







2024 WABO Jurisdictional Outreach Award Nomination

It is my pleasure to nominate the building divisions of the Cities of Monroe, Lake Stevens, and Stanwood, for the 2024 WABO Jurisdictional Outreach award.

Working within the Northwest Building Department Cooperative NWBDRC (NW-Bedrock) the three respective building divisions and their staff devoted themselves to the creation of handouts for those that live and work in their jurisdictions covering significant changes from the 2018 to the 2021 building codes as adopted and amended by the State of Washington, most notably, the Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUIC). The goal being to provide consistent outreach and enforcement between their regionally close jurisdictions.

The efforts of the three divisions resulted in a total of six handouts including four devoted solely to the WUIC. These four consisted of a general WUIC handout, and separate handouts for roofs, decks and building exteriors.

The work that went into the creation of these handouts required many hours of collaborative in person meetings as well as individual work. Finding the time for these divisions from different jurisdictions to meet was difficult and exemplifies the dedication and effort that went into the project.

After completing the handouts, each jurisdiction distributed them through their various outlets, including website postings, emails, social media etc. All in all, the six member jurisdictions of NWBDRC distributed the handouts as well as WABO posting them on their website. Additionally, the handouts have been made available to many if not all jurisdictions in Washington. The successful efforts of these three divisions to create and distribute these handouts has drastically increased awareness of the new codes and the effect they will have on those living and working within Washington.

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