

## Appendix

**Table A1. Survey Responses From Policymakers**

| Item  | Yes      |      | No       |      |
|---|----------|------|----------|------|
|   | <i>n</i> | %    | <i>n</i> | %    |
| <b>Pre-Intervention Survey Items</b>  |          |      |          |      |
| I have attended or conducted prescribed fires.  | 2        | 28.6 | 5        | 71.4 |
| Would you be willing to exclude prescribed fires from burn bans if they are conducted for...                  |          |      |          |      |
| ...ecological reasons?  | 6        | 85.7 | 1        | 14.3 |
| ...forest or range management?  | 5        | 71.4 | 2        | 28.6 |
| ...agricultural purposes?   | 5        | 71.4 | 2        | 28.6 |
| Prescribed burning is effective in reducing the risk of wildfires.  | 4        | 57.1 | 3        | 42.9 |
| I feel well-informed about prescribed burning.  | 4        | 57.1 | 3        | 42.9 |
| <b>Post-Intervention Survey Items</b>   |          |      |          |      |
| Would you be willing to exclude prescribed fires from burn bans if they are conducted for...                  |          |      |          |      |
| ...ecological reasons?  | 5        | 71.4 | 2        | 28.6 |
| ...forest or range management?  | 4        | 57.1 | 3        | 42.9 |
| ...agricultural purposes?   | 6        | 85.7 | 1        | 14.3 |
| Would you be willing to support or implement the following policies in your county or state...                |          |      |          |      |
| ...State laws which lower liability for certified prescribed burners?   | 2        | 28.6 | 5        | 71.4 |
| ...County-level monetary incentives to landowners who conduct regular prescribed burnings?                    | 4        | 57.1 | 3        | 42.9 |
| ...Encouraging landowners to allow state organizations to execute regular prescribed burns on their property? | 6        | 85.7 | 1        | 14.3 |
| Prescribed burning is effective in reducing the risk of wildfires.  | 4        | 57.1 | 1        | 14.3 |
| Prescribed burning is an essential tool for healthy forests or grasslands.                                    | 3        | 42.9 | 2        | 28.6 |
| Prescribed burning is dangerous because of the potential for escapes.   | 3        | 42.9 | 2        | 28.6 |
| My constituents would feel uncomfortable with the implementation of prescribed fires.                         | 2        | 28.6 | 3        | 42.9 |

*Note.* N=7. Analysis restricted to the sample of county commissioners and fire chiefs. This sample includes the five county commissioners or fire chiefs who responded to our initial recruitment effort and the two people in the public sample who indicated that they were currently serving as county commissioners. For the public sample results, see Table 2 in the full report.