

Piedmont States Wildfire Workshop

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Charlottesville, Virginia — University of Virginia

Day 1 - August 12, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30-8:30 AM	Registration
8:30-9:15 AM	Welcome and Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the University of Virginia! Current state of wildfire: risk and coordination efforts in the region
9:15-10:15 AM	Wildfire Data: What to know about Wildfire in the Piedmont Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildfire occurrence: baseline, history, and trends Hazard and weather landscape, including seasonal fire patterns
10:15-10:30 AM	Break
10:30-11:30 AM	How Does Wildfire Affect Energy Systems? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts on infrastructure, reliability, and operations Situational awareness technology in action Approaches to asset management
11:30 AM -12:15 PM	States and Wildfire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State agency formation for energy-wildfire coordination
12:15-1:30 PM	Lunch Keynote: <i>Current Best Practices on Wildfire Risk Reduction for Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems & Executive Order 14308</i>
1:30-2:30 PM	Utility Wildfire Mitigation Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How Piedmont utilities are building wildfire mitigation plans National perspectives on planning
2:30-3:30 PM	Responding to Wildfire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local wildfire response: partnership, cooperation with utilities, and evolving challenges
3:30-3:45 PM	Break
3:45-4:45 PM	Next Steps: How Do We Work Together Going Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and coordination priorities from representatives at local to state levels
4:45-5:00 PM	Day 1 Closing Remarks

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Day 2 - August 13, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30-8:30 AM	Registration
8:30-9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Talk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State oversight policies and framework: state regulation, governance, response, and coordination
9:00-10:00 AM	State Perspectives on Trends and Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned from Hurricane Helene • Rapidly changing fuel conditions, and data and knowledge gaps
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Deep Dive Concurrent Sessions: Grid Resilience Funding for Wildfire Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can state and federal funding be applied • Strategies for utilities to effectively access and deploy funding • State-level guidance and implementation considerations Multi-Sector Interdependencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildfire protection for broadband, water and other critical infrastructure with energy systems Utility Wildfire Mitigation Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current state of practice • Models, tools, and implementation approaches
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch Publication Briefing: <i>Wildfire Technology Landscape</i>
1:00-2:30 PM	How Wildfire Affects Energy Affordability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildfire mitigation, liability, and cost recovery pressures on utilities • Reliability standards, economic impact, and policy
2:30-4:30 PM	SPECIAL EVENT Tabletop Exercise: Defense Critical Energy Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Outside the fence” risk mitigation strategies • Coordination with utilities, communities, and defense facilities • Multi-sector interdependencies, resource exchange, and consequences