

# FIRE IN THE SHRUB-STEPPE

Engaging Communities in Fire Adaptation



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**Caty Padilla**  
**Executive Director, Nuestra Casa**

Caty is the daughter of immigrants who settled in the Lower Yakima Valley in 1990. She was raised like many farm worker's children, migrating along the Yakima River throughout the valley as her parents looked for new job opportunities. Caty really connects with the idea that one can create change in the community by leading with a mindset for business but a heart for the world. In 2017, she accepted the role as Executive Director for Nuestra Casa. Caty looks forward to helping immigrant women in the community prosper and obtain learning opportunities empowering them to battle the inequities in our communities.

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## RESOURCES

- To learn more about Nuestra Casa, visit <https://nuestracasawa.org/>
- To learn more about Nuestra Casa's efforts to engage the community in fire adaptation efforts, check-out this [presentation](#).



**Jerry McAdams**  
**Senior Captain**  
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Jerry has 19 years of experience in the fire service, in both operations and prevention. Jerry has served on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF), is an experienced fire investigator, and holds certifications as a Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II and Fire Plans Examiner. He is an instructor for the NFPA Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire (ASIP) course.

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## RESOURCES

- Partners in Ada County are working to engage homeowners, government, businesses, and fire agencies together. The [Fire Adapted Ada website](#) has some great information and resources.
- The City of Boise has guidelines for trimming and seeding of grasses on Boise City Open Space Reserve lands adjacent to homes. Check out the [Fire Adapted Ada Citizen Fuel Reduction Policy](#).
- City of Boise Fire Department [website](#).



**Kirsten Cook**  
**Community Outreach Director**  
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Kirsten has over 25 years of conservation education and program management experience. She has been with Okanogan Conservation District since 2011, and is responsible for the District's marketing, education and fire adapted community efforts.

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## RESOURCES

- To learn more about Okanogan Conservation Districts Wildfire Resilience program, visit <https://www.okanogancd.org/wildfire>
- Okanogan CD created Wildfire Resistant Building Recommendations posted on the [county website](#).



**Jon Riley**  
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Serving the citizens of Chelan County Fire District #1 and partner organizations to improve wildfire preparedness, response and recovery. Jon Riley holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management and has 8 years' experience in the fire service.

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## RESOURCES

- To learn more about Chelan County Fire District 1 (CCFD1) assists landowners, check out the [CCFD1 website](#).
- To learn more about CCFD1's work and how to prepare for wildfire, check out their [blog](#).
- For information on how to develop a strategy and resources to engage landowners effectively, visit [Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively website](#).
- CCFD1 participated in a community engagement research project with [The Wildfire Research \(WiRE\) Center](#). WiRE is a nonprofit organization that works with wildfire practitioners to seek locally-tailored pathways to create fire adapted communities.



## RESOURCES SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

The [Great Basin Fire Science Exchange](#) has a lot of scientific information relating to fire and fuels in sagebrush ecosystems.