes be difficult because quantitatively conveying smoke concentrations is complicated. Regulators and land managers often refer to particulate-matter concentrations in micrograms per cubic meter, but this may not be intuitive or meaningful to everyone. The Smoke Management...

Type: Media

Webinar