

# Piedmont States Wildfire Workshop

## DRAFT AGENDA



August 12-13, 2026  
 Charlottesville, Virginia— University of Virginia

### Day 1 - August 12, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30-8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30-9:15 AM	<b>Welcome and Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to the University of Virginia!</li> <li>Evolving fire risk in the region</li> </ul>
9:15-10:15 AM	<b>States and Wildfire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of state agencies (natural resources, forestry, and energy commissions) in wildfire coordination efforts</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30-11:30 AM	<b>Wildfire Data: What to know about Wildfire in the Piedmont Region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pyromes and wildfire occurrence: baseline, history, and trends</li> <li>Hazard and weather landscape, including bimodal/seasonal fire patterns</li> <li>Wildfire risk post-Hurricane Helene</li> </ul>
11:30 AM -12:15 PM	<b>How Does Wildfire Affect Energy Systems?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on infrastructure, reliability, and operations</li> </ul>
12:15-1:15 PM	<b>Lunch Keynote:</b> <b><i>Current Best Practices on Wildfire Risk Reduction for Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems &amp; Executive Order 14308</i></b>
1:15-2:30 PM	<b>Utility Wildfire Mitigation Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How Piedmont utilities are building wildfire mitigation plans</li> <li>National perspectives on planning</li> </ul>
2:30-3:15 PM	<b>Responding to Wildfire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local wildfire response: partnerships, fire behavior, and evolving challenges</li> </ul>
3:15-3:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:30-4:30 PM	<b>How Wildfire Affects Energy Affordability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on utility costs, liability, and the business model</li> </ul>
4:30-5:15 PM	<b>Next Steps: How Do We Work Together Going Forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round table discussions, lessons learned and wrap up</li> </ul>

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### Day 2 - August 13, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30-8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30-9:00 AM	<b>Welcome</b>
9:00 AM-3:00 PM Includes Lunch Break	<p><b>DRAFT Deep Dive Sessions:</b></p> <p><b>State Perspectives on Changing Risk Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learned from Hurricane Helene</li> <li>• Rapidly changing fuel conditions and gaps in models</li> </ul> <p><b>Defense Critical Energy Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Outside the fence” hardening and risk mitigation strategies</li> <li>• Coordination with utilities, communities, and military bases</li> <li>• Wildfire risk assessment, planning, and exercises</li> </ul> <p><b>Utility Wildfire Mitigation Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current state of practice</li> <li>• Models, tools, and implementation approaches</li> </ul> <p><b>State Oversight: Policies and Frameworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How states are adapting policies and legal frameworks across energy and natural resources to respond to utility liability and finance challenges</li> </ul> <p><b>Multi-Sector Interdependencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildfire protection for broadband, water and other critical infrastructure with energy systems</li> </ul> <p><b>Wildfire Technology Solutions for Piedmont Utilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of tools, methods, and technologies specific to unique Piedmont challenges</li> </ul> <p><b>Grid Resilience Funding for Wildfire Mitigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can state and federal funding be applied</li> <li>• Strategies for utilities to effectively access and deploy funding</li> <li>• State-level guidance and implementation considerations</li> </ul>