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Hi Lily: The instructions are clear and I will join the prep call tomorrow. Please see attached bio and photo as you requested. I have my remarks written out and timed for 5 minutes. Do you want to see them beforehand? If yes let me know.

Laura

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**From:** Wang, Lily <[Lily.Wang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Wang@mail.house.gov)>  
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Good morning Ms. McCarthy –

As a note, we are moving all Committee business to WebEx starting next week. Accordingly, tomorrow's preparatory call will now be held using WebEx and you should receive the call-in information shortly. The call-in information can also be found below:

**Link:** <https://ushr.webex.com/ushr/j.php?MTID=m64812933355478627e2731560cc238d6>

**Password:** abcdefg!

I have also attached a best practices guide the Committee has put together for panelists to help ensure that the forum goes smoothly. Please let me know if you did not receive the invitation, or if you would like any additional information.

Best,

Lily

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**From:** McCarthy, Laura, EMNRD <[Laura.McCarthy@state.nm.us](mailto:Laura.McCarthy@state.nm.us)>  
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Hi Lily: I am confirming receipt of your email and that June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM EDT works for me. I'll get the headshot and bio to you next week.

Laura

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Dear Ms. McCarthy –

Chair Debra Haaland of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands is pleased to invite you to participate as a panelist at a virtual Forum entitled “*When Disasters Collide: Examining Coronavirus Impacts on Wildland Fire Operations and Vulnerable Communities*” The Forum will be held on June 10, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. The event will take place over Zoom and will be livestreamed on the Committee’s social media pages.

**On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. EDT, Committee staff will hold a preparatory call via Zoom** that includes all panelists to give you a better sense of how the Forum will run and to address any logistical issues or questions. You will receive a Zoom link for Friday’s preparatory call shortly. Staff are welcome to attend this preparatory call alongside the panelists, however only panelists will have access to the forum’s link on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know ASAP if this time does not work for your schedule.

In the meantime, can you please provide me with a headshot and short biography for the Committee to use for the livestream? We will be using these materials to create the graphics for our livestream and would appreciate it if you could pass them along as soon as possible but no later than 3 business days prior to the Forum date.

For more information on state and local coronavirus relief funds included in the HEROES Act, you can check out this [fact sheet from the House Appropriations Committee](#) as well as this [blog post from the Tax Foundation](#). I have also included our top-line messages for the forum below:

- The coronavirus pandemic has spotlighted many existing inequalities in our society and an active wildfire year further threatens emergency personnel, vulnerable populations, and at-risk communities.
- Congress will continue to provide funding and other resources to ensure the safety of federal, state, and local fire-fighters and to provide for the protection of at-risk communities and vulnerable populations.
- As approximately 90 percent of wildfires are human caused, it is especially important that individuals take responsibility for their role in preventing and preparing for wildfire this year, including respecting land closures, burn bans, and best practices for home resiliency.
- Similar to how Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for wearing masks are intended to prevent the spread of a virus, individual actions to prepare for wildfire will help protect individuals as well as their neighbors.
- There are many online resources to help understand and reduce risk to wildfire. The new website [wildfirerisk.org](http://wildfirerisk.org) was created in response to a provision signed into law as part of the FY18 Omnibus and it provides a one-stop shop to access individual and community wildfire resources.

Should you have any questions regarding this virtual Forum, or regarding the technical aspects of panel participation, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [lily.wang@mail.house.gov](mailto:lily.wang@mail.house.gov) or at (202) 875-0409.

Thank you for your time and willingness to participate in our virtual Forum.

Best,

**Lily Wang** | Policy Aide

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