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## PRESS RELEASE Wildfire Prepared Home Designation Available Now

Paradise, CA – After announcing the first Wildfire Prepared Home designation in Paradise in June, the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) announced it has provided a grant to the Town of Paradise to allow the Town to reimburse the cost of applying to the first 100 Paradise residents to meet the requirements and achieve the Wildfire Prepared Home designation. The Wildfire Prepared Home designation through IBHS is the first ever wildfire mitigation program to allow homeowners to achieve a designation showing they've taken the science-based actions required to meaningfully reduce their home's wildfire risk.

In order to receive the Wildfire Prepared Home designation, homeowners must apply through IBHS and have their home inspected to document the program requirements have been met. Requirements include a Class A rated roof, noncombustible gutters and downspouts, emberresistant vents, a 6-inch ground clearance for exterior walls, and a 5-foot non-combustible home ignition zone around the home, among others. A full list of designation requirements can be found at <a href="https://wildfireprepared.org/">https://wildfireprepared.org/</a>. There is a fee of \$125 to apply for the designation, which will be reimbursed by the Towns of Paradise through a grant from IBHS for the first 100 Paradise residents to receive the designation.

As of July 14, 2022, all new homes built in Paradise will be required to adhere to the Wildfire Prepared Home standards. This requirement does not apply to existing homes, or homes that have already begun the building process. Paradise is actively working to build back in a safer more resilient way and make it even easier for residents to achieve the Wildfire Prepared Home designation, if desired.

For more information, and to apply for the Wildfire Prepared Home program, visit <a href="https://www.wildfireprepared.org">www.wildfireprepared.org</a> or visit the Building Resiliency Center (BRC) located at 6295 Skyway in Paradise.

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