

CWPP Public Survey Summary

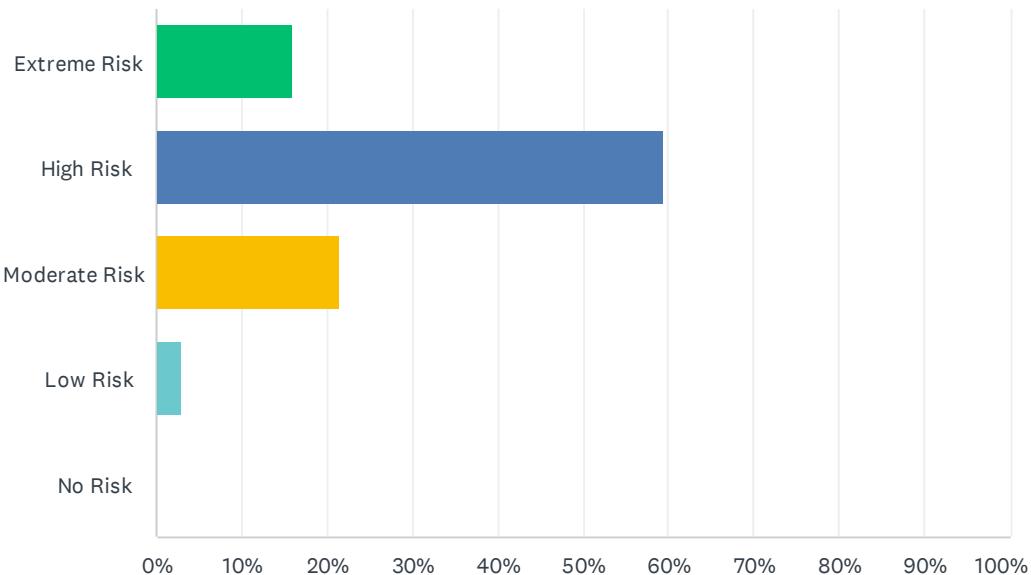
The following is a graphical summary of the Custer County CWPP Public Survey responses. The survey was conducted from December 1, through December 16, 2025.

The public survey received a total of 163 responses during this time. It was made available online and distributed widely on the county website and the Custer County Sheriff's Office Website and shared by other local pages and group posts. Fliers with a survey url and QR code were also posted at businesses and government facilities around the two towns.

Not all questions were required to be answered, and the response rate varied from 96 to 163 responses for each question. Names of the respondents were optional, and have been removed from this synopsis. The full report was made available to local response agency personnel.

How do you perceive the wildfire risk to Custer County?

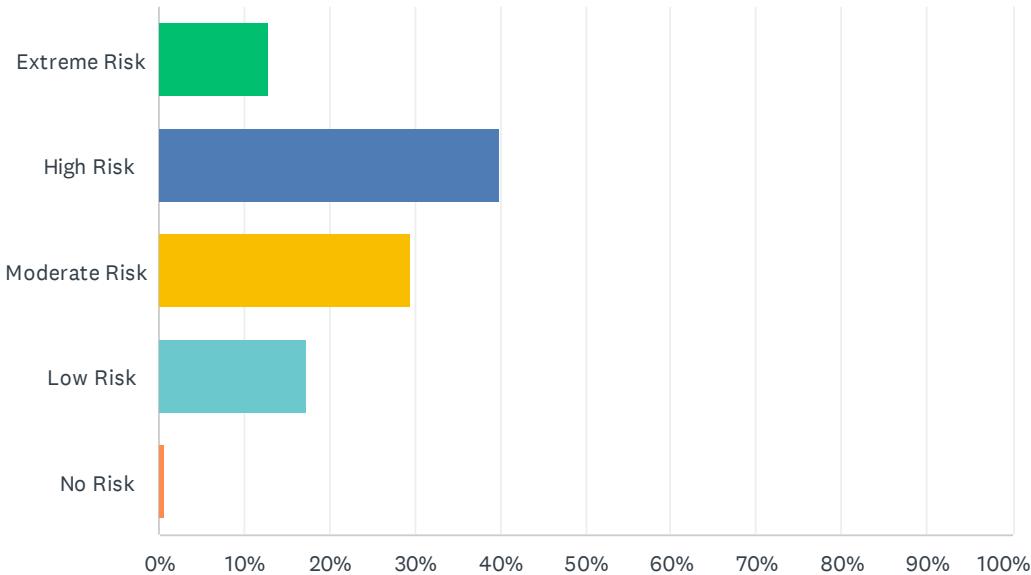
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extreme Risk	15.95%
High Risk	59.51%
Moderate Risk	21.47%
Low Risk	3.07%
No Risk	0.00%
TOTAL	163

How do you perceive the wildfire risk to your local community/subdivision?

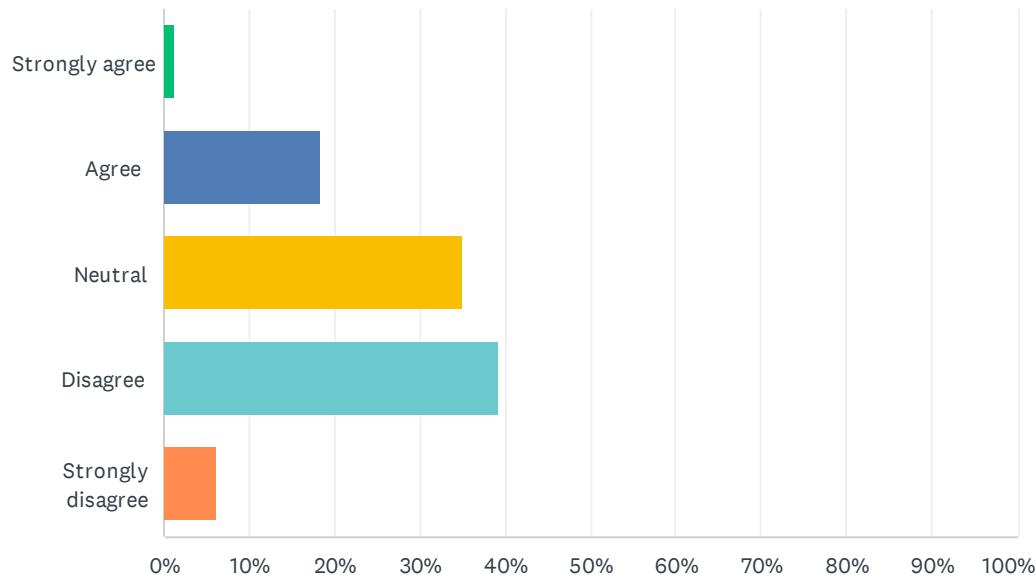
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extreme Risk	12.88%	21
High Risk	39.88%	65
Moderate Risk	29.45%	48
Low Risk	17.18%	28
No Risk	0.61%	1
TOTAL		163

I believe my county and local community/subdivision are prepared for a wildfire.

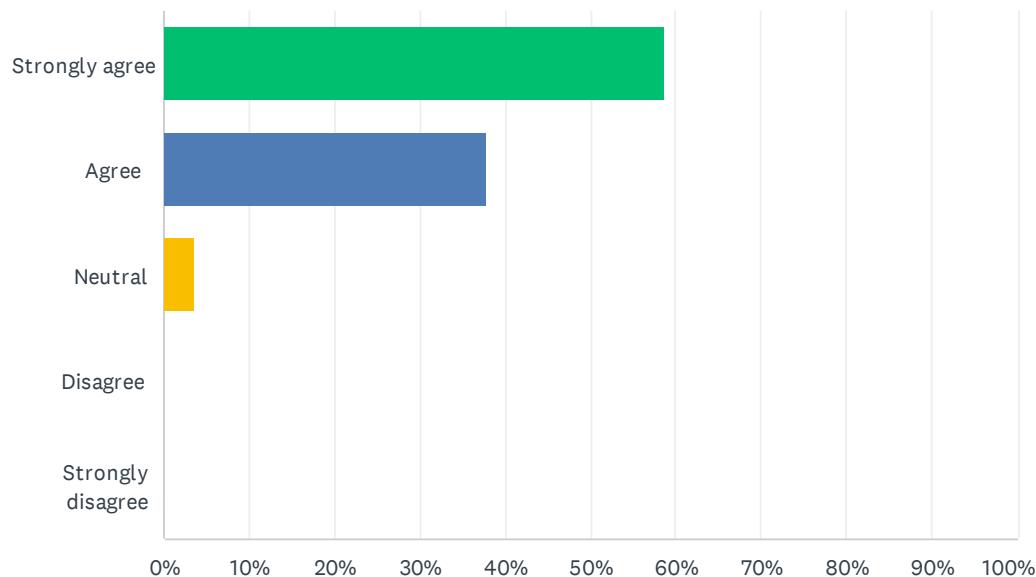
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	1.23%	2
Agree	18.40%	30
Neutral	34.97%	57
Disagree	39.26%	64
Strongly disagree	6.13%	10
TOTAL		163

I believe actions should be taken to mitigate the wildfire risk.

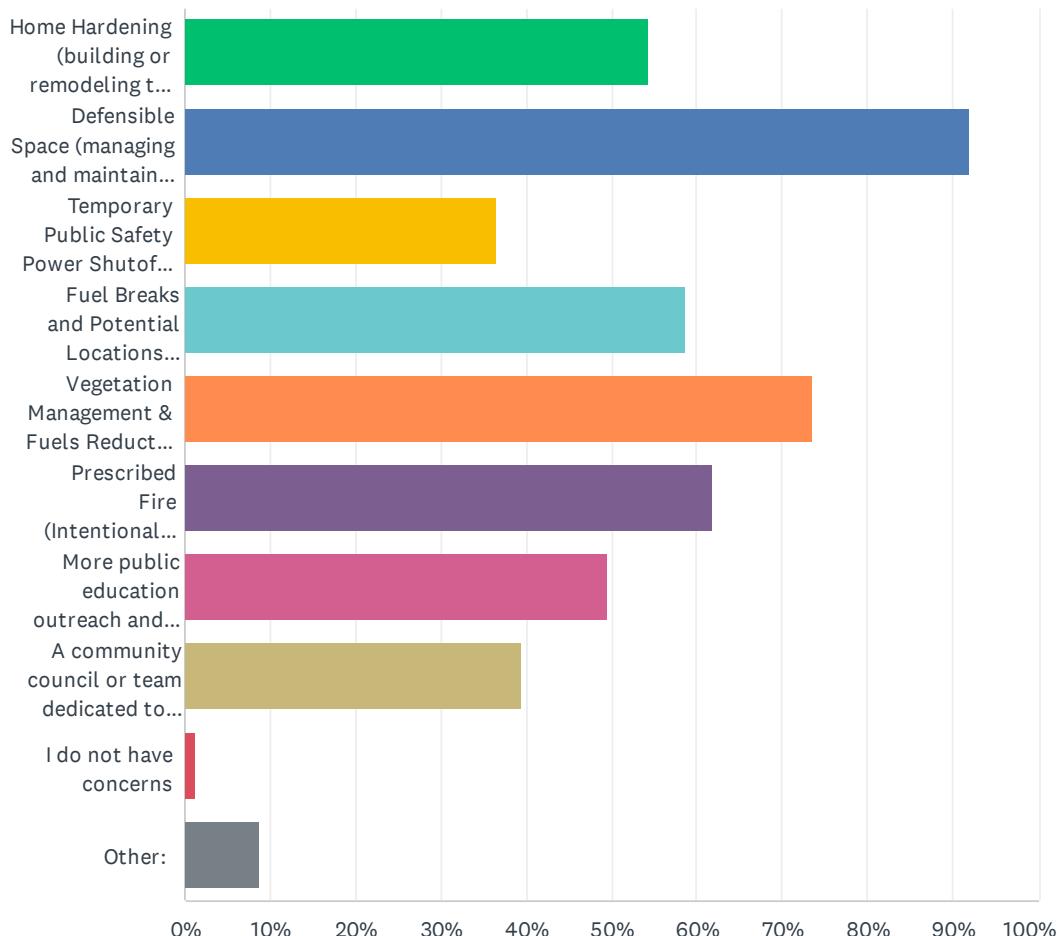
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	58.64%	95
Agree	37.65%	61
Neutral	3.70%	6
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		162

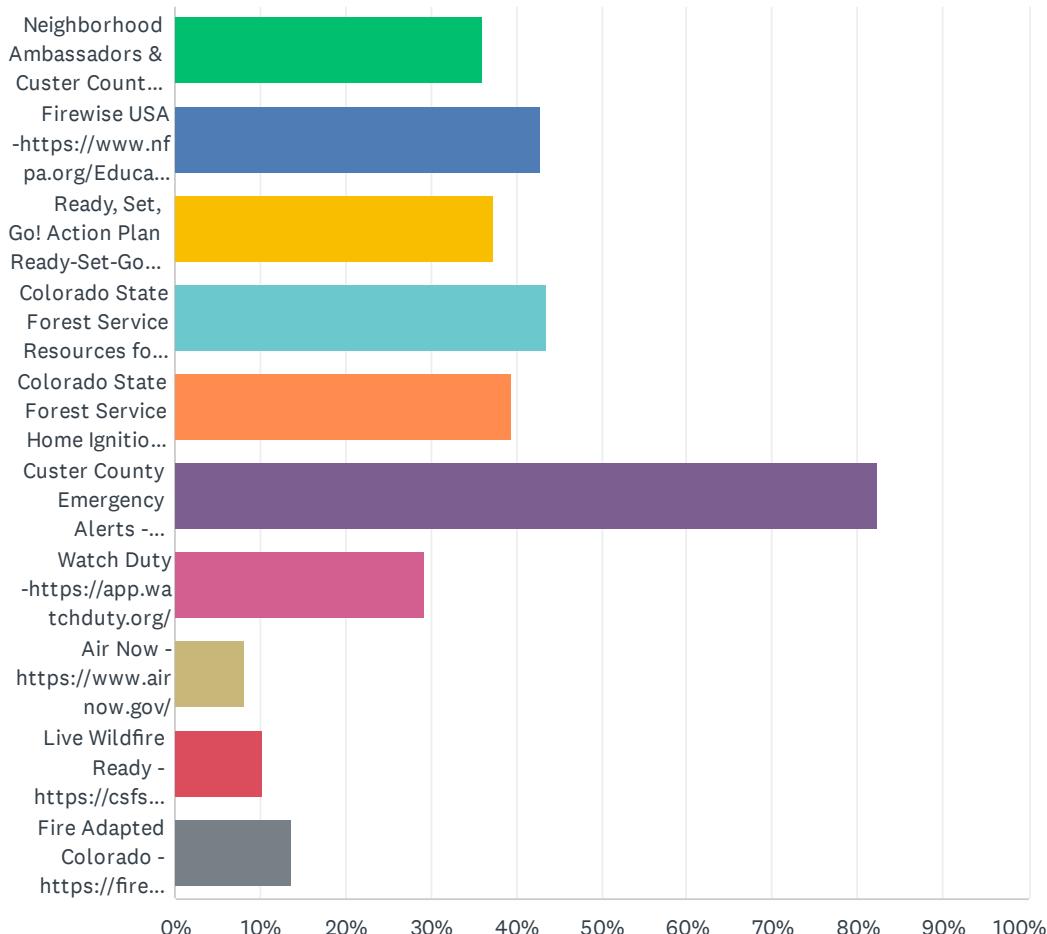
What do you think are the most effective methods of wildfire mitigation in Custer County? Select all that apply.

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Identify the following wildfire prevention and education resources you are familiar with, or applications that you use.

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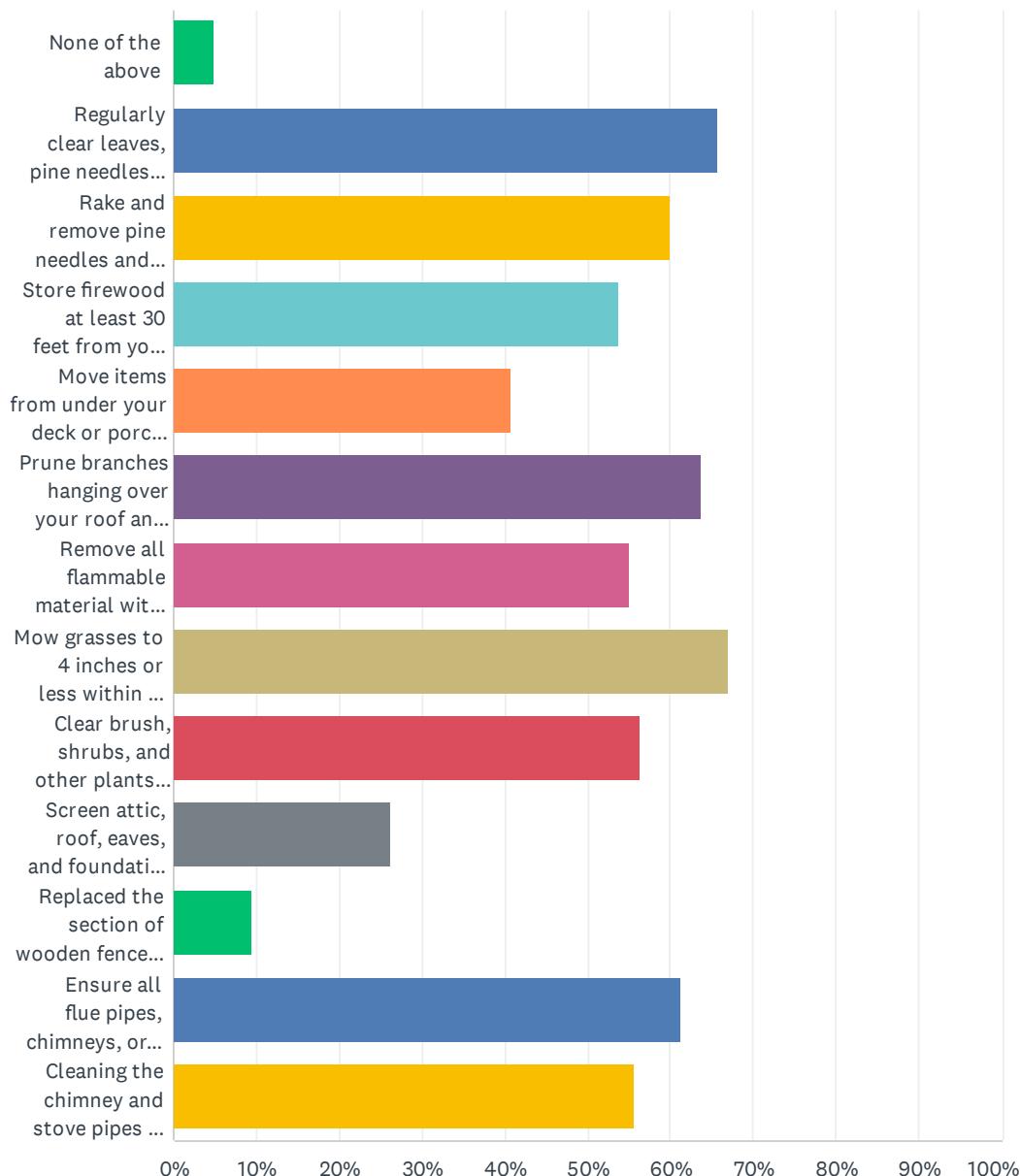


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Neighborhood Ambassadors & Custer County Mitigation Team - https://fireadaptedco.org/programs/fac-naa/	36.05% 53
Firewise USA - https://www.nfpa.org/Education-and-Research/Wildfire/Firewise-USA	42.86% 63
Ready, Set, Go! Action Plan Ready-Set-Go-Wildland-Fire-Action-Plan-Pages-8-11.pdf https://10afad46-e440-4c33-bd98-4a4b1a9a3288.filesusr.com/ugd/92b9d1_880c6b7d11304432b429434e8ca3e326.pdf	37.41% 55
Colorado State Forest Service Resources for Home and Land Owners - https://csfs.colostate.edu/homeowners-landowners/	43.54% 64
Colorado State Forest Service Home Ignition Zone Guide- https://csfs.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021_CSFS_HIZGuide_Web.pdf	39.46% 58
Custer County Emergency Alerts - https://member.everbridge.net/355009111785665/login	82.31% 121
Watch Duty - https://app.watchduty.org/	29.25% 43
Air Now - https://www.airnow.gov/	8.16% 12
Live Wildfire Ready - https://csfs.colostate.edu/live-wildfire-ready/	10.20% 15
Fire Adapted Colorado - https://fireadaptedco.org/	13.61% 20
Total Respondents: 147	

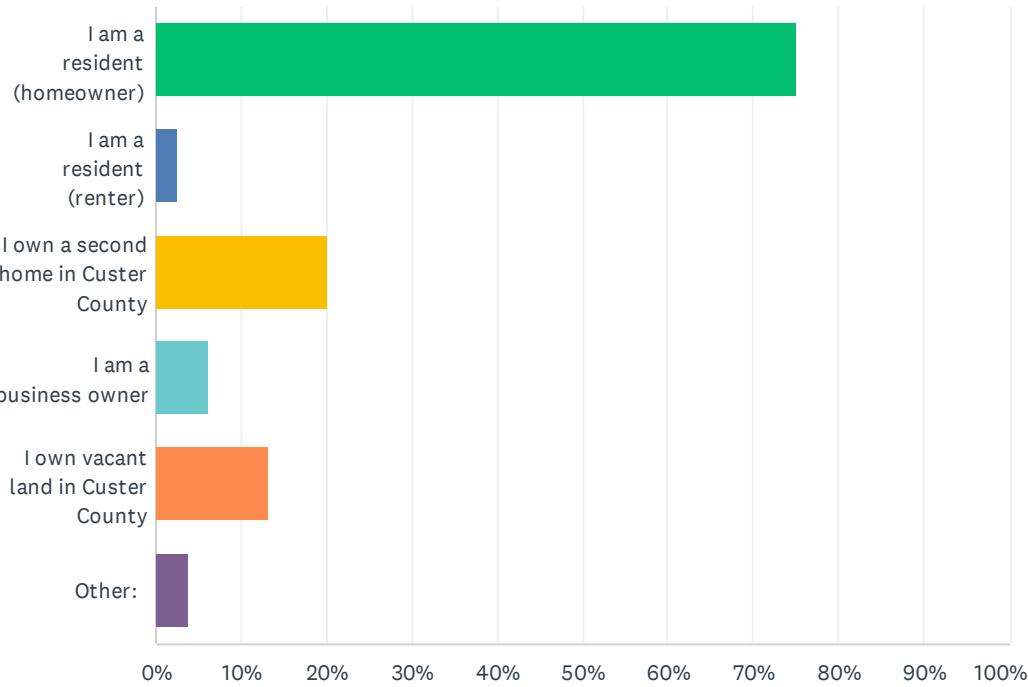
Which of the following steps have you completed to prepare your home and property for wildfire and reduce the risk of accidental ignitions?

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What is your connection to the Custer County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?

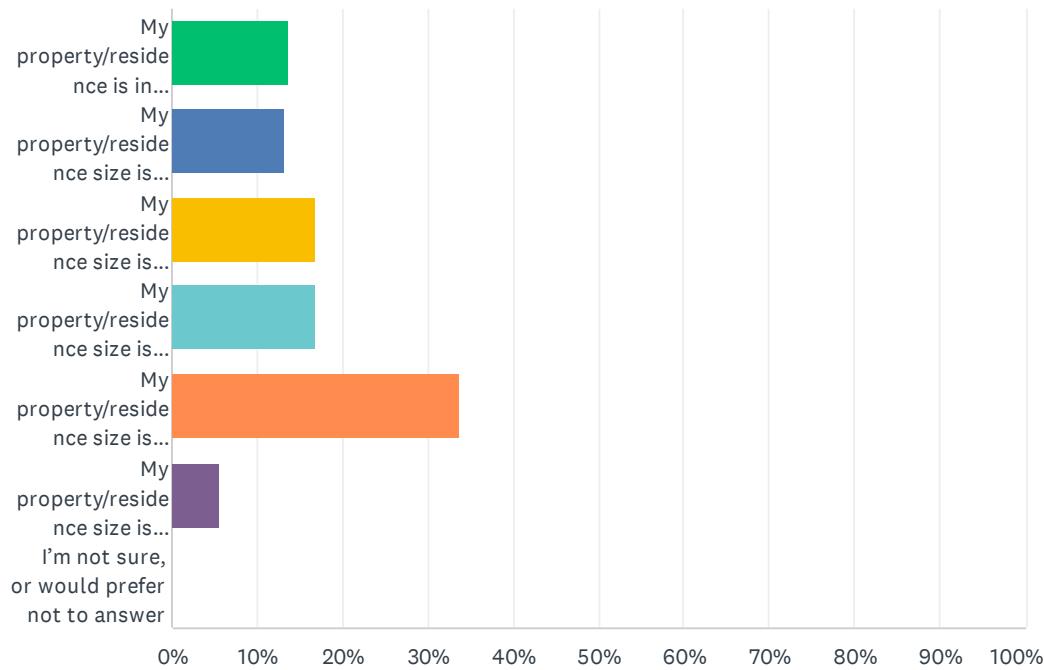
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I am a resident (homeowner)	75.00% 120
I am a resident (renter)	2.50% 4
I own a second home in Custer County	20.00% 32
I am a business owner	6.25% 10
I own vacant land in Custer County	13.13% 21
Other:	3.75% 6
Total Respondents: 160	

Which one of the following best describes your property/residence?

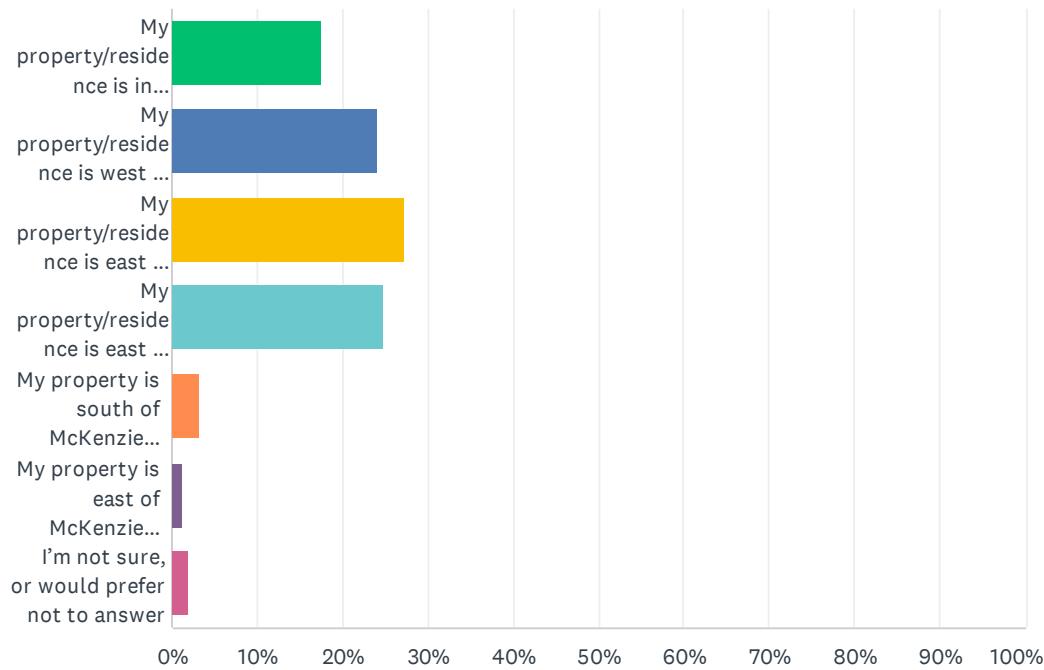
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
My property/residence is in Westcliffe or Silver Cliff	13.75% 22
My property/residence size is <5acres	13.13% 21
My property/residence size is between 5 and 10 acres	16.88% 27
My property/residence size is between 10 and 35 acres	16.88% 27
My property/residence size is between 35 and 80 acres	33.75% 54
My property/residence size is >80 acres	5.63% 9
I'm not sure, or would prefer not to answer	0.00% 0
TOTAL	160

Which one of the following best describes your property/residence?

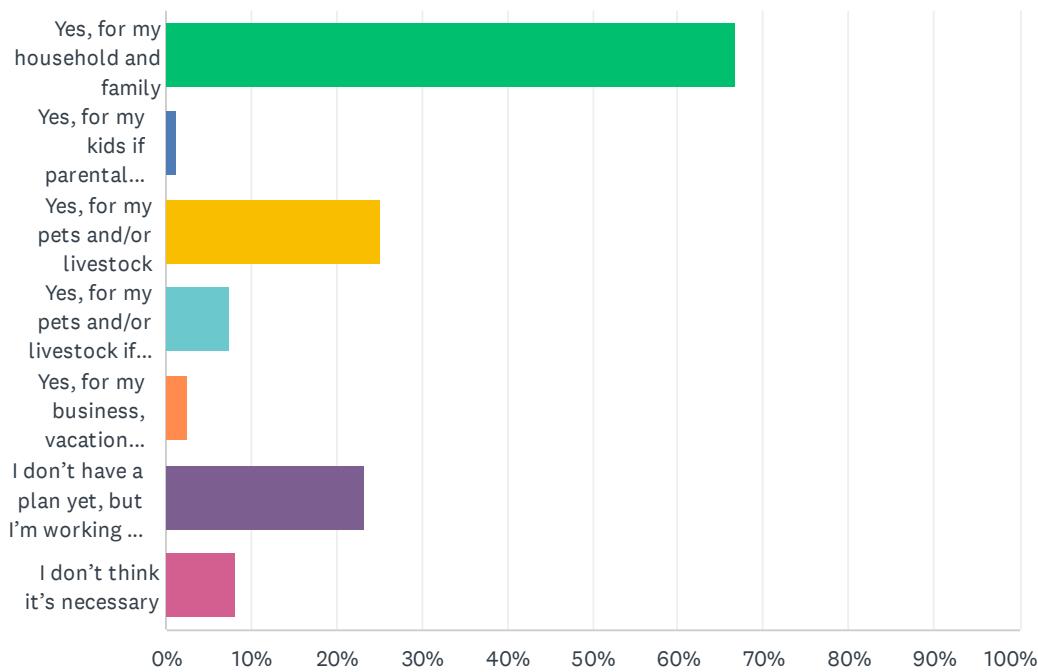
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My property/residence is in Westcliffe or Silver Cliff	17.53%	27
My property/residence is west of SH 69	24.03%	37
My property/residence is east of SH 69, and north of SH 96	27.27%	42
My property/residence is east of H69, south of SH 96, and west of SH 165	24.68%	38
My property is south of McKenzie Junction, adjacent to or along SH 165 (including SH 78, Greenhorn Road, and the San Isabel area)	3.25%	5
My property is east of McKenzie Junction (includes Smith Creek, Greenwood, Wetmore, TV Hills, Adobe Creek, CR 387, etc.)	1.30%	2
I'm not sure, or would prefer not to answer	1.95%	3
TOTAL	154	

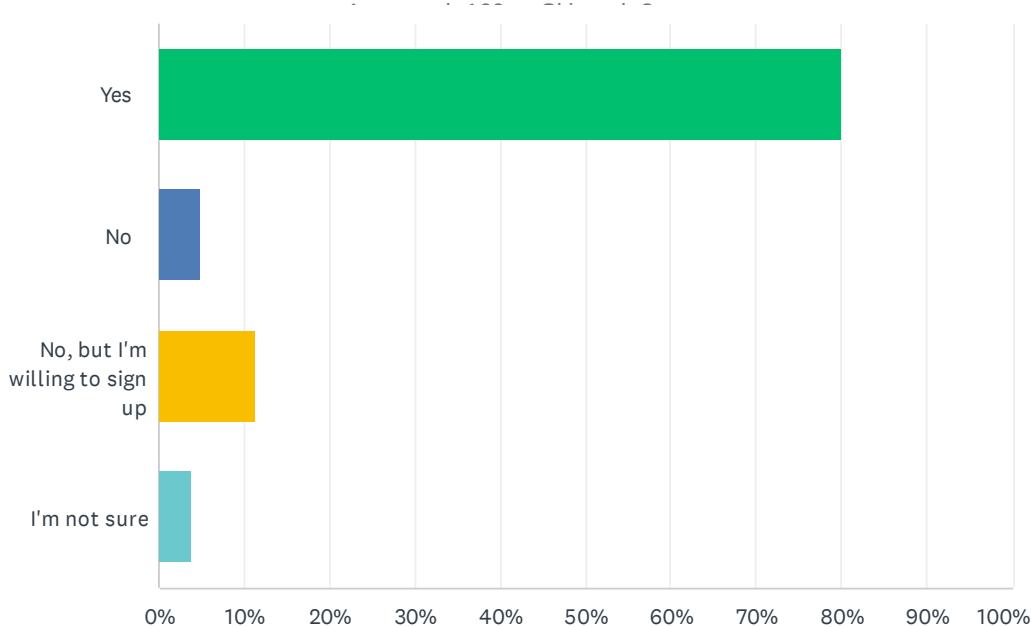
Do you have an Evacuation Plan? Select all that apply.

Answered: 159 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, for my household and family	66.67% 106
Yes, for my kids if parental guardians are not home	1.26% 2
Yes, for my pets and/or livestock	25.16% 40
Yes, for my pets and/or livestock if I'm not at home	7.55% 12
Yes, for my business, vacation rental, or conference center	2.52% 4
I don't have a plan yet, but I'm working on it	23.27% 37
I don't think it's necessary	8.18% 13
Total Respondents: 159	

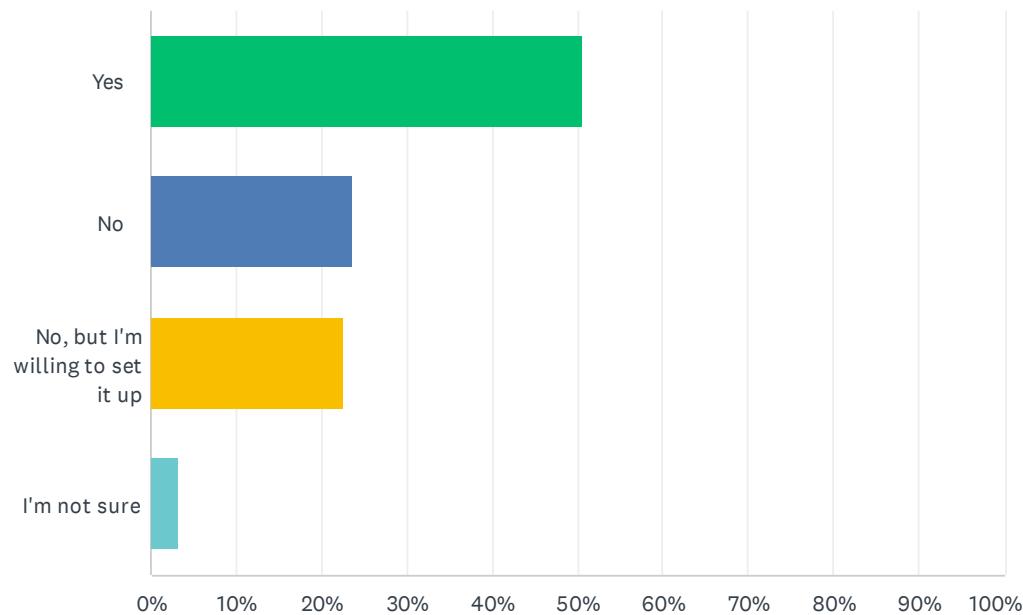
Have you signed up for the emergency alert system called Everbridge to receive notifications during wildfires and other incidents?
<https://member.everbridge.net/355009111785665/login>



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	128
No	5.00%	8
No, but I'm willing to sign up	11.25%	18
I'm not sure	3.75%	6
TOTAL		160

Do you use the Everbridge Mobile App on your mobile devices?

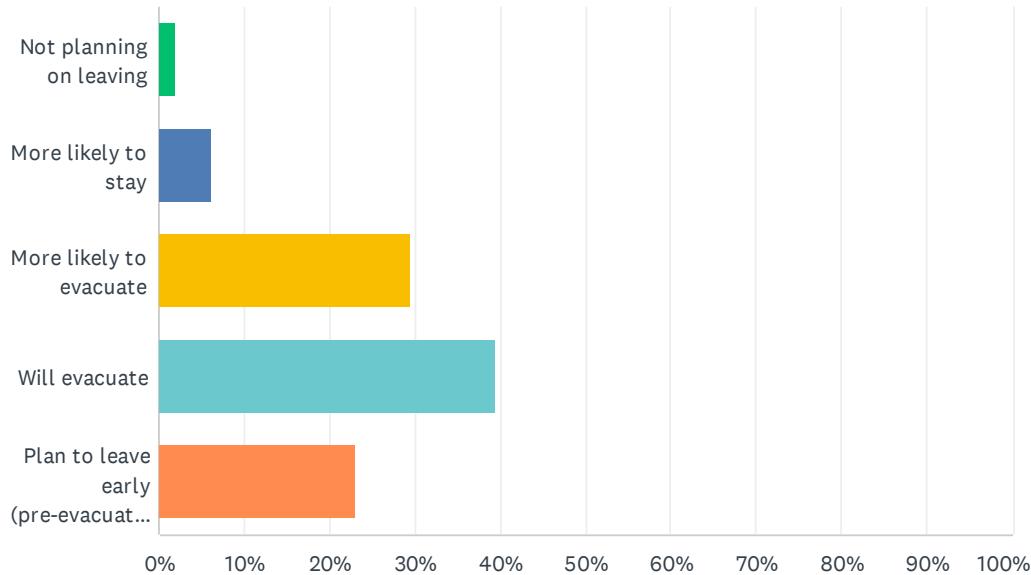
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.63%
No	23.75%
No, but I'm willing to set it up	22.50%
I'm not sure	3.13%
TOTAL	160

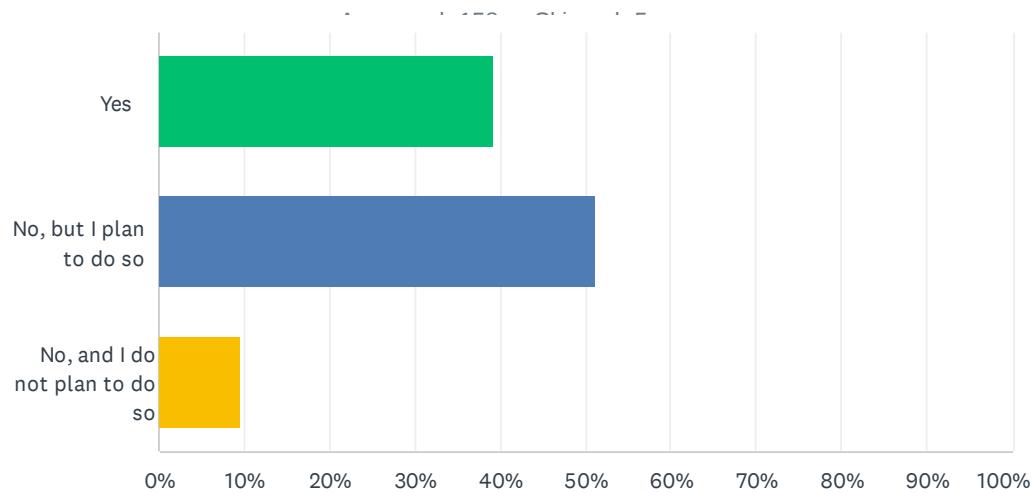
How likely are you to leave your home if it is imminently threatened by wildfire?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not planning on leaving	1.88%	3
More likely to stay	6.25%	10
More likely to evacuate	29.38%	47
Will evacuate	39.38%	63
Plan to leave early (pre-evacuate) if time allows	23.13%	37
TOTAL		160

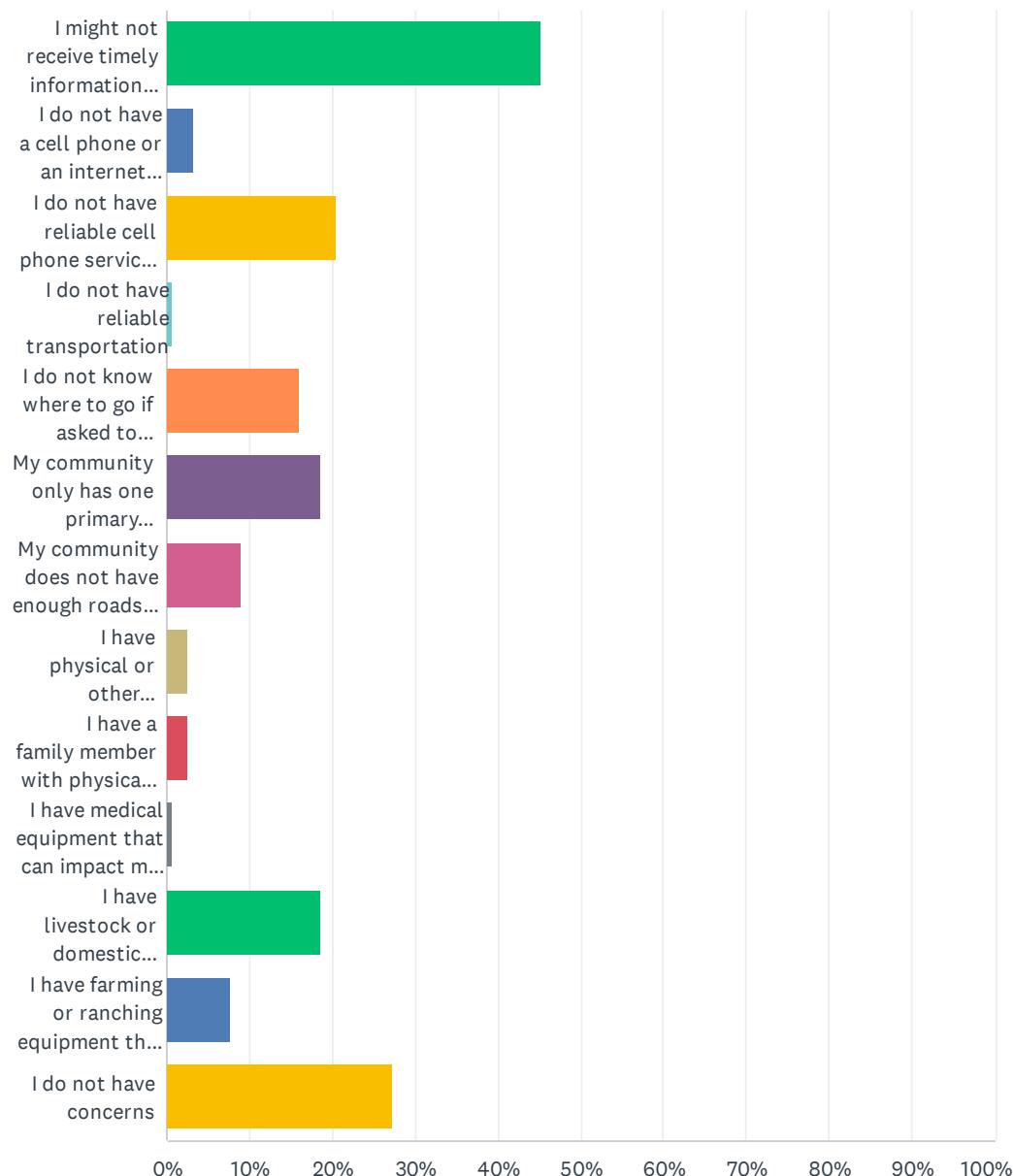
Have you prepared a written list of items to take and a “go-bag” for evacuation? <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Ready-Set-Go-Wildland-Fire-Action-Plan-Pages-8-11.pdf>



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.24%	62
No, but I plan to do so	51.27%	81
No, and I do not plan to do so	9.49%	15
TOTAL		158

In the event of an evacuation, what concerns do you have?

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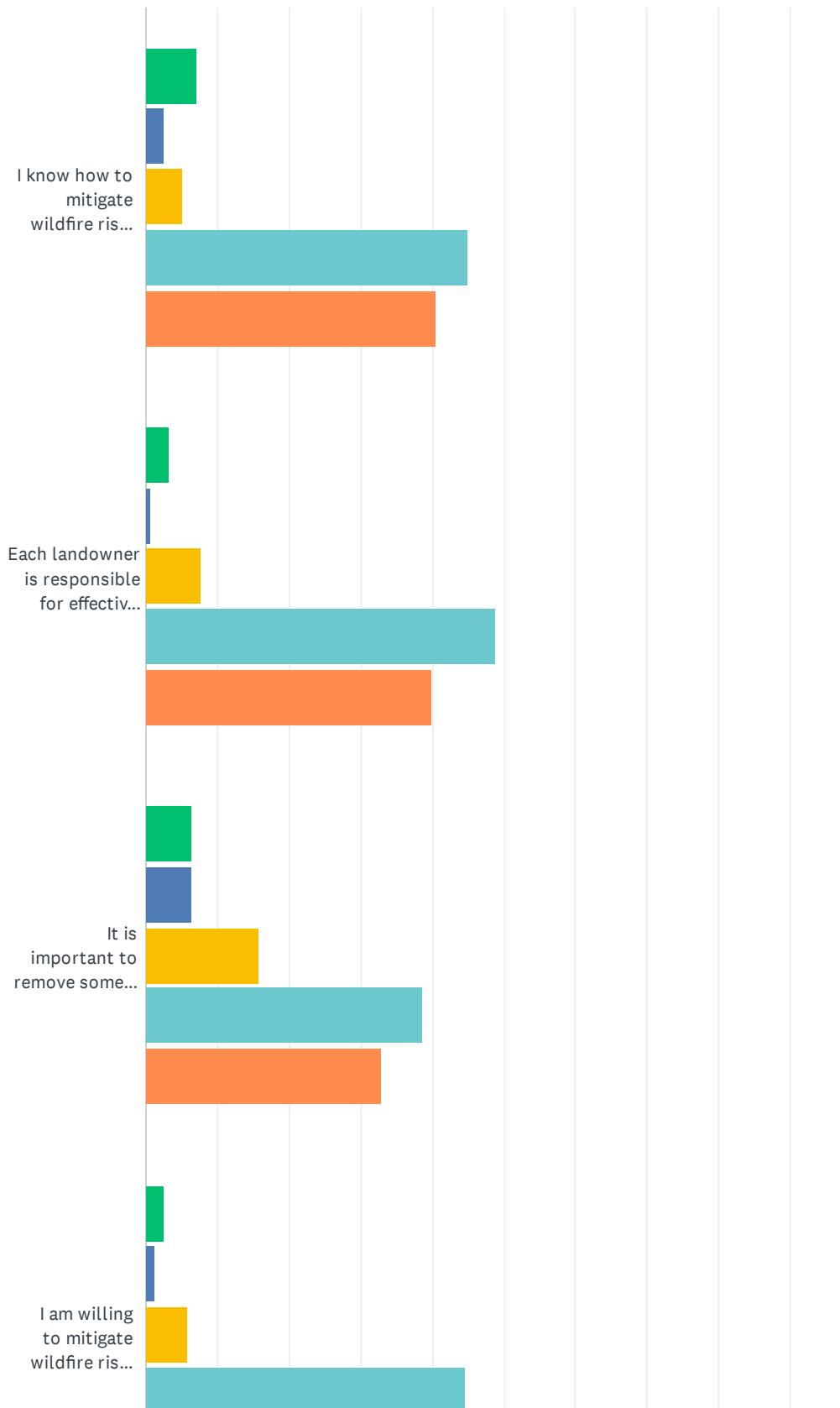


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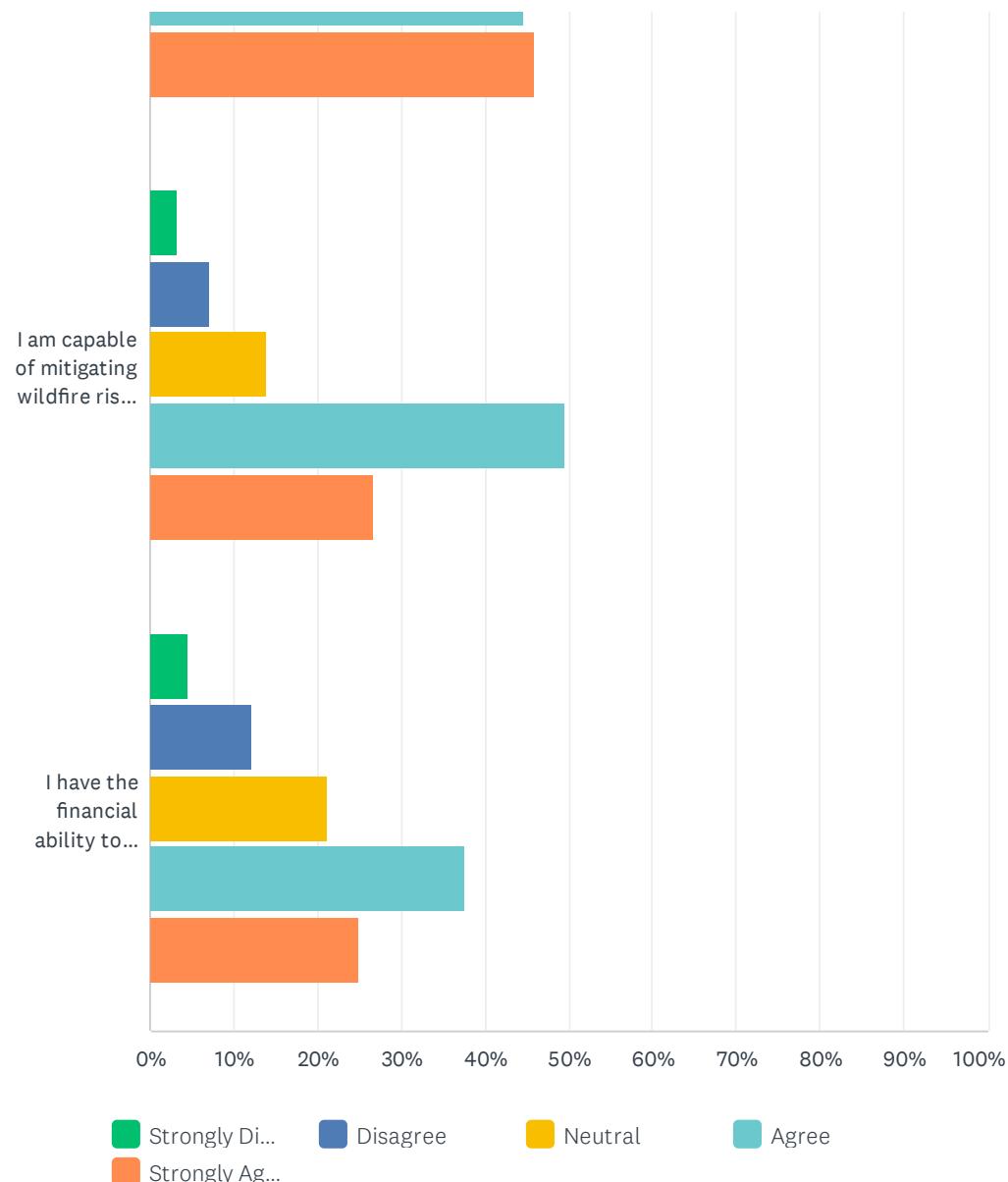
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I might not receive timely information about an evacuation	45.22% 71
I do not have a cell phone or an internet connection	3.18% 5
I do not have reliable cell phone service at my residence	20.38% 32
I do not have reliable transportation	0.64% 1
I do not know where to go if asked to evacuate	15.92% 25
My community only has one primary evacuation route	18.47% 29
My community does not have enough roads to handle evacuation traffic	8.92% 14
I have physical or other limitations.	2.55% 4
I have a family member with physical limitations.	2.55% 4
I have medical equipment that can impact my ability to evacuate	0.64% 1
I have livestock or domestic animals that need to be evacuated	18.47% 29
I have farming or ranching equipment that I am concerned about burning	7.64% 12
I do not have concerns	27.39% 43
Total Respondents: 157	

Please respond to the following statements:

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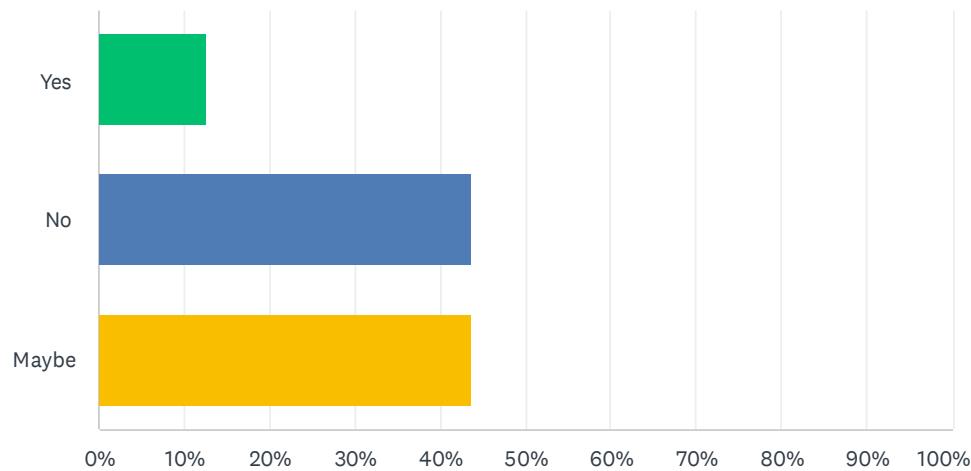
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I know how to mitigate wildfire risk on my own property.	6.96% 11	2.53% 4	5.06% 8	44.94% 71	40.51% 64	158	4.09
Each landowner is responsible for effective wildfire mitigation.	3.16% 5	0.63% 1	7.59% 12	48.73% 77	39.87% 63	158	4.22
It is important to remove some trees for wildfire protection on my own property.	6.33% 10	6.33% 10	15.82% 25	38.61% 61	32.91% 52	158	3.85
I am willing to mitigate wildfire risk on my property.	2.52% 4	1.26% 2	5.66% 9	44.65% 71	45.91% 73	159	4.30
I am capable of mitigating wildfire risk on my property.	3.16% 5	6.96% 11	13.92% 22	49.37% 78	26.58% 42	158	3.89
I have the financial ability to mitigate wildfire risk on my property.	4.46% 7	12.10% 19	21.02% 33	37.58% 59	24.84% 39	157	3.66

Do you plan to take advantage of the \$1,000 Colorado Income Tax Credit for paid wildfire mitigation in tax years 2025, 2026 or and/or 2027?
<https://tax.colorado.gov/income-tax-topics-wildfire-mitigation-measures>

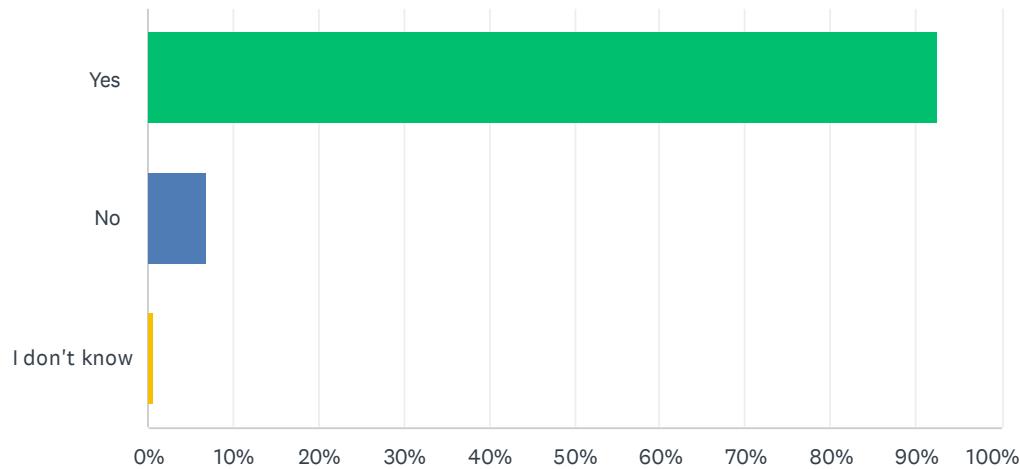
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.50%	20
No	43.75%	70
Maybe	43.75%	70
TOTAL		160

Do you have homeowners or renters insurance?

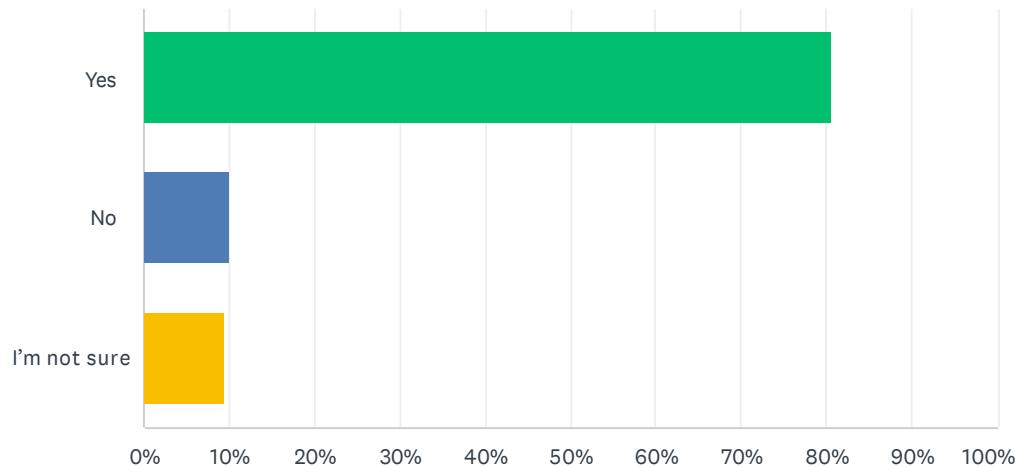
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.50%	148
No	6.88%	11
I don't know	0.63%	1
TOTAL		160

Do you feel comfortable with your current level of insurance coverage?

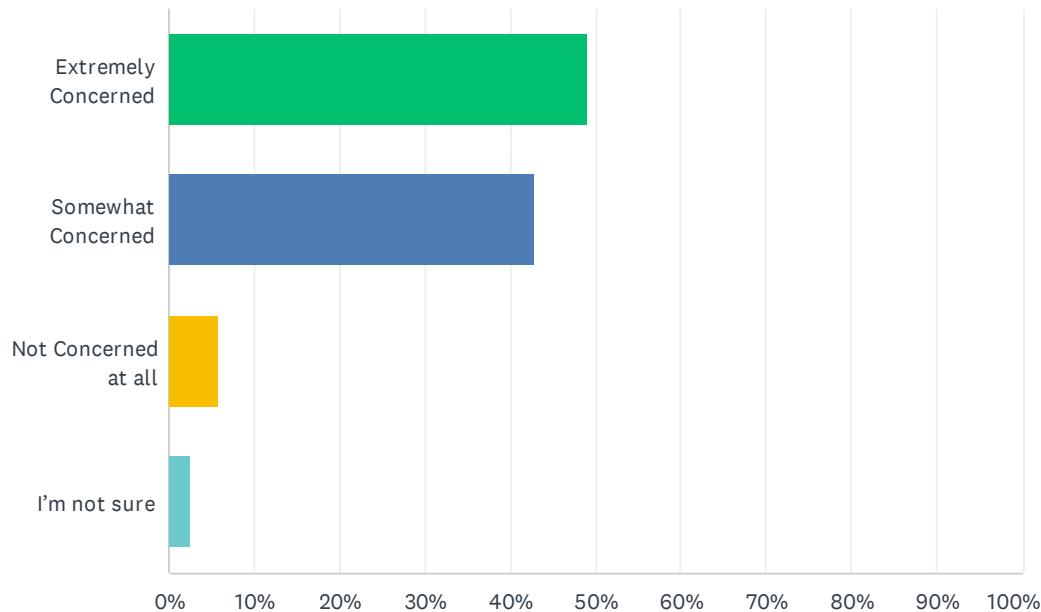
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.50%	128
No	10.06%	16
I'm not sure	9.43%	15
TOTAL		159

Are you concerned with the potential issues related to the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely Concerned	49.06%	78
Somewhat Concerned	42.77%	68
Not Concerned at all	5.66%	9
I'm not sure	2.52%	4
TOTAL		159