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As the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project Environmental Assessment nears the end of the comment period, the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners strongly urges you to move ahead with and accelerate work to mitigate the wildfire dangers in the Wildland Urban Interface Area.

The risk of wildfire continues to grow and has dramatically increased the cost and reduced the availability of homeowners insurance in local communities adjacent to our forests.

Board Chair. Mike Payne Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners