



Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Compliance with WA HB 1032

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Wildfire Mitigation Plan Compliance

Why we are here today

- Review statutory requirements applying to Washington State utilities' wildfire mitigation plans
- Overview of PUD's wildfire mitigation plan and the current process for managing the plan
- 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan available for Board review since 9/27/24
- Motion to approve the PUD's 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Option to consider motion today or on October 21st

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House Bill 1032

- Requires WA power utilities to submit board-reviewed wildfire mitigation plans to DNR by October 31st, 2024
- Required every 3 years thereafter
- PUD's plan updated annually through current planning process involving internal team and SMT oversight

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Timeline of Wildfire Actions

April 2023

- HB 1032 passed state legislature

April 2024

- State mandated plan template released
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May-June-July 2024

- FSOM/PSPS expansion planning, execution and community outreach
 - Internal wildfire planning meeting
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August – Sept 2024

- Drafting and leadership review of 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan
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October 2024

- Seek Board adoption of plan, submit to State by October 31st

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HB 1032

- Title: Mitigating the risk of wildfires through electric utility planning and identification of best management practices appropriate to each electric utility's circumstances.
- 1032 does not mandate specific mitigation practices; no penalties
- Intended to encourage utilities to adopt industry best practices
- Requires Dept. of Commerce to provide recommended elements to be included in plans

Wildfire Mitigation Plan: State Template



Recommended elements

- Weather monitoring
- **De-energization**
- Restoration of service
- Design/construction standards
- Fuel and vegetation management

Wildfire Mitigation Plan: State Template

Recommended elements

- Inspections and corrective responses
- Workforce training
- Relay and recloser policy
- Community outreach & public awareness
- Evaluating plan effectiveness

How are we doing?

PUD Plan

- Internal wildfire working group established in 2017
- Multiple wildfire mitigations implemented
- Formal Wildfire Mitigation Plan created in 2022
- Progress on wildfire mitigation plan presented in June 3rd study session

Result: PUD well positioned to respond to state recommended best practices

PUD plan highlights

Wildfire mitigations

- FSOM/PSPS program; weather monitoring; restoration of service
- Community outreach & fire agency engagement
- Advanced vegetation management program
- Recloser disabling procedure during peak fire season
- Risk modeling of service territory
- Equipment upgrades, system hardening & inspections

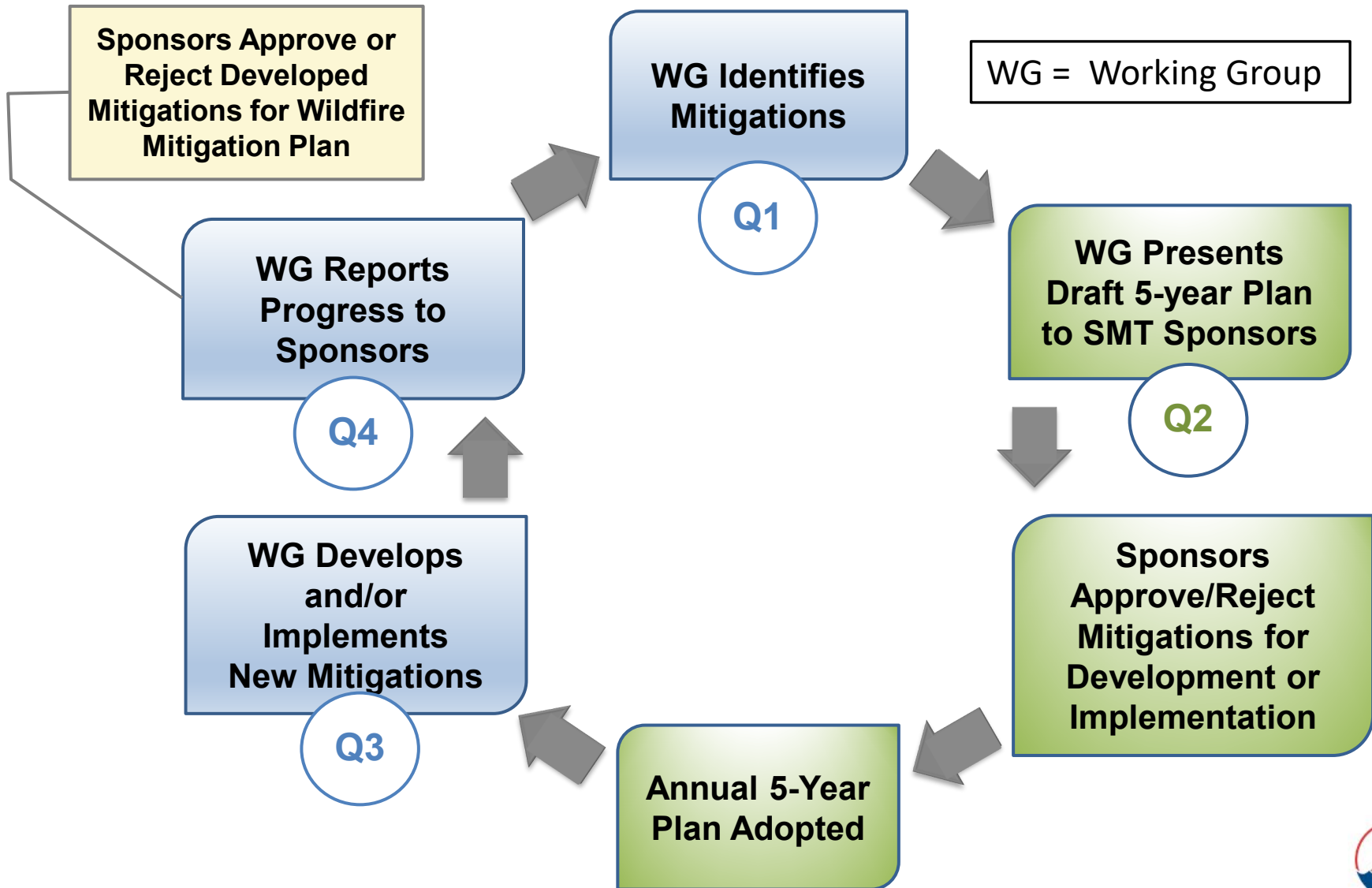
Looking forward

5-year planning process

- Established in 2023, documents progression of mitigations
- Oversight by Senior Team Sponsors: GM, Chiefs and Managing Directors of business units involved in wildfire mitigation
- Semi-annual Planning Meetings:
 - Working group proposes new mitigations
 - Reports on progress with existing mitigations
 - Senior Team Sponsors determine which mitigations are added to Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Working group supports wildfire mitigation work throughout year



Mitigation Planning Cycle



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Key Takeaways

- PUD on track to meet HB 1032 obligations
- While work remains, PUD has made significant progress advancing wildfire mitigations
- Planning process supports continuous improvement

Proposed Motion for 10/7 or 10/21

To *approve* Chelan County PUD's adoption of the 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan under the direction of the General Manager.

Questions?