

Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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Trout Lake Wildfire Resilience Zones

Reducing wildfire risk to homes and communities necessitates collaborative effort among neighbors. Wildfires and embers, after all, know nothing of land ownership or parcel boundaries. Recognizing this, the FACT committee has been working on developing "Wildfire Resilience Zones" within Trout

Lake to help us plan, prioritize, and implement wildfire mitigation work at the hyper-local scale. Our vision:

- Engage a **Neighborhood Ambassador** for each zone, who can attend FACT meetings when possible, provide a communication link to folks and HOAs in their area, and help identify their zone's priority projects.
- Host **zone-specific meetings** for Trout Lake residents to discuss the unique risks and mitigation strategies associated with their geographical area. (For example, Greenwood residents might be Proposed Wildfire Resili-

more concerned with home-to-home fire spread, while South Dean residents may be focused on constructing fuel breaks in the surrounding forested land.) FACT can assist each zone in creating risk assessments and action plans.

• Work to identify **funding sources** to implement community fuel breaks, defensible space work, and home hardening, starting with the highest-risk areas in Trout Lake.

As we work toward this new FACT structure, we could use your

Upcoming Events

Trout Lake Fair 8/5 | Camp Jonah | ~12 PM Visit the FACT table at the Fair on August 5th to grab printed resources, chat with the FACT committee, and provide feedback on the project & map discussed in this newsletter!

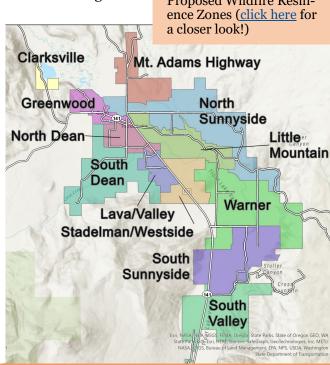
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help. First, review the draft map you see to the right (we'll also have a paper version at the Trout Lake Fair!) and provide comments. Second, consider becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador! Contact us to learn more about what this role would look like.



30-Minute Monthly Action Item

Take a lap around your house and look at the **vents** underneath the eaves (soffit vents), along the foundation (crawlspace vents), or elsewhere on the structure (e.g., gable vents). Vents that promote air flow through your home can also provide a point of entry for embers during a wildfire. All venting should be covered by 1/8" or smaller metal screening to prevent embers from passing into your home's interior. Need metal screening? We can provide it for free—contact Sarah via the phone/email to the left.

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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.