



Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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Notes from the Trout Lake Fire Department



Whether a structure fire, medical crisis, car accident, or wildfire start, the first folks on scene of an emergency in Trout Lake are volunteer members of the Trout Lake Fire Department (TLFD). How much do you know about your local fire district?

From Bob Jolley, Trout Lake Fire Commissioner: “Klickitat County Fire District #1 (Trout Lake) was established in 1944. It is a totally volunteer fire department. It now consists of 5 commissioners and 21 firemen/women, including some EMTs. The job of the commissioners is to work with the fire chief (currently Will Altig) in making decisions involving finance and policy. We try to keep our equipment and training up to date. If you have questions regarding the fire department please contact Will Altig or one of the commissioners: Eula Smith, Tyanne Parker, Pat Kelly, Bill Leslie, or Bob Jolley.”

When it comes to wildfire, here are a few important notes about our fire department, and how you can help the department help you.

- Like most rural fire departments, TLFD has highly limited personnel and equipment to respond to a major wildfire incident. It is vital that you **take steps to make your home more defensible and ignition resistant**—for both the safety of firefighters and the chances of your home’s survival.
- **Install a blue reflective address sign** so first responders can find you. Request a free sign at Trout Lake Grocery or Little Mountain Hardware.
- **Make your driveway accessible** to the large engines necessary to suppress fire. Clear branches/brush so the path is at least 12’ wide with 14’ vertical clearance. Ensure there is adequate turnaround space.
- **Know when the burn ban is in effect**, and follow it!



TLFD firefighters at a recent training.

Upcoming Events



Era of Megafires at Trout Lake Hall

Join FACT for a free screening of this acclaimed documentary about how Western landscapes have become conducive to highly destructive “megafires.”

When: Sunday, 3/26 6:00 pm

Where: Trout Lake Hall

Film trailer: [click here](#)



Reminder: sign up for spring mobile chipping!

FACT and Mt. Adams Resource Stewards are providing FREE chipping services to Trout Lake residents April through June. See our [February newsletter](#) for more information.

Sign up: [click here](#)

Contact Us

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

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Save the date! Trout Lake Wildfire Preparedness Week

Mark your calendars: **April 30-May 6, 2023** will be our inaugural Wildfire Prep Week! In addition to providing [mobile chipping](#) and [home risk assessments](#) all week, there will be a community potluck to celebrate National Community Wildfire Preparedness Day. More information to come!

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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.