Wildfires have become more numerous and more damaging across western landscapes. Avista is making investments in infrastructure, systems, and training to reduce the risk of wildfire associated with utility operations.

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