

# 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

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# Background

- On May 12, 2023 the Governor signed SB23-166, which established a wildfire resiliency code board tasked with the following:
  - Defining the wildland-urban interface and identifying areas in the state within it
  - Adopting minimum codes and standards to reduce the risk to life and property
  - Identify hazards and types of buildings, entities and defensible space to which the codes apply
  - Establish a process for a governing body to petition the board
- On July 1, 2025, 8 CCR 1507-39 was signed by the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board
- Local jurisdiction's have been given until April 1, 2026 to adopt the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and until July 1, 2026 to become compliant

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## To what projects does the code apply?

When in the identified WUI, the permitting and Inspections of:

- New construction of structures - Residential and Commercial
- Significant alterations/additions/repairs
  - 500sf+ increased footprint of a structure
  - 25%+ of an exterior of a structure affected (re-roofing, residing)

## To what projects does the code NOT apply?

- Interior alterations of existing structures
- 35acre+ parcels with only 1 residential structure NOT abutting residential or commercial area
- Exterior painting, staining and similar routine maintenance work

# 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code(SB23-166) State Requirements

Governing bodies shall either adopt the state map or develop a local map

- 1) **State map** developed to identify fire hazard and fire intensity throughout CO ◦ Informed by data modeling that identifies: ■ Slope ■ ~50 fuel types ■ 40yrs of critical fire weather
- 2) **Local map** must illustrate information based on actual conditions present that either meets or exceeds the intent of the code.

## Mission

Ensuring that colorado communities are safer from and more resilient to wildfires by reducing the risk to people and property through the adoption of statewide codes and standards based on best practice approaches to hardening structures and reducing fire risk in the defensible space surrounding structures in the wildland-urban interface in colorado.

# Map of Commerce City With Fire Intensity Classification

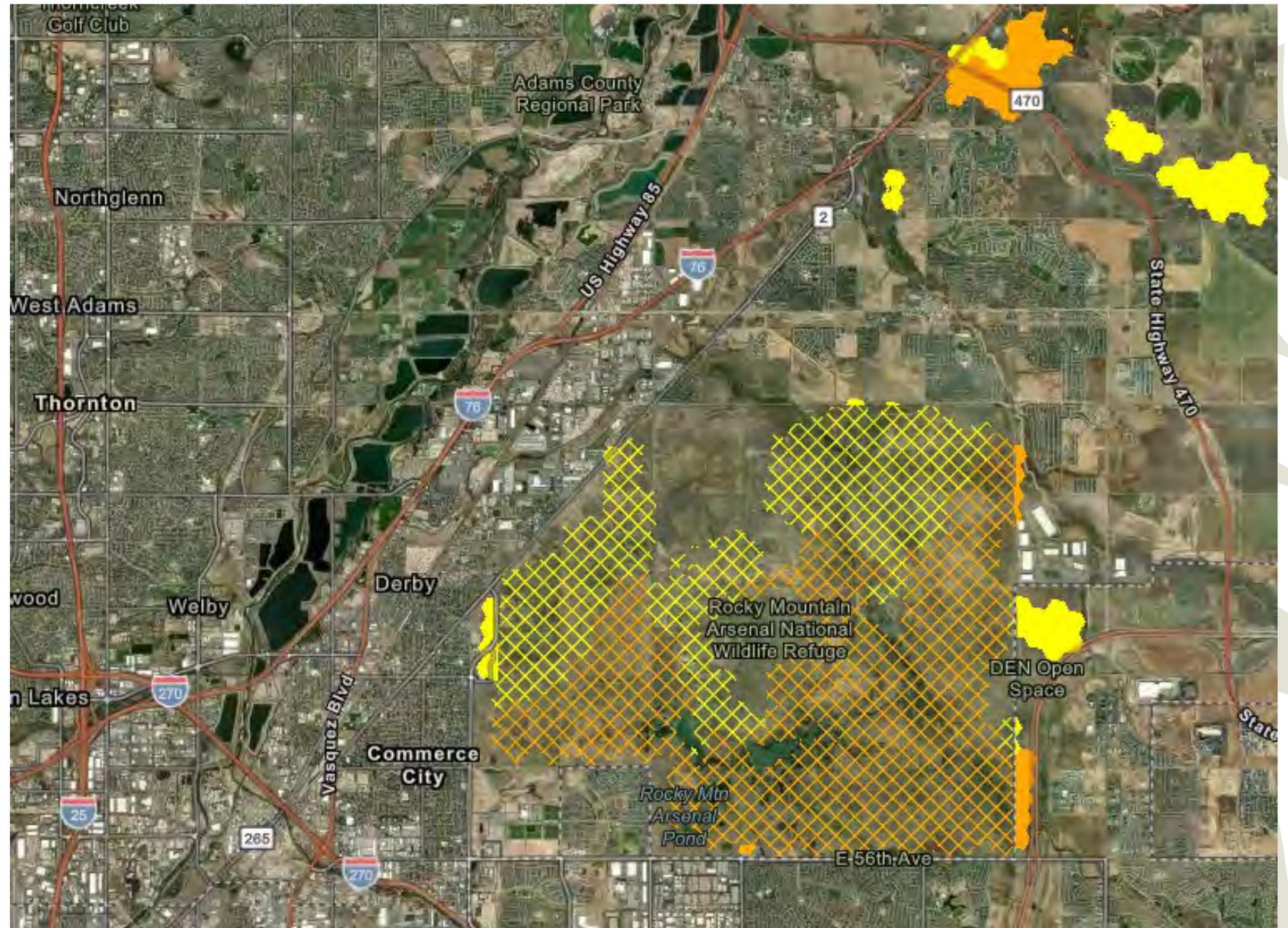
## Wildfire Resiliency Code - Fire Intensity Classification

### Class 1

- Low Intensity
- Low Intensity Federal/Tribal

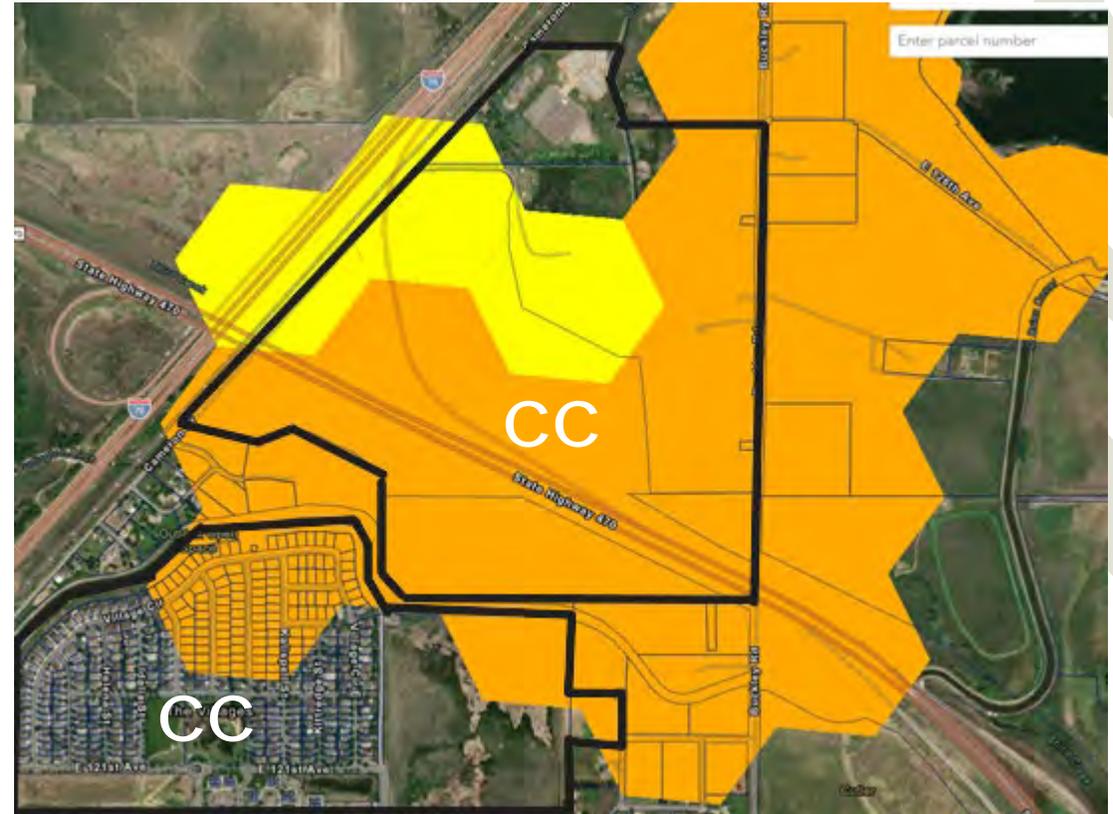
### Class 2

- High Intensity
- High Intensity Federal/Tribal
- Moderate Intensity
- Moderate Intensity Federal/Tribal



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## Close-up of Impacted Areas



### Wildfire Resiliency Code - Fire Intensity Classification

- Class 1 Low Intensity
- Class 2 Moderate Intensity

# 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code(SB23-166) Proposed Adjustments

- **Community Development proposed no changes to the map at this time**

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## Class 1 Requirements

- Class A roofing materials
- Non-combustible coverings for ventilation openings
- Non-combustible hard surface materials
- No plantings in immediate zone surrounding building (0-5 ft)
- Fencing within 8 feet made of non-combustible material or vinyl

## Class 2 Requirements

- Same requirements as Class 1, **AND**
  - + Exterior walls constructed of 1-hour rating or non-combustible materials
  - + All hazardous dead plant material must be removed
  - + Shrub groups must be placed to prevent ignition in intermediate zone surrounding building (5-30 ft)

# End of Staff Presentation 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

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## QUESTIONS



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