

Researcher to talk about emotional reaction to wildland fires

Destiny Aman, a doctoral student in the Penn State University Department of Geography, has been conducting doctoral research on how emotion interacts with wildfire hazard perception in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and other structures border or intermingle with forests, shrubs and grasslands.

Aman has interviewed more than 80 residents, fire, and community managers in Truckee.

As wildfire size and intensity continues to grow, researchers are beginning to uncover the importance of the emotional relationships that residents have with certain places that, in turn, affect the perception, communication, and reduction of risk in the wildland-urban interface.

Aman will be sharing her findings on Aug. 6 from 5-6:30pm in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road.