



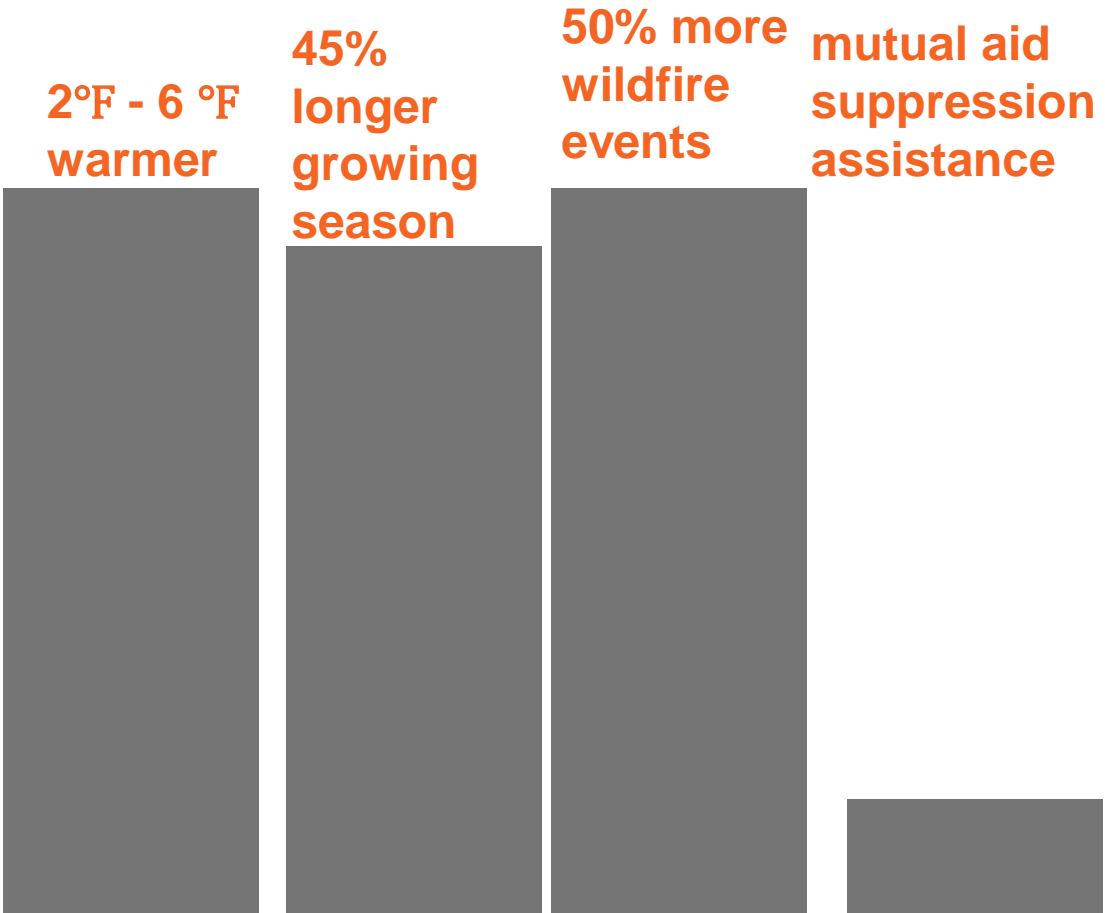
In  
Anchorage,  
it is up to  
you to  
prepare your  
property for  
wildfire

Climate Change &  
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Carla Burkhead, fall 2015

# Climate change is driving wildfire

- Warmer temperatures
- Longer growing seasons
- More wildfire events
- Less mutual aid suppression assistance



# The Community wildfire protection plan (CWPP)

**No reference to  
Climate Change!!!**

**“The cheapest fire to fight is the one  
that never burns.”**

**-Senator Mark Udall (CO)**

- **Written over eight years ago--  
never updated.**
  - **Managing office is seeking funding  
to update it.**
  - **Primary focus on education and  
program engineering.**
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# How to adapt to climate change

## Climate Change

Address growing risk of climate-driven wildfire

- Warmer temperatures,
- Longer growing season
- More fire events

## Best Practices

- Long-term evaluation
- Hazard reduction by government action
- Expand and support community engagement

## Emerging Strategies

New emerging strategies exist such as

- Education
- Active incentives.