

Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

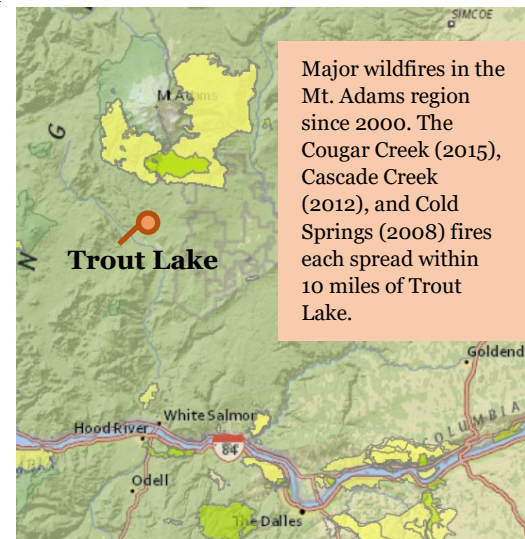
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Wildfire in Mt. Adams Country

Welcome to the inaugural FACT newsletter! We will use this platform to advertise upcoming events, share tidbits about topics in wildfire risk mitigation, and pass along helpful resources. Feel free to share throughout the community, and contact sarah@mtadamsstewards.org with any questions or suggestions.

An apt question to address in our first newsletter: when it comes to wildfire, what are we really up against here in Trout Lake? The forests in this region have long been shaped by wildfire, ignited by both lightning and the [indigenous peoples that inhabited this area for millennia](#). While fire regimes (intensity and frequency) historically differed among forest types, nearly all our forests have been impacted by the [U.S. policy of wildfire suppression for the past century](#). Without their natural fire disturbance regime, many landscapes have become overstocked with fuels—fuels that are increasingly susceptible to large, intense wildfire as our summers become hotter and drier. It is not a matter of *if* these lands burn again, but *when*.


These factors, combined with increasing development in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and heavy recreational use of forested public land, put homes in Trout Lake at the [97th percentile for wildfire risk in the country](#). Luckily, there are science-backed ways we can mitigate this risk and protect our lives, structures, and community. Stay tuned to learn more and take action!




Major wildfires in the Mt. Adams region since 2000. The Cougar Creek (2015), Cascade Creek (2012), and Cold Springs (2008) fires each spread within 10 miles of Trout Lake.



Upcoming Events

 **Underwood Conservation District: Year In Review**
Thurs, Jan 12, 6:00 pm (virtual)
Visit www.ucdwa.org to register

 **Wildfires in the Columbia Gorge: What We're Doing and What You Can Do**
A film screening and panel Q&A
Fri, Feb 16 (time and place TBD)
Visit www.ucdwa.org to register

Resource Guide

Check out this hot-off-the-press **guide to wildfire mitigation for Trout Lake residents!** The document includes a list of local contractors, recommended wildfire resistant building materials, financial support programs, and more.

[Click here to download.](#)

Contact Us

If you have questions or want to be added to our email list, please contact:

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30-Minute Monthly Action Item

This winter, try out a new podcast to learn more about forest health and wildfire in the West! We'd recommend:

- [The Forest Overstory Podcast](#) by WSU Extension (all about forest management, restoration, wildlife, and more)
- [Life With Fire Podcast](#) by Amanda Monthei (interviews about wildfire risk, prescribed burning, indigenous land management, etc.)

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Fire Adapted Community Trout Lake (FACT) is a community-led group dedicated to increasing awareness about wildfire risk in Trout Lake and facilitating the work necessary to mitigate that risk. Your FACT committee members are: Daina Bambe, Sharon Frazey, Bob Jolley, Lucas King, and Jim White.