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A. Executive Summary
1) We received 18 responses – Thank You!
2) We did not poll on existing definitions (Section B, below) – that will be discussed at the 8/10/21 meeting with this document as context.
3) Each RAC member’s first choice <u>poll</u> definition appears in Section C, below.
4) Each RAC member’s detailed poll responses are found in Section D, below.
5) Polling Top Responses by Section Combined (Section E, below): “Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where human development meets wildland fuels.”
6) ODF Proposes the International WUI Code : That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.”
7) Additional information can be found in Sections G and H, below.

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B. Existing Definitions	
US Forest Service:	The wildland-urban interface qualitatively as a place where "humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel."
International WUI Code:	That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.
National Fire Protection Association / Firewise:	An area where wildland fuels abut structures, with a clear line of demarcation between residential, business, and public structures and wildland fuels.
National Wildfire Coordination Group:	The line, area, or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetation fuels.
Ready Set Go:	An area or zone where human development meets or mixes with natural vegetation.
OR SB 360:	A geographic area of forestland inside a forest protection district where there exists a concentration of structures in an urban or suburban setting.
Federal Register:	The area where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland vegetation.

First and last name	C. First Choice Preliminary Definitions
Amanda Astor	The geographic area where a concentration of dwellings abuts undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Amelia Porterfield	<p>The geographic area in which structures and other human development meet or intermingle with wildland or vegetative fuels</p> <p>The wildland-urban interface qualitatively is a place where "human and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel."</p>

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Bob Horton	The geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels.
Dylan Kruse	That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels. The wildland-urban interface qualitatively as a place where "humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel."
Jason Jantzi	Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where a concentration of residential, commercial, and frequently used public spaces and structures mixes with wildland fuels and uncultivated vegetation.
Jim McCauley	Wildland urban interface means the geographical area where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that meets with undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Kyle Williams	Wildland urban interface means the geographical area where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that meets or meets with undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Lauren Smith	Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where a concentration of dwellings meets or interfaces with unmanaged wildland vegetation.
Les Hallman	The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.
Lita Moretti	Wildfire-Urban Interface means an area where a concentration of public or private development intermingles with wildland vegetation.
Mark Long	Wildland urban interface means the geographical area of a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that interfaces with undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Mary Anne Cooper	The geographic area where a concentration of houses interfaces with unmanaged wildland vegetation.

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<p>Mary Kyle McCurdy</p>	<p>The wildland-urban interface qualitatively is a place where humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel.</p> <p>The geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.</p>
<p>Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker</p>	<p>The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.</p>
<p>Pam Hardy</p>	<p>The WUI is that geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels</p>
<p>Roger Johnson</p>	<p>The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.</p>
<p>Sadie Carney (and Jon Jinings)</p>	<p>Wildland-Urban Interface" means a delineated area where existing or potential homes, development or human activity meets or intermixes with vegetative fuel sources such that wildfire risk is created, increased, or otherwise contributed to, potentially impacting human life and public or private property.</p>
<p>Erica Fischer</p>	<p>That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.</p> <p>"That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels."</p>

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D. Detailed Polling Results								
First and last name	Organization	The preliminary recommended definition begins with the phrase, "Wildland-Urban Interface means the ..."	Then, pick the word(s) that are acceptable to you or use "Other" option.	Now ... you get the drill!	Then, ...	But WAIT, there's more.	You're almost done!	First Choice preliminary WUI definitionr.
Amanda Astor	Associated Oregon Loggers	geographical area, geographic area	where a concentration of	dwellings	none of the above	meets (or) meets with, with a clear line of demarcation between them and, abuts	wildland vegetative fuel(s), undeveloped wildland vegetation	The geographic area where a concentration of dwellings abuts undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Amelia Porterfield	The Nature Conservancy	geographical area	where	structures and other human development	structures and other human development	meets or intermingle with	wildland fuel(s), vegetation (vegetative) fuel(s)	The geographic area in which structures and other human development meet or intermingle

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Bob Horton	Jackson County Fire District 3	geographical area	where	human(s), public, human and public (and/or)	human development, structures	meets or intermingle with	wildland vegetative fuel(s)	The geographical area where structures and other human development meets of intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels.
Dylan Kruse	Sustainable Northwest	place, geographical area	where	human(s)	development, human development, structures	meets or intermingle with	wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s)	That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.

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								The wildland-urban interface qualitatively as a place where "humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel."
Jason Jantzi	Special Districts Association of Oregon	geographical area, area, zone	where, where a concentration of	human(s), residential, business, or public, frequently used public spaces	structures	meets (or) meets with, mixes with	wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s), uncultivated vegetation	Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where a concentration of residential, commercial, and frequently used public spaces and structures mixes with wildland fuels and

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								uncultivated vegetation.
Jim McCauley	LOC	geographical area	where a concentration of, Where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban and suburban setting	houses, + dwellings	none of above	meets (or) meets with, with a clear line of demarcation between them and	wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s), undeveloped wildland fuel	Wildland urban interface means the geographical area where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that meets with undeveloped wildland vegetation.

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<p>Kyle Williams</p>	<p>Oregon Forest & Industries Council</p>	<p>geographical area, area</p>	<p>where a concentration of, Where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting</p>	<p>houses, Dwellings</p>	<p>none of the above</p>	<p>meets (or) meets with, with a clear line of demarcation between them and</p>	<p>wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s), Undeveloped wildland vegetation</p>	<p>Wildland urban interface means the geographical area where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that meets or meets with undeveloped wildland vegetation.</p>
<p>Lauren Smith</p>	<p>Association of Oregon Counties</p>	<p>geographical area</p>	<p>where, where a concentration of</p>	<p>houses, dwellings</p>	<p>none of the above</p>	<p>meets (or) meets with, interfaces</p>	<p>unmanaged wildland vegetation</p>	<p>Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where a concentration of dwellings meets or interfaces with unmanaged</p>

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Les Hallman	TVF&R / OFCA	area	where	human(s)	development	meets or intermingle with	wildland fuel(s)	“The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.”
Lita Moretti	Hood River County Planning Connection &FQHC	area	where a concentration of	public or private	development	intermingles with	wildland vegetation	“Wildfire-Urban Interface means an area where a concentration of public or private development intermingles

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Mark Long	Oregon Home Builders Association	geographical area, area	where a concentration of, Where there exists a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting.	houses, Dwellings	none of the above	meets (or) meets with, with a clear line of demarcation between them and	wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s), Undeveloped woodland vegetation	Wildland urban interface means the geographical area of a concentration of dwellings in an urban or suburban setting that interfaces with undeveloped wildland vegetation.
Mary Anne Cooper	Oregon Farm Bureau	geographical area	where a concentration of	houses	None of the above - development or structures is much too broad of a term for mapping	meets (or) meets with, Interfaces	unmanaged wildland vegetation	The geographic area where a concentration of houses interfaces with unmanaged

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Mary Kyle McCurdy	1000 Friends of Oregon	place, geographical area	where	human(s)	development, structures	meets or intermingle with, intermixes with, intermingles with	wildland fuel(s), wildland vegetative fuel(s)	We support using either the Federal Register or International WUI Code definition: "The wildland-urban interface qualitatively is a place where humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel." OR "The geographical area where structures

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								and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels."
Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	area	where	human(s)	development	meets (or) meets with, intermixes with	wildland fuel(s)	The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.
Pam Hardy	Western Environmental Law Center	geographical area, area, zone	where	human(s)	human development	meets or intermingle with	wildland vegetative fuel(s)	The WUI is that geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles

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Roger Johnson	Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District	area	where	human and public (and/or)	development	meets or intermingle with	wildland fuel(s)	The wildland-urban interface is the area where "humans and their development meet or intermixes with wildland fuels.
Sadie Carney (and Jon Jinings)	Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development	delineated area	where existing or potential homes, development or	human(s), human	activity	meets or intermixes with (meets or intermingles may be a suitable alternative)	vegetation (vegetative) fuel(s)	"Wildland-Urban Interface" means a delineated area where existing or potential homes, development or human

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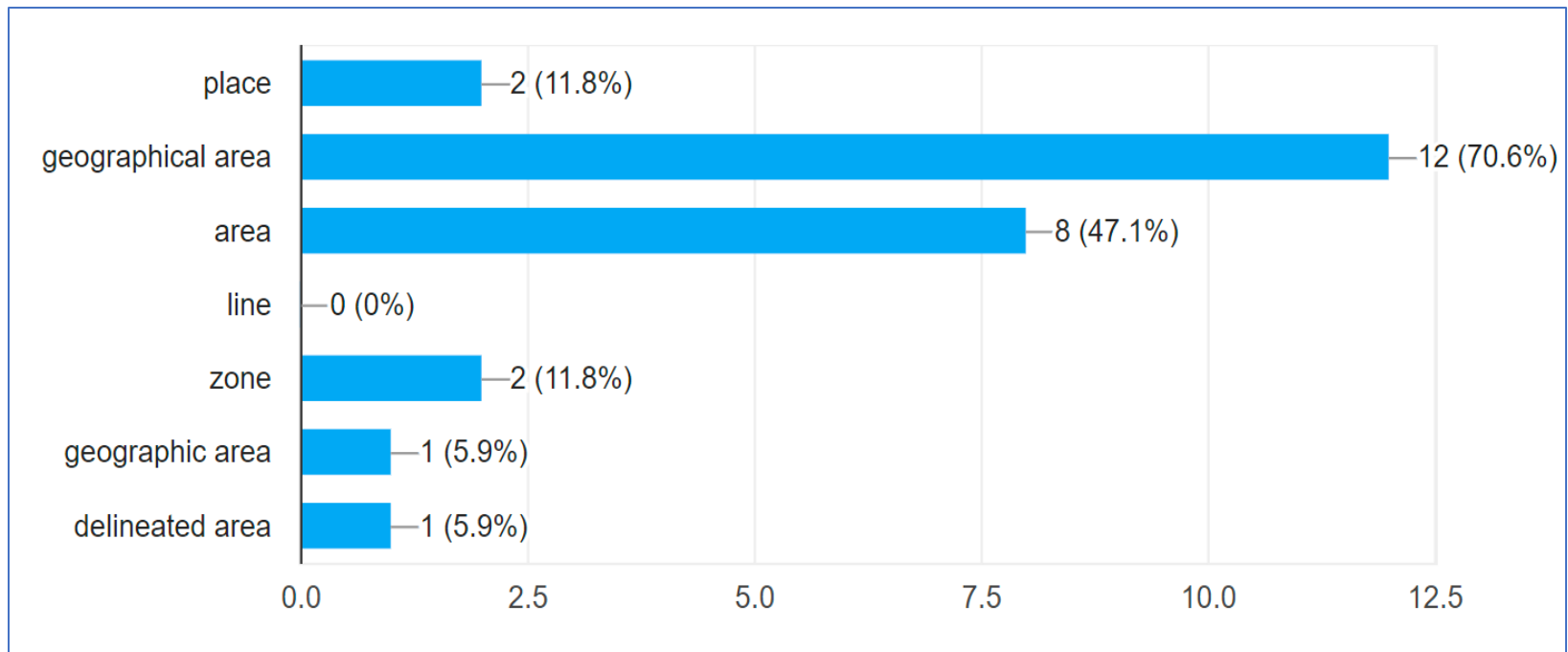
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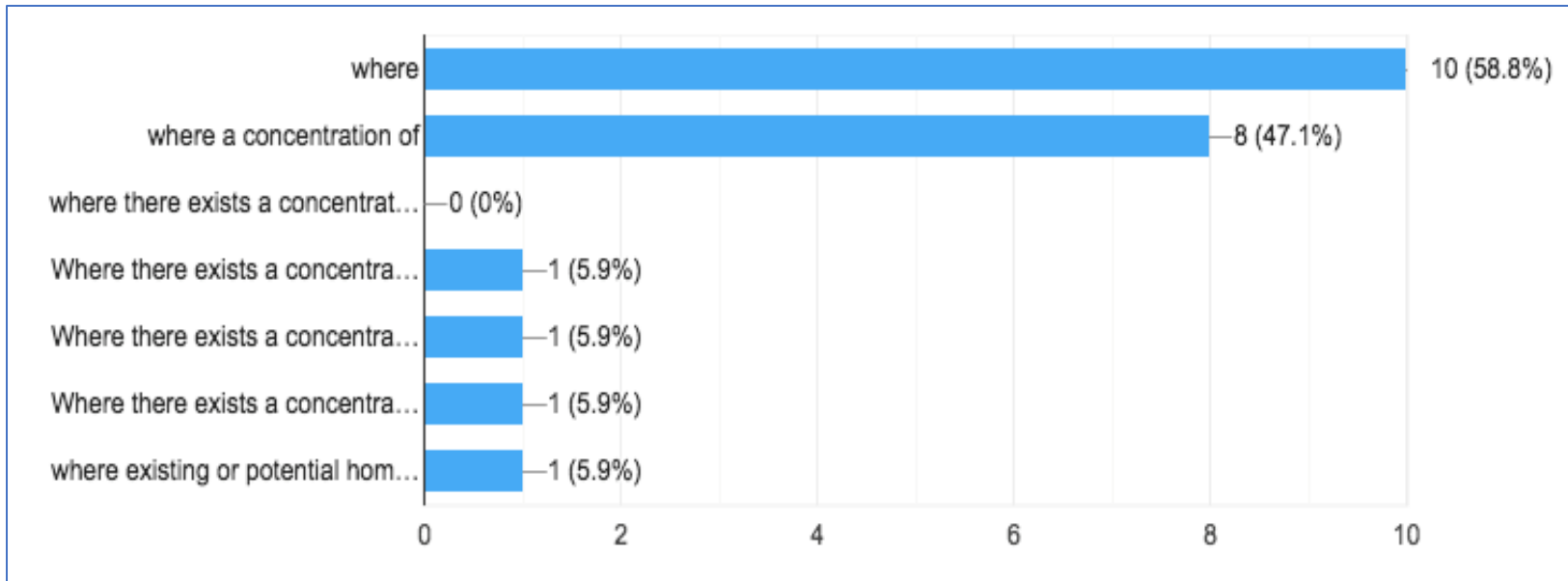
E. Section-by-Section Polling Results

Polling Top Responses by Section Combined: "Wildland-Urban Interface means the geographical area where human development meets wildland fuels."

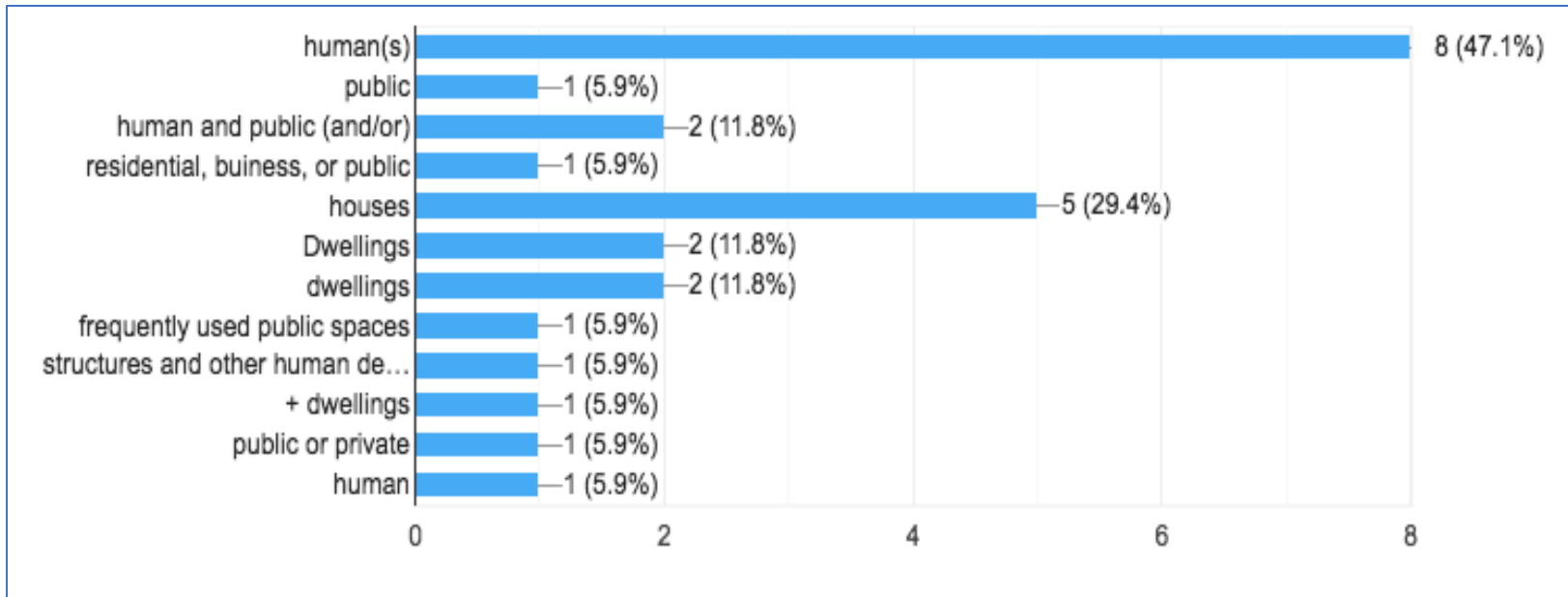
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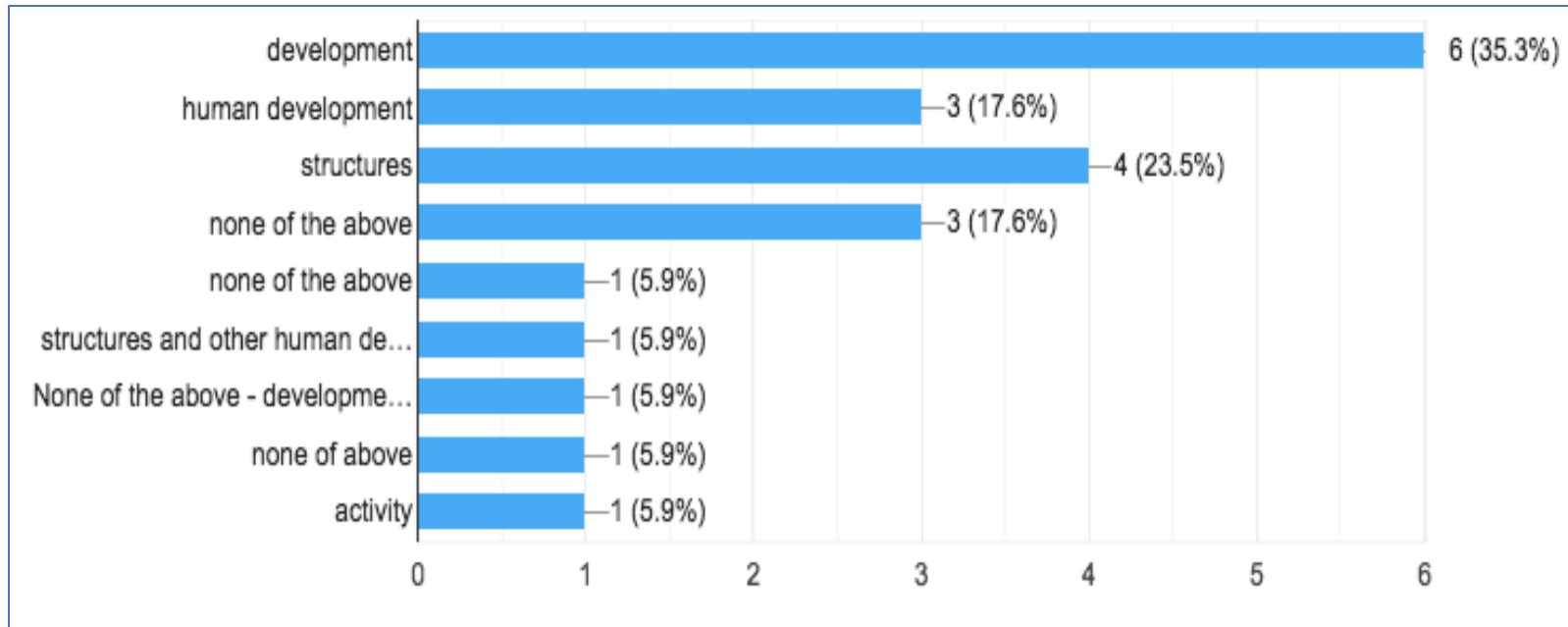


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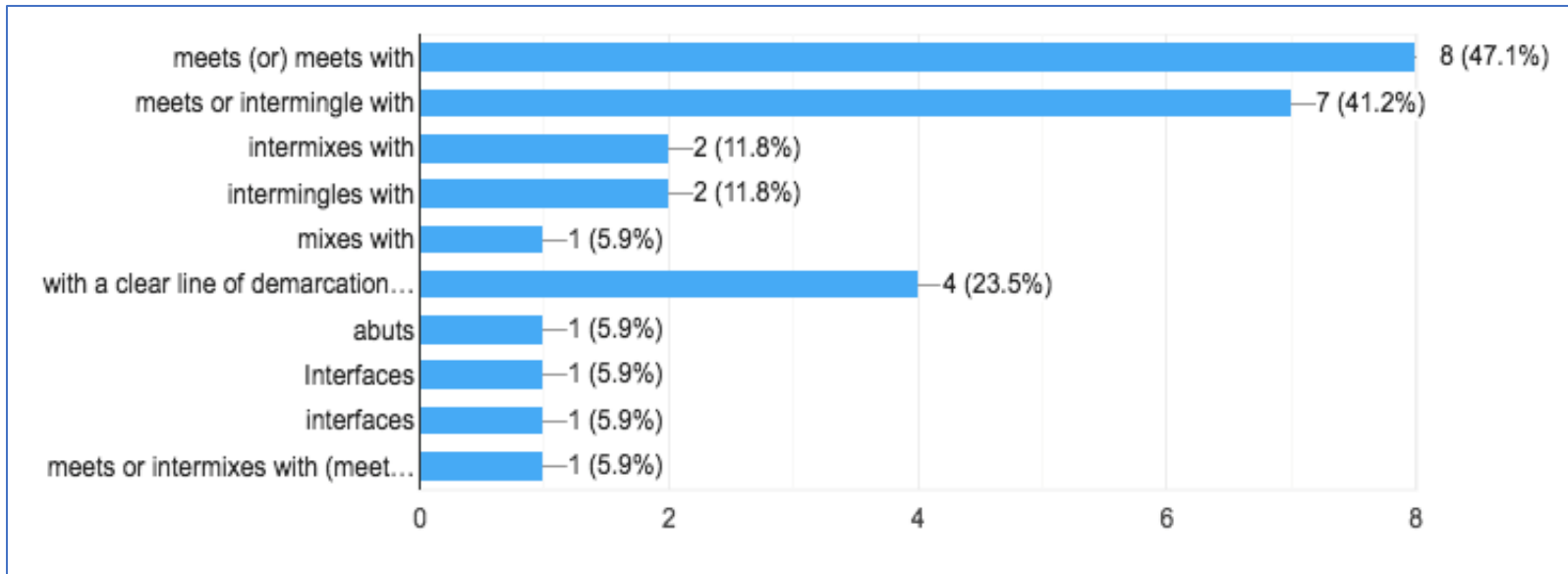
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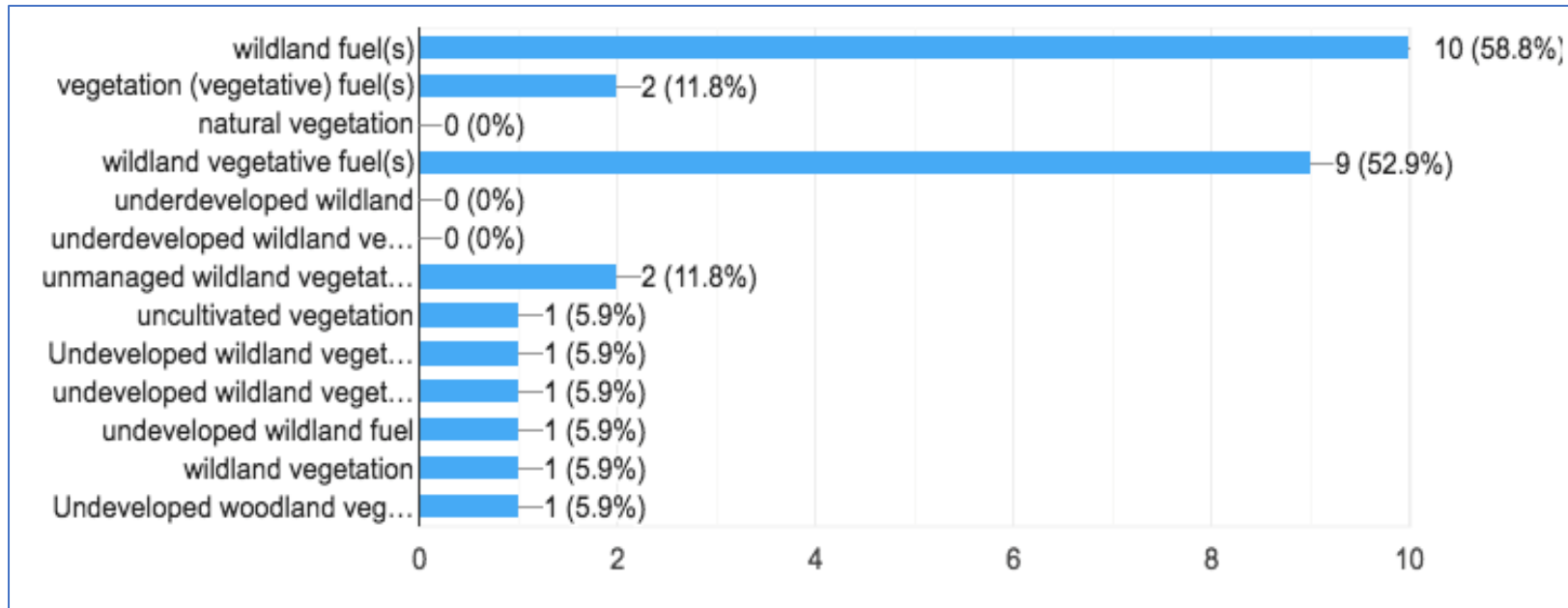
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F. ODF Proposal

International WUI Code: That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland vegetative fuels.

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G. WUI Definitions Used in other Western States

For: SB 762 RAC #1
From: Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon
Re: WUI Definitions Used in other Western States

Below are WUI definitions used in some other western states. These are all the same as or similar to the International WUI definition and the US Forest Service/Federal Register definition. The WUI definition and designation is straight-forward; variations are in what follows from it: the type of voluntary programs, regulatory structures, preventative actions, public health interventions, and/or other actions that are taken and the scale at which they are applied (local, regional, state). As in these states, these other actions that will be addressed at later points in the SB 762 implementation process, after the WUI is designated. In addition, many, if not all, these states make use of federal grants and other programs that are also based on the Federal Register definition.¹

Washington Code: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/WAWUIC2018P1/chapter-2-definitions>

“That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels.”

Utah Code: <https://codes.findlaw.com/ut/title-65a-forestry-fire-and-state-lands/ut-code-sect-65a-8a-102.html>

“(7) “Wildland-urban interface’ means the zone where structures and other human development meets, or intermingles with, undeveloped wildland.”

Montana Code: <https://up.codes/viewer/montana/iwuic-2018/chapter/2/definitions#2>

¹ E.g., National Fire Plan,

https://www.westernforesters.org/sites/default/files/FY_2022%20WSFM%20WUI%20Grant%20Instructions%20to%20States_Web%20%281%29.pdf

“In the West, funds to mitigate risk from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) are available and awarded through a competitive process with emphasis on hazard fuel reduction in the WUI, information and education, assessment and planning, and monitoring through community and landowner action.”

And, Idaho FireWise Program: “There are many state and federal grant programs that provide funding to assist communities in wildland/urban interface areas in reducing their wildfire risk.” <https://idahofirewise.org/grants/>

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“WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREA. That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels.”

Idaho Firewise Program: <https://idahofirewise.org/firewise-terminology/>

“Wildland/urban interface (WUI) – The area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with undeveloped wildland fuels and other natural features.”

Colorado State Forest Service: <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/colorados-wildland-urban-interface/>

“The wildland-urban interface, or WUI, is the area where structures and other human developments meet or intermingle with wildland vegetation.”

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H. Erica Fischer (OSU) WUI Definition Feedback (She is unable to attend the 8/10/21 Meeting)

I would tend to agree with the International WUI code definition or the definition used by the state of WA as provided by Mary Kyle McCurdy. I also wonder what the implications are of us not having the same definition as the International WUI code or our neighboring states. Are there implications with firefighting or insurance? Is there land that straddles both OR and WA that would be considered WUI in one state and not WUI in the other?

Excluding the word “intermingles” from the definition could exclude certain types of communities, particularly intermix communities. The WUI is a very complex landscape and most complex when the wildland is intermixed with the built environment as the fire doesn’t shift from a wildland fire to an only urban fire. Excluding this part of the definition may imply that WUIs only exist when the two landscapes are next to each other, but separate.

There is currently a significant risk of WUI fires in Oregon in our farming communities. I would also support the use of “wildland vegetative fuels” or “wildland or vegetative fuels” to include this type of fuel loading. I am not sure if the current survey results would exclude this type of landscape. This phrasing also enforces that the WUI definition is the mix of vegetative fuels with the built environment fuels.