



Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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Tunnel 5 Fire: What To Know & Learn

As you've likely heard, the Tunnel 5 Fire started near Underwood on Sunday, July 2nd. As of July 6th, it has spread to approximately 550 acres and destroyed 10 homes. The fire remains 5% contained (what does "percent contained" really mean? [Click here to learn more](#)), with 461 firefighting personnel engaged. FACT wanted to take this opportunity to touch on several important resources, terms, and guidelines that can help you better understand the Tunnel 5 Fire—and be better prepared if a wildfire approaches Trout Lake.

- **Wildfire tracking information.** It can be confusing to find the most up-to-date information on an active wildfire. We recommend [InciWeb](#) for nationwide fire information, the [DNR Wildfire Intel Dashboard](#) for statewide data, and the Columbia Gorge Wildland Fire Information Facebook page for frequent updates on local fires. The Skamania County Sheriff is posting notices about the Tunnel 5 Fire on [this webpage](#).
- **Evacuation levels.** Currently, Skamania County residents within 2 miles of the Tunnel 5 Fire are under a Level 3 evacuation. Familiarize yourself with the three evacuation levels (see infographic on the left) and ensure you are signed up for Klickitat County emergency notifications ([click here to do so](#)) so you know what to do if Trout Lake is issued an evacuation alert.
- **Red Flag warnings.** All of Skamania County and much of the western slopes of the Cascades were recently under a Red Flag warning. These warnings are issued when a combination of warm temperatures, low humidities, and high winds indicate high risk of fire spread.
- **Emergency Go Bags.** Now is the time to put together an emergency kit to grab during an evacuation. See below for a list of essentials to include.



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LEVEL 1: GET READY 

Prepare yourself, monitor the situation, pack your important documents & valuables.

LEVEL 2: GET SET 

Be set to evacuate at a moment's notice.

LEVEL 3: GO! 

Leave immediately!

Upcoming Events

MARS Pig Roast & Open House

Join Mt. Adams Resource Stewards for a community potluck and open house. Hear updates about MARS's projects (including wildfire mitigation work!), offer feedback, and catch up with neighbors. Bring a dish to share.

When: Friday, July 14, 5:00 pm
Where: 139 Draper Springs Road, Glenwood

Trout Lake Fair

Catch FACT tabling at the Trout Lake Fair on August 5th!

Contact Us

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

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Prepare your "go bag"!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water & food (3-day supply for each person) | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches/lighter | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet and baby supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medical items (7-day supply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multipurpose tool | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra keys for car, house, and safe deposit box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wallet, credit cards, cash | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit and hygiene items | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra clothing (plus hat, gloves, rain gear, shoes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> N97 masks | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Service map, GPS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chargers | <input type="checkbox"/> Important personal documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |

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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.