

## Mitigation in Rating Plans and Wildfire Risk Models Questionnaire

In order to fulfill its legal duty to perform a complete rate review of a rate application that is submitted in compliance with California Code of Regulations §2644.9(d), the California Department of Insurance (CDI) requires that the following questionnaire be completed with detailed information. Failure to provide thorough and clear responses precludes the CDI from accomplishing its duties and thereby halts or impedes review of the submitted filing in a timely manner.

### ***Section I – Applicability***

Does the insurer apply or use a rate that is developed with, determined by, or relies upon, in whole or in part, a rating plan that segments, creates a rate differential, or surcharges the premium based upon a policyholder or applicant's wildfire risk? **YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

If YES, proceed to *Section II*.

If NO, the questionnaire is complete and no further information is required.

### ***Section II – Wildfire Risk Model***

Is a Wildfire Risk Model(s) used when the insurer applies or uses a rate that is developed with, determined by, or relies upon, in whole or in part, a rating plan that segments, creates a rate differential, or surcharges the premium based upon a policyholder or applicant's wildfire risk? **YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

If YES, please also complete the CDI's *Model Checklist* and proceed to *Section III*.

If NO, proceed to *Section III*.

### ***Section III – Community-level Mitigation***

Please describe how the insurer's rating plan, taken as a whole, takes into account and reflects the following community-level mitigation designations:

- a) Fire Risk Reduction Community listed by the Board of Forestry pursuant to Public Resources Code section 4290.1; and
- b) Firewise USA Site in Good Standing.

#### ***Section IV – Property-level Mitigation***

Please describe how the insurer’s rating plan, taken as a whole, takes into account and reflects the following property-level mitigation efforts:

- a) Immediate surroundings – clearing of vegetation and debris from under decks;
- b) Immediate surroundings – clearing of vegetation, debris, mulch, stored combustible materials, and any and all movable combustible objects, from the area within five (5) feet of the building being evaluated;
- c) Immediate surroundings – incorporation of only noncombustible materials into that portion of any improvements to the property on which the building being evaluated is located, including fences and gates, which is situated within five (5) feet of the building being evaluated;
- d) Immediate surroundings – removal or absence of combustible structures, including sheds and other outbuildings, from the area within thirty (30) feet of the building being evaluated or, in the event that the applicant or insured does not control the entirety of the area extending thirty feet from the building being evaluated, removal of the combustible structures from as much of such area as is under the control of the applicant or policyholder;
- e) Immediate surroundings – whether the property upon which the building being evaluated is situated complies with Section 4291 of the Public Resources Code, and any applicable local ordinances, governing defensible space;
- f) Building hardening measures – Class-A fire rated roof;
- g) Building hardening measures – enclosed eaves;
- h) Building hardening measures – fire-resistant vents;
- i) Building hardening measures – multipane windows, including dual pane windows, or functional shutters, which when closed, cover the entire window and do not have openings; and
- j) Building hardening measures – at least six (6) inches of noncombustible vertical clearance at the bottom of the exterior surface of the building, measured from the ground up.

**Section V – Optional Factors**

Does the insurer’s rating plan, taken as a whole, take into account and reflect any optional factors such as fuel, slope, access, aspect, structural characteristics, wind, or other?

**YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

If YES, please separately identify each optional factor accounted for and provide a description of how the insurer’s rating plan, taken as a whole, takes into account and reflects each of the optional factors accounted for.

If NO, please proceed to *Section VI*.

**Section VI – Provision of Wildfire Risk Score or Other Wildfire Risk Classification**

Does the insurer have a written procedure to provide, in writing, to a policyholder or applicant for property insurance the wildfire risk score or other wildfire risk classification used by the insurer to segment, create a rate differential, or surcharge the premium based upon the policyholder or applicant’s wildfire risk? **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

**Section VII – Right to Appeal**

Does the insurer have a process by which a policyholder or applicant can appeal the assignment of a wildfire risk score, or other wildfire risk classification? **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

**Section VIII – Explanation of Wildfire Risk Score or Other Wildfire Risk Classification**

Does the insurer provide each of the following:

- a) The range of wildfire risk scores or classifications that could possibly be assigned to any policyholder or applicant? **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**
  
- b) The relative position of the wildfire risk score or classification assigned to the policyholder or applicant in question within the range of possible scores or classifications, and the impact of the score or classification on the rate or premium? **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**
  
- c) A detailed written explanation of why the policyholder or applicant received the assigned score or classification where the explanation shall make specific reference to the features of the property in question that influences the assignment of the score or classification? **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

- d) Which mitigation measure or measures can be taken by the policyholder or applicant to lower the wildfire risk score or classification? **YES**\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_
  
- e) The amount of premium reduction the policyholder or applicant would realize as a result of performing each wildfire mitigation measure under the insurer's rating plan that is in effect at the time? **YES**\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_
  
- f) Notification to the policyholder or applicant of the right to contact the CDI in connection with the insurer's response to a policyholder or applicant appealing the assignment of a wildfire risk score, or other wildfire risk classification? **YES**\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_