

International Wildland-Urban Interface Code Testimony Summaries

Written Testimony

	Testimony From	Position	Summary
1	Form Letter 1	Pro Changes	WUI Code Passed is flawed and not based on current fire science. 100ft defensible space requirement would have led to a large loss of trees and animal habitat with no gain in wildfire resiliency. Trees are critical for many reasons. Pass the new amendments without alteration, and Use experts on current fire science in the next code cycle.
2	Form Letter 2	Pro Changes	Pass amendments including option 2 for Chapter 3. Trees are critical for many reasons, and the current rules have unacceptable impacts on trees. Proposed changes in Chapter 3 will be less complicated and bring back local control. One size fits all does not work in WA. Next cycle, use current fire science experts.
3	Abi Ludwig	Pro Changes	The SBCC adopted a highly flawed WUI. Please adopt amendments without changes. Create a more accurate map, and rely on the science and national experts.
4	Addie McGowan	Pro Changes	The 100ft defensible space requirement is not based on current wildfire science.it would have led to huge tree and habitat loss with no gain in wildfire resiliency. Please pass amendment without modification. Trees are critical for many reasons. Use current science and national experts for the next code cycle.
5	Barak Gale	Pro Changes	Please pass amendments without modification. I support Option 2 for Chapter 3. Trees are critical and the passed code had unacceptable impacts. We agree with the new exception 4 for UGAs. Next cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel load, and use current forest science and national experts.
6	Beverly Taylor	Pro Changes	Pass amendments as written without modification. Next Cycle use current science and national experts.

7	Brad Medrud: City of Tumwater	Pro Changes	We recognize the danger and the need to mitigate wildfire impacts. Support option 2 for Chapter 3 because current mapping is unclear. We also support amendments to Chapter 6 as shown
8	Carl Schroeder	Pro Changes	Cities have concerns with complexity, scale, and application of the current WUI map. Concerns also exist on the application of the WUIC to small projects and defensible space requirements. Support Option 2 for Chapter 3 and Changes for defensible space.
10	Clair Catania: Birds Connect Seattle	Pro Changes	Please pass proposed amendments. Changes to defensible space will protect homes and preserve trees while complying with all statutes. Trees are important for many reasons. Adopting these changes make it possible to build safe, affordable homes alongside trees.
11	Deborah Watson	Pro Changes	Pass changes to save our trees without modification.
12	Denise Darnell	Pro Changes	Pass changes to save our trees without modification. You have the ability to save many trees.
13	Deric Young	Pro Changes	I love nature and it brings me joy to be out in it. It saddens me to see the removal of so many trees when a little planning would allow trees to flourish. Trees are critical for many reasons. Please pass the amendments without change.
14	Diana Moore and Nate Brown	Pro Changes	Pass changes without modification. Consider opting to allow local jurisdictions more control. Next Cycle please use forest science experts using current wildfire science.
15	Dio Lewis	Pro Changes	Urge you to pass WUI code as is with no alterations. Trees are critical for many reasons. These changes protect more trees. We support Option 2 for Chapter 3 Local Jurisdiction know the risks in their communities best.

16	Dr. Julie Andrzejewski	Pro Changes	Too many tree are removed to make development easier. Please pass amendments without modification. Support Option 2 for Ch 3. Trees are important for many reasons. We appreciate changes made for tree spacing anf for UGAs. In the next cycle please use current wildfire science and national experts.
17	Erin Greenlee	Pro Changes	The proposed changes are a great improvement. Please pass them without modification. These amendments will save many trees, which are important for many reasons. Please pass these amendments.
18	Esther Kronenberg	Pro Changes	We urge you to pass the amendments proposed. The previous version required removal of thousands of trees because of flaws in DNR mapping.the trees are too important to just cut down.
19	Frances Rozyskie	Pro Changes	Stop the cutting of treesm they are important for many reasons. Please pass these amendments without modification. They will protect more trees. We are in favor of changes made for tree spacing, and UGAs and we support option 2 for chapter 3. Next code cycle ask DNR for better maps based on fuel load. Also use current wildfire science and national experts.
21	Heather Pens	Pro Changes	Please pass the new amendments to this code. I support Option 2 for Ch 3 and changes in section 603. Trees are very important.
22	Hugh Caton	Pro Changes	I am strongly in favor of passing the new amendments without modification. Trees are important for many reasons. The previous version had an unacceptable environmental impact. Ask DNR to create new maps based on fuel load. Use current wildfire scince and national experts on the next code cycle.
23	John Graber	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. We are in favor of changes made for tree spacing, and UGAs and we support option 2 for chapter 3 Next code cycle ask DNR for better maps based on fuel load. Also use current wildfire science and national experts.
24	Judith Langhans	Pro Changes	The code change makes a lot of sense for present wildfire resiliency and the added advantage of preserving more trees. Please pass the new amendments as is without modification.

25	Julie Martinson	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. We are in favor of changes made for tree spacing, and UGAs and we support option 2 for chapter 3 Next code cycle ask DNR for better maps based on fuel load. Also use current wildfire science and national experts.
26	Kara Whittakeer: WDFW	Delay adoption until outcome of SB 6120 is apparent	We fully support the need to mitigate wildfire hazard to people and property as reflected by the intent of the proposed WUI code amendments to chapters 3 and 6. Delay any rulemaking until the outcome of SB6120 is clear. Our primary concern is the potential for local jurisdictions to confuse building code authority compared to critical area code authority, and we would like to ensure that critical areas continue to be protected as intended. we recommend the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee consisting of state agency representatives and other Subject
27	Karen Caton	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. Local jurisdictions are best suited to knowing local conditions. Next code cycle use current wildfire science and national experts.
28	Kari Bull	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. Trees are important for many reasons. Exception for for UGAS is a good modification. Next code cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel loads and use current wildfire science and national experts. I support option 2 for Ch 3.
29	Kathleen Ramsey	Pro Changes	Please pass changes to the WUIC. I speak for the trees and animals without a voice.
30	Kris Norelius	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. We are in favor of changes made for tree spacing, and UGAs and we support option 2 for chapter 3 Next code cycle ask DNR for better maps based on fuel load. Also use current wildfire science and national experts.
	Kristin Barber	Pro Changes	Pass these amendments the original was flawed.

Lisa Harbert	Unclear Position	Im concerned about shade, and feel the code eliminates tree houses.
Lisa Nezwasky	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Trees are important for many reasons. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification. Next code cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel loads and use current wildfire science and national experts.
Lisa Steele	Pro Changes	Please help the trees. Please pass the amendments without modification. We need more experts in wildfire science for the next code cycle. I support option 2 for Ch 3. Trees are important for many reasons and appreciate changes for tree spacing. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification. Next code cycle use current wildfire science and national experts.
Madeline Bishop	Pro Changes	Pleas pass these amendments. Next code cycle use current wildfire science and national experts.
Marianne Tompkins	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Next code cycle use current wildfire science and national experts.
Martha Cetina	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. Trees are important for many reasonsand appreciate modification for tree spacing. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Next code cycle use current wildfire science and national experts.
Mary Edgley	Pro Changes	Please pass any and all amendments to the Wildland Urban Interface that help to protect trees. Trees are important for many reasons. I especially agree with the new exception 4 for UGAs. Our planet is in danger and we need to act now.

Micah Chappell: WABO	Pro Changes with modification	WABO TCD does support modifications to certain sections, but we support option 1 keeping the currently adopted language for Ch3. We are supportive of the changes proposed for Section 603.2 and propose a modification to the exception 4 for UGAs. The modification would expand the exception to all buildings with conforming water supply. We would also bring our support to proposed Section 603.2.3 with modification.
Natasha Hays	Pro Changes	Pass amendments to the WUIC. Trees are important for many reasons. A better map is needed. It is important to use current science when developing this code.
Phaedra Beckert	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. Trees are important for many reasons. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification, local jurisdictions know best the local conditions. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Next code cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel load and use current wildfire science and national experts.
Robin Anne Reid	Pro Changes	Pass Option 2 for Chapter 3, without changing the language of the amendments. What you had before had unacceptable impacts. I appreciate the adjustments that were made for tree spacing. I strongly agree with new exception 4. Next code cycle to ask DNR to make you a better WUI map based on fuel load and use current wildfire science and national experts. I support Option 2 for Chapter 3. Jurisdictions are best positioned to know the risks in their own community.
Theresa Jennings	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. Trees are important for many reasons. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification, local jurisdictions know best the local conditions. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Next code cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel load and use current wildfire science and national experts.
Timothy Leadingham	Pro Changes	Please do not make this a one-size fits all standard. There are very different requirements in eastern Washington compared to western Washington. Mature trees do not have to be cut down if they are pruned up 15-20 feet and spaced so crowns are not touching. Let local officials decide what is needed and consult with DNR.

Wendy Larson: Whatcom Million trees Project	Pro Changes	Please pass your current set of proposed amendments, including Option 2. A locally-based process will be superior to any "one size fits all" state mandate. Please also step forward to formally request from DNR a much better map of wildfire risk areas.
Wendy Steffensen	Pro Changes	Please pass these amendments without modification. I support option 2 for Ch 3, local jurisdiction know best the local conditions. Trees are important for many reasons. Exception for for UGAs is a good modification. Next code cycle ask DNR to create a better map based on fuel loads and use current wildfire science and national experts.

Oral Testimony

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Name	Position	Summary
Brad Medrud: City of Tumwater	Pro Changes	We recognize the danger and the need to mitigate wildfire impacts. Support option 2 for Chapter 3 because current mapping is unclear. We also support amendments to Chapter 6 as shown
Andrea Smith: Building Industry Association of Washington	Oppose Changes	Members of BIAW Are generally supportive of the WUIC. And oppose proposed changes. The Council exceeded legislative authority when adopting current code. There is a bill in the legislature now that will impact this rule making. BIAW is hopeful it will pass.
Lynn Fitz-Hugh	Pro Changes	Adopt proposed changes as shown in CR-102. I am supportive of Option 2 for Ch3, because it passes more authority to local jurisdictions. I support changes proposed for defensible space. Next code cycle, bring in wildfire scientists.
Wendy Larson	Pro Changes	I am supportive of option 2 for Ch 3 and Section 603. A better map is needed from DNR

Lisa Harbert	Unclear Position	Im concerned about shade, and feel the code eliminates tree houses.
Eric Seibel	Pro Changes	Pass Section 603 changes. Preserve habitat and community assets.
Kara Whittaker: WDFW	Delay adoption until outcome of SB 6120 is apparent	We fully support the need to mitigate wildfire hazard to people and property as reflected by the intent of the proposed WUI code amendments to chapters 3 and 6. Delay any rulemaking until the outcome of SB6120 is clear. Our primary concern is the potential for local jurisdictions to confuse building code authority compared to critical area code authority, and we would like to ensure that critical areas continue to be protected as intended. we recommend the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee consisting of state agency representatives and other Subject Matter Experts to write clear guidance for implementing local WUI codes with defensible space provisions.
Charlotte Persons	Pro Changes	Pass Option 2 for Chapter 3, and changes for 603. Bird habitat is in danger.
Dave Kokot	Delay adoption until outcome of SB 6120 is apparent	I opposed the original code I felt it exceeded the legislative mandate. The current map works in Spokane, but local flexibility is needed. I am concerned these proposed amendments will be overridden by SB 6120.