

# Nancy Farr

Re: Inclusion of WA DNR's 2022 Smoke Management Plan for forests in the WA statewide air quality plan, I strongly urge adoption of this proposal. I live in one of Washington's highest risk areas for catastrophic wildfire, and my area has seen repeated enormous and highly damaging wildfires since 2014 beginning with the Carlton Complex wildfire that year. Our forests are heavily overstocked and many are riddled with diseased trees, and with climate change our risks continue to mount.

I have read the plan and SUPPORT IT IN FULL WITH ONE CRITICAL EXCEPTION. The important exception covered in Criteria #6 for Large Burns and Burns within UGAs omits Central Washington. Please ensure that Central Washington is specified in Criterion #6 because our region is called out separately by both WA Dept of Ecology in its own organizational management structure and by WA Dept of Natural Resources in its critically important 10-year Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan and the 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan.

Central Washington has the highest wildfire risk in Washington State, it has experienced the most and largest devastating wildfires in recent history, and its forests are in desperate shape needing vastly increased amounts of thinning and prescribed fire.

Please ensure that Central Washington's needs are specifically covered in the statewide air quality plan, as well as in DNR's 2022 Smoke Management Plan.

Thank you.