



# Qualified Insurance Resources

Wildfire Defense Systems, Inc.









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# Homeowner Letter of Appreciation

It is with profound gratitude that I write to you today. We live in Northern California in the small community of XXXX. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 we were evacuated from our home of 41 years due to the “Monument” wildfire. If you have gone through such an event you know how frightening this is. Packing anything of value or irreplaceable items into a vehicle is a challenge to say the least.

My husband stayed a few days to help neighbors that decided to stay and fight the fires. Imagine my surprise and disbelief when he told me that our insurance company had sent in you guys! He said your team set up tanks of water and sprinklers all around our home. You all stayed here for a couple of weeks, as I understand it. What a blessing!! Because of your bravery and efforts we still have our home.

I look at the devastation around us I am so grateful to you all. Words are not enough but Thank-You from the bottom of our hearts. You are true heroes, everyone of you. We only wish that others were as lucky as we were. I hope this letter of thanks finds its way to the appropriate people that defended our home.

Best regards.

Warmly,

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One-third of WDS resources on the 2021 Caldor Fire

## WDS Qualified Insurance Resources

*Equivalent in scale to the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest wildfire agency in the nation after the Federal Government and the State of California*

- **Insurer Hired:** Contracted by an insurance company to mitigate wildfire impacts to insured structures.
- **Specific Tasks:** Pre-mitigation, post-mitigation, and structure protection activities at insured properties within evacuated or restricted wildfire incidents.
- **Qualifications:** NWCG qualified (or equivalent).



# Essential Facts about WDS

- Contracts with dozens of Insurance Companies, including nearly all the top ten national P&C carriers.
- More than 50% of California homes will have WDS services on their standard homeowners insurance policy at no additional cost to the homeowner.
- Highly trained. Field employees are fully qualified IAFF Union Professional Firefighters.
- No-cost addition to government resources.
- Not private firefighters.
- Not a first responder service. High priority, focused mitigation.
- Do not replace or privatize any government fire agencies or departments.
- Very safe. Not a danger to the incident or incident personnel.
  - 0 lost time incidents on over 950 wildfires since inception in 2008.



*WDS employee applies retardant to flammable materials*



*WDS employee spray ignited wood materials near a structure*



## Qualified Insurance Resource Mission

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- Mitigation actions based on latest fire science designed to break ignition cycle on wildfire-threatened properties.
- Fire mitigation activities performed in evacuation zones ahead of and after the fire front.
- Pre-suppression and post-suppression.
  - Fuel mitigation
  - Retardant fire breaks
  - Fire blocking gel
  - Sprinkler systems
  - Post fire mop up to secure structures



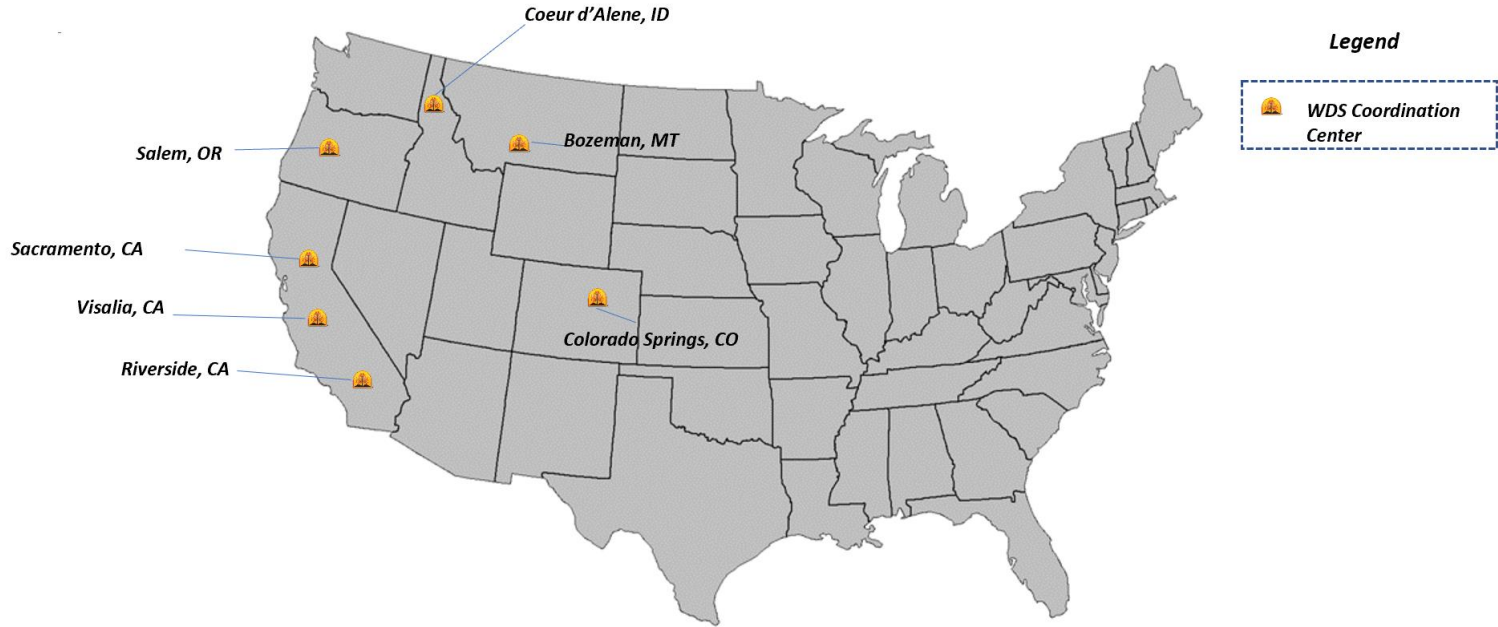
*WDS personnel remove flammable debris from a wildfire threatened structure*



*WDS personnel remove flammable materials from a wildfire threatened structure*



# WDS National & Regional Coordination Centers



- WDS has 7 strategically located coordination centers throughout the Western U.S.
- California locations: Riverside, Sacramento, and Visalia.
- Resources pre-positioned based on current and anticipated fire conditions.



WDS National Coordination Center, Bozeman, MT.



# Emergency Coordination Center

- Wildfire monitoring, threat determination, mapping, and dispatch.
- Live feed to Federal and State agencies incident mapping systems providing location and movement detail of WDS equipment and personnel.



*WDS Emergency Coordination Center. Bozeman, Montana*



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## WDS Service to California homeowners in 2021

- Dispatched Fires: **52**
- Properties receiving WDS threat analysis: **22,317**
- Threatened properties ultimately served: **6,867**
- Survival rate of properties served by WDS: **99.1%**
- WDS loss prevention and mitigation measures have saved Californians billions in losses.

## WDS Planning for 2022

- Able to deploy over 180 fire trucks staffed by over 500 wildfire and related support personnel.
- In the field – expect to provide over 65,000 firefighter shifts (over 600,000 hours).
- Can set foot on and mitigate more than 2000 wildfire threatened properties per week during the California wildfire season with a 99% survival rate.
- Capable of serving up to 20,000 California homes threatened by wildfire.





Questions?