

# Wildfire Ready Trout Lake

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## Introducing the Mt. Adams Prescribed Burn Association (MAPBA)

In the dry, fire-adapted forests of the Mt. Adams region, “fighting fire with fire” is actually an efficient and essential strategy for reducing wildfire risk to communities like Trout Lake. For a primer on **prescribed fire** (the planned, skilled application of fire to a landscape to meet certain management objectives), check out our [newsletter from earlier this year](#).

While state and federal agencies in the West have made headway in treating public lands with prescribed fire, there is still substantial need to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire on privately-owned land. About 3.2 million acres of forestland in Washington State are managed by small forest landowners, and these acres are often located within or adjacent to communities where wildfire damage potential is high. Treating these lands with prescribed fire can restore ecological health and reduce fuel loading that otherwise increases the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

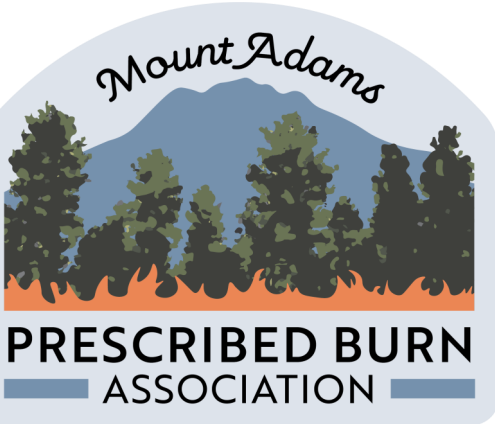
As you might imagine, the skills, equipment, and other resources needed to use prescribed fire at scale are not always easily available to small private landowners. Enter: the **Mt. Adams Prescribed Burn Association**. The MAPBA is a new grassroots coalition of private landowners, non-governmental organizations (e.g., land trusts, non-profits), and community members that promotes collaboration and resource sharing to safely accomplish prescribed burning. Roles and services of MAPBA include:

- Connecting local land managers with crews/volunteers to staff prescribed burn projects;
- Hosting prescribed fire trainings;
- Managing a shared equipment cache; and
- Assistance with burn plan writing.

Whether you’re looking to use prescribed fire on your property or are simply interested in helping advance prescribed fire efforts in this region, you’re invited to join the first **MAPBA community meeting** on December 11, 2023 at 6 pm at the White Salmon Fire Department. Come to learn about the MAPBA, ask questions, and provide feedback about how the MAPBA could best help you.



Participants on a prescribed fire in Glenwood during a “Learn & Burn” training in May 2023.



## Upcoming Events

### Dec. 11: Mt. Adams PBA community meeting

Open meeting to introduce the MAPBA, answer questions, and solicit feedback about the development/organization of the PBA.

**When:** Mon., December 11 at 6 pm

**Where:** White Salmon Fire Dept.  
(220 NE Church Ave, White Salmon 98672)

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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.