

# Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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Inspiration for how to use your wood chips. (Just avoid using chips as mulch directly adjacent to your house, as wood chips can catch embers during a wildfire and spread flames to abutting structures.)

## Free Mobile Chipping this Spring

CLICK TO SIGN UP

For the second year, FACT is partnering with Mt. Adams Resource Stewards to provide debris chipping services to the Trout Lake Valley! Now is an excellent time to [read up on “defensible space”](#) and make a plan to remove hazardous fuels from your property. Particularly within a 30’ radius of your home, the risk of ignition by wildfire can be substantially reduced by limbing up trees, clearing out downed woody debris and [ladder fuels](#), increasing the spacing between trees, and removing limbs that overhang structures. The goal is to keep vegetation around your home *lean and green*, creating a safe place for fire-fighters to work and decreasing the risk of high-intensity wildfire spread.

Need help? Reference the [Trout Lake Wildfire Mitigation Guide](#) for a list of local contractors and financial assistance programs. Then, when it’s time to dispose of debris from your property, we’ve got you covered. We will be hosting mobile chipping services April through June, with particular emphasis on the week of May 1 (Trout Lake’s inaugural Wildfire Preparedness Week! More info to come). You can sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

If you sign up, note that you are *committing to having slash piles prepped by the dates you specify on the sign-up form!*

### DO

- Pile along accessible road/driveway.
- Stack branches neatly with butt ends facing access road.
- Limit piles to 4’ tall.
- Make a plan for how to use your wood chips, as they will not be removed.



### DON'T

- DON'T include the following in your piles:
  - ⊗ Material larger than 8” in diameter or 10’ in length.
  - ⊗ Dirt/rocks.
  - ⊗ Stumps/logs <36” long.
  - ⊗ Inorganics.
  - ⊗ Thin, vine-y material.



## Upcoming Events

### Elemental film screening

Join Underwood Conservation District for a showing of this new Northwest wildfire film, followed by a panel discussion.

**When:** Thursday, 2/16 6:30 pm

**Where:** Bingen Theater

**Tickets:** [click here](#) to purchase

## Contact Us

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## 30-Minute Monthly Action Item

Already made a plan for preparing and chipping slash piles this spring? Here’s another quick action you can take:

Go to Klickitat County’s [Emergency Notification site](#) and enroll with your up-to-date contact information. Some community members have reported being automatically unregistered after some time, so it’s worth double checking that you’re in the system. [Click here](#) for a flyer about what this free service provides during emergency events.



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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.