# Peer Review Plan

**Topic of Review:** Fire Safe Mulch

**Influential Scientific Information**

**Agency:** USDA Forest Service

**Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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**Subject of Review:** Model and guidelines to reduce fire risk to home owners and communities. Identifying alternatives to shredded cypress mulches because it is not a sustainable resource. These data and those of previous studies on shrub flammability on being used to create the Fire Dynamic Simulator, a fire model being developed by NIST to forecast fire behavior in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

**Purpose of Report:**

**Type of Review:**

- [ ] Panel Review
- [X] Individual Reviewers
- [ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  

**Timing of Review (Est.):**  

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**Number of Reviewers:**

- [X] 3 or fewer
- [ ] 4 to 10
- [ ] More than 10

**Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:**

**Reviewers selected by:**

- [X] Agency
- [ ] Designated Outside Organization
  
  Organization’s Name: ____________________________

**Opportunities for Public Comment?**

- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

**How:**

**When:**

**Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?**

- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

**Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?**

- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

**Other:**

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