

# UNION COUNTY FIREWISE RESOURCES

## YOUR HOME

Your home, landscaping, and surrounding structures are all potential sources of fuel during a wildfire. But they are also the areas where you have the most control and where **relatively small amounts of time and investment can have a big impact in reducing wildfire risk.**



### WILDFIRE HOME RETROFIT GUIDE

[HTTPS://NAES.AGNT.UNR.EDU/PMS/PUBS/2020-3810.PDF](https://naes.agnt.unr.edu/pms/pubs/2020-3810.pdf)

This Guide includes specific recommendations for how to retrofit existing components of a home to withstand wildfire.



### FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS FOR HOME LANDSCAPES

[HTTPS://EXTENSION.OREGONSTATE.EDU/CATALOG/PUB/PNW-590-FIRE-RESISTANT-PLANTS-HOME-LANDSCAPES?REFERENCE=CATALOG](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/pnw-590-fire-resistant-plants-home-landscapes?reference=catalog)

Reduce your wildfire risk with proper plant selection and placement. This OSU-Extension publication includes plants lists and tips on proper plant placement, spacing, and ongoing plant maintenance.



### WILDFIRE INSURANCE RESOURCES

[HTTPS://DFP.OREGON.GOV/INSURE/HOME/STORM/PAGES/WILDFIRES.ASPX](https://dfp.oregon.gov/insure/home/storm/pages/wildfires.aspx)

The Advocacy Team with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation is here to help if you are affected by wildfires or have questions about your insurance.



### PRIORITIZING YOUR HOME HARDENING APPROACH - RECORDING

[HTTPS://EXTENSION.OREGONSTATE.EDU/VIDEO/PRIORITIZING-YOUR-HOME-HARDENING-APPROACH-RECORDED](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/video/prioritizing-your-home-hardening-approach-recorded)

Where do you start and how do you prioritize your efforts to be most effective? In the webinar on Home Hardening from OSU-Extension, take a closer look at the specific recommendations from experts that will enhance the survivability of your home in case of an approaching wildfire.

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## YOUR LAND

**My Blue Mountains Woodland has a contractor directory** that can help you find consultants and contractors to help you manage your forest and rangeland. **Visit [www.mybluemountainswoodland.org/contractor-directory](http://www.mybluemountainswoodland.org/contractor-directory)** to find someone today!



### OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

[WWW.OREGON.GOV/ODF](http://WWW.OREGON.GOV/ODF)

Stewardship foresters are a great resource for private forest landowners. They provide free technical assistance to landowners, while also directing them to knowledgeable forestry consultants and contractors. Stewardship foresters are available to visit your property, help with forest management planning, and direct you to any available financial assistance programs. If your management objectives involve improving forest health, reducing wildfire risk, and/or managing your timber resources, a visit from your local stewardship forester can be greatly beneficial.

- **Abby McBeth**, Stewardship Forester (west of Grande Ronde River/north of Ladd Cr.)  
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- **Travis Lowe**, Stewardship Forester (east of Grande Ronde/south of Ladd Cr.)  
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### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

[WWW.NRCS.USDA.GOV](http://WWW.NRCS.USDA.GOV)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides forest landowners, ranchers, and farmers with financial and technical assistance to help manage their natural resources or put their land into a conservation program. NRCS is the primary agency providing financial assistance in the region, so if you are interested in financial assistance to accomplish work on your property, a call to your local NRCS office is worthwhile. NRCS can help you improve your forest and rangeland health, reduce wildfire risk, control noxious weeds, improve/conservate wildlife habitat, and conserve your land.

- **Ana Gordon**, District Conservationist  
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## UNION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

[WWW.UNIONSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.UNIONSWCD.ORG)

The Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) assists and educates landowners in the development, protection, and conservation of natural resources. Union County SWCD provides technical and financial assistance to landowners, land conservation programs, equipment rentals, and other project assistance. They also run the Union County Firewise Program and can provide you with information and assistance if you and your neighbors are interested in learning more about becoming a Firewise Community. SWCD can help with management objectives like reducing wildfire risk, improving soil and water health, and conserving wildlife habitat.

- **Anna Lindquist**, Firewise Community and CREP Coordinator  
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## UNION COUNTY WEED CONTROL

[WWW.UNIONCOUNTYWEEDCONTROL.ORG](http://WWW.UNIONCOUNTYWEEDCONTROL.ORG)

Union County Weed Control works to protect and preserve all lands and resources from the degrading impact of exotic, invasive noxious weeds. They can offer technical expertise, financial assistance, and help with hiring local, licensed pesticide applicators to help control your noxious weed problems. If your management objectives include reducing wildfire risk and improving range and forestland health, then noxious weed management is part of the picture.

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## OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

[WWW.EXTENSION.OREGONSTATE.EDU](http://WWW.EXTENSION.OREGONSTATE.EDU)

Oregon State University Extension Service provides technical assistance and educational publications, workshops, and other programs to help private landowners manage their natural resources. Your local Extension Forester can visit your property and discuss forest management options and considerations with you. Your local Regional Fire Specialist is available to help you with wildfire-related issues and prescribed fire. OSU Extension can provide insights and information regarding any and all management objectives you may have.

- **John Punches**, Extension Forester  
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## YOUR COMMUNITY

Fire does not stop at property lines. **The Union County Firewise Program** can help you and your neighbors reduce your wildfire risk at the community scale. **Visit [www.unionswcd.org/firewise](http://www.unionswcd.org/firewise)** to contact the Union County Firewise Community Coordinator today!



**FIREWISE USA®**

**[WWW.FIREWISE.ORG](http://WWW.FIREWISE.ORG)**

Firewise® USA is a national program of the National Fire Protection Association that focuses on providing individuals and communities with the resources they need to prepare their property and community for wildfire.



NE OREGON FIREWISE® **[WWW.NEOREGONFIREWISE.ORG](http://WWW.NEOREGONFIREWISE.ORG)**

Using the Firewise® framework, NE Oregon Firewise® connects communities with local wildfire preparedness partners to first understand their wildfire risk and then collaborate on community-wide projects like evacuation planning, forest thinning, and hosting neighborhood events. With the help of regional coordinators, every community creates their own priorities and action plans, and annually submits their volunteer hours and investments to Firewise® USA for recognition.



**UNION COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**[WWW.UNIONCOUNTYOR.GOV/EMERGENCY-SERVICES](http://WWW.UNIONCOUNTYOR.GOV/EMERGENCY-SERVICES)**

Union County Emergency Services plan for, prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate for natural and human caused emergencies affecting Union County. This is accomplished through close cooperation and coordination with state, federal and primarily local emergency response agencies. Emergency Services places an emphasis on personal preparedness as a part of overall county emergency planning. Sign up for the Union County Emergency Notifications System, learn about Ready, Set, Go Evacuation levels, and learn how to annex into a Rural Fire Protection District on the website.

# WILDFIRE SEASON

These sources can help you stay up to date on timely and accurate information during wildfire season.



## NORTHWEST COORDINATION CENTER FIRE MAPS

[HTTPS://GACC.NIFC.GOV/NWCC/FIREMAP.PHP](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/firemap.php)

During fire season, this web based interactive map is updated daily with current fire perimeters and locations for large fires in Oregon and Washington.



## BLUE MOUNTAIN INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER - FIRE RESTRICTIONS

[HTTPS://GACC.NIFC.GOV/NWCC/FIREMAP.PHP](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/firemap.php)

Fire restrictions can originate from many places. Federal agencies such as the US Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management, can impose restrictions on the public land they manage. Individual states such Oregon and Washington can impose restrictions on state managed land. Confusion can result from the multiple agency jurisdictions, especially when adjacent lands have different restrictions depending on the administering agency.



## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE, PENDLETON

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/PDT](http://www.weather.gov/pdt)

Find current hazards, conditions, and forecasts for multiple locations in Eastern Oregon.



## OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

[HTTPS://OREGON-OEM-GEO.HUB.ARCGIS.COM/](https://oregon-oem-geo.hub.arcgis.com/)

The State of Oregon and its emergency management partners use mapping applications and geographic information systems (GIS) data to "paint the picture" for what is happening in our area and across the world before, during, and after a disaster.