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# Building the Integrated Wildfire Strategy:

## Balancing Reliability, Affordability and Acceptable Risk




Join Grid Forward and its community as we broaden our focus beyond individual pilots and case studies to the big challenge: how utilities and their partners can integrate layered wildfire mitigation strategies into day-to-day operations and long-term planning. We'll work together to find the right balance of reliability, affordability, and resilience in a world where wildfire risk "can never be zero."

**Summit:** Thursday March 25, 2027
**"Warm-Up" reception:** Wednesday afternoon March 24
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, Albuquerque, NM

Host utility: PNM — Powering New Mexico, *Together*

# Initial Prospectus

## Weaving Point Solutions into a Pervasive Strategy

It became clear in our 2025 Wildfire Symposium: a strategy to mitigate wildfire impacts can't rely on a portfolio of isolated tools and techniques. Utilities must take a layered approach that integrates detection, hardening, operational, and response solutions into a cohesive, practical, and cost-effective strategy. In turn, this requires evolving internal capabilities and working across organizational and jurisdictional boundaries to manage risks beyond the utility's direct control.

**We'll explore pathways to incorporate advanced capabilities like these:**

- Modeling, mapping, forecasting and next-gen visualization
- Situational awareness and real-time monitoring
- Automated controls and grid architecture
- Cost-effective grid hardening, resilient components and layered mitigation approaches
- Vegetation management with enhanced maintenance and inspection

**We will also cover cross-functional topics such as:**

- First responder engagement and community empowerment
- Change management, interoperability and cross-organizational coordination and readiness
- Understanding, calculating and managing risk and insurance impacts
- Evolving utility operations and workforce capabilities

## One Day Focused on Building Your One Unified Approach

The Wildfire Summit on March 25, 2026 will be an intensive day full of leading-edge insights and practical information to advance wildfire strategy and practices.

- Panels exploring integrated wildfire strategies, evolving utility operations, risk management, affordability and regulatory considerations
- Small-group huddle discussions on new technology, organization approaches and partnering
- Examples of applied plans and practices working today in the field
- Networking with experts on the front lines of wildfire risk mitigation



## Wildfire Summit "Warm-Up" with Drinks & Demos

THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 24, Grid Forward will host a **"Wildfire Summit Warm-Up"** where everyone can mingle with speakers and other attendees, enjoy complimentary food and beverages, and join informal demos by organizations deploying advanced capabilities.

## The Key Players Making Strategies Successful

This Summit presents a unique opportunity to connect across industries, organizations, and disciplines with the goal to build awareness, consensus and next steps to a coordinated approach to wildfire risk. Grid Forward will host attendees from organizations like these.

- Utility and grid leaders responsible for wildfire strategy, planning, operations, risk management and resilience
- Technology and solution providers, consultants and industry partners advancing innovative approaches to wildfire mitigation and response
- Government agencies, policy makers and regulators shaping wildfire mitigation, land management and public policy
- Research institutions, national laboratories and universities advancing wildfire science, modeling and emerging solutions

## Sponsor this Important Summit

Space will be limited.

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- Prominent recognition in event and promotional materials
- Four (4) registrations for the Summit
- Contribute to session topics and agenda
- Co-marketing opportunities and materials
- Preferred space at the Summit
- Participation in advisory group
- Summary of participating organizations

### CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR — $6,000

- Recognition in event and promotional materials
- Two (2) registrations for the Summit
- Co-marketing opportunities and materials
- Space at the Summit
- Summary of participating organizations

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**March 24-25, 2027**

**Tamaya Resort | Albuquerque, NM**

# These Organizations Graciously Sponsored Grid Forward's 2025 Wildfire Symposium

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SharperShape
Sharper intelligence for a safer world

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prisma photonics

RS RESILIENT STRUCTURES

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Xcel Energy

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