## **Emergency Communications** Radio or Television PSA Template

## This template can be used for radio or television in the first minutes after a wildfire occurs and when little is known.

- Please pay close attention. This is an urgent message from [your local emergency management agency or public health agency].
- Emergency officials have detected a wildfire near [describe location and time] that [poses a significant risk to your health, etc.].
- At this time, we do not know the cause of the wildfire or additional details.
- Local, state, and federal officials are working together to manage the situation and provide updated information as soon as possible.
- Stay informed and follow the instructions of emergency officials so you can protect yourself, your family, and your community from this wildfire.
- In the meantime, use the following tips:
  - » Use a NIOSH Approved N95 respirator to reduce your exposure to smoke during and after a wildfire.
  - » Choose a room, close it off from the smoky outdoor air, and use a portable air cleaner or filter to keep the indoor air clean.
  - » If you are unhoused, go to a safe shelter or community building.
- We will issue the next update [specify time and method of communication].

When more information is known, add additional messages about what is happening, the actions people should take to protect themselves and others, and where to go for more information.

