



# Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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## Upcoming Events

### Learn & Burn Prescribed Fire Workshop

Three-day workshop including guest speakers, hands-on skills practice, and prescribed fire implementation on the Mt. Adams Community Forest.

**When:** May 18-20, 2023

**Where:** Glenwood

**More info & sign-up:** [Click here](#)

### Free Chipping Services For Slash Disposal

Offered through week of June 13. Sign up at [this link](#).

### Free Home Wildfire Risk Assessments

30-45 minute visit to your property to discuss priority actions to reduce wildfire risk. Sign up at [this link](#) or at [wildfireready.com](#). All who sign up have a chance to win \$500 of hardscaping material of their choice!

## Contact Us

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

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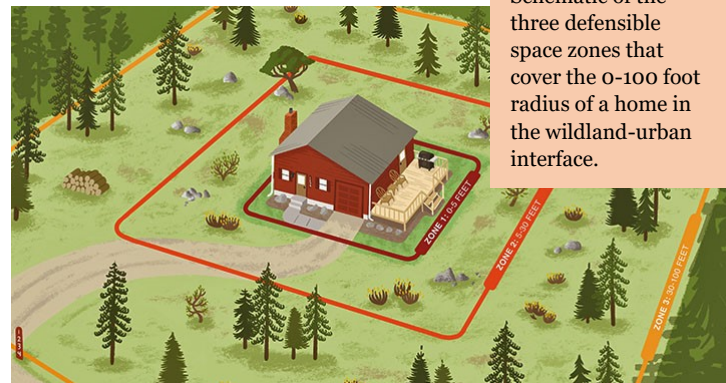
## Wildfire Mitigation From Your Front Door

Most Trout Lake residents, along with a quickly growing number of other Americans, live in the [wildland-urban interface](#) (WUI)—the “area where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland vegetation.” *Preventing catastrophic wildfire damage to our WUI community requires proactive efforts on both the “wildland” and “urban” arenas.* [As previously discussed in this newsletter](#), landscape-scale fuels reduction treatments and prescribed fire help our fire-adapted forests become more resistant to high-severity wildfire.

Residents, however, also have a major role to play in protecting their homes. You can greatly increase the chances of your house surviving a wildfire by creating “[defensible space](#)” and building/retrofitting with fire-resistant materials. This work does not need to be costly or time-intensive! Simple actions like moving firewood off your deck, raking pine needles away from the 5’ around your structure, and installing 1/8” metal mesh over vents can make a significant difference. Begin by [signing up for a home wildfire risk assessment](#), offered for free to Trout Lake residents, to help you identify priority actions for your property. As a bonus, if you sign up for an assessment, you’ll also be entered into a raffle for \$500 of hardscaping materials (gravel, river rocks, lava rocks, etc.) to help you on your journey to reduce fire risk on your property!

There are countless resources available for you to learn about defensible space and home hardening. We recommend starting off with the [Trout Lake Wildfire Mitigation Guide](#), checking out this [video](#), and browsing the [Firewise website](#).

Source: Colorado State Forest Service



Schematic of the three defensible space zones that cover the 0-100 foot radius of a home in the wildland-urban interface.

## 30-Minute Monthly Action Item

**Take a lap around your house, looking closely at the critical 0-5’ zone (“immediate zone”).** The goal is to remove ALL flammable materials in this area, since they could catch embers and carry fire directly to your home. Consider replacing bark mulch or wood chips with gravel. Keep vegetation to a minimum, and relocate any oily/resinous plants like juniper or lavender ([click here for a guide to fire-resistant plants in Eastern WA](#)). Set reminders on your calendar to rake out pine needles and leaves from this zone regularly as fire season approaches.

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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.