

GOAL: MAKE HOMES IN NM INSURABLE & FIRE RESISTANT WHILE RETAINING AFFORDABILITY



- 67% of all homes in NM were built before 1990.
- Approximately 6,000 new homes are constructed in NM each year.

HOW THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO CAN TAKE THE LEAD:

- Create statewide program(s) in support of retrofits to prevent displacement
- Ensure mapping is consistent across the state including overlaps of Home Rule jurisdictions
- Establish certifications for training a workforce for wildfire retrofit upgrade projects
- Establish statewide zoning for setbacks and fencing.
- Recognize newly developed lands are largely in Wildland Urban Interface zones.
- Mitigate impacts on State's Fair Plan.
- Establish protocols for handling individual property rights when establishing criteria for Fire Safe Communities and Community Buffer Zones.

Balancing Affordability, Fire Resiliency, Insurability - Appreciate the effects of constructions costs on new and existing homes vs. affordability and the conflict between higher density housing and IBHS "ideal" of a 50-ft separation between structures.