

SB 5315 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land in the state have the right to access their residences, forest land, and land not classified as forest land during a forest fire or wildfire. Specifically, residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land have the right to access their residences and land in order to: (1) Conduct fire prevention or suppression activities;

(2) Protect or retrieve any property located in their residences or on their land, including equipment, livestock, or any other belongings; or

(3) Undertake activities under both provisions.

Requires that during the closure of any state highway, county road, or city street under this chapter due to forest fire or wildfire, those state agencies and local governments authorizing or implementing the closure shall, to the maximum extent practicable, allow and facilitate access to residences and land as set forth in RCW 76.04.600(2).

Provides that state agencies, counties, and cities, and their employees and agents, are not liable for any action, or failure to act, under this act.