Welcome to:

Firewise Workshop a Community Approach Session 1

Firewise Basic Process



Please Mute your line and use the Chat box to introduce yourself.

Please include your name, community, and whether you are Firewise recognized.

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Firewise Basic Process

- Purpose
 - Connect Communities across Deschutes
 - ▶ Focused on current Firewise recognized sites and those in the process or interested in becoming.
 - ▶ Help clear the path to becoming Firewise Recognized
- Outcomes
 - Build support network
 - Learn/share ways of accomplishing goals concerning becoming Firewise recognized
- Format
 - ▶ Preview Firewise- Process, Tips, National level to Local, Assessments to Action Plan
 - ▶ Breakout Rooms with small group discussions
 - ▶ Bring discussions back to share with all
- Wrap-up
- Questions











Introductions

- Boone Zimmerlee
 - ► Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator
 - Deschutes County
- Jenna Trentadue
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 - Oregon Department of Forestry
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 - Oregon Department of Forestry

- Ed Keith
 - Forester
 - Deschutes County
- Doug Green
 - Fire Marshal
 - Sisters-Camp Sherman FD
 - Bend FD

Steps to become a Firewise USA Site:

- 1. Obtain a wildfire risk assessment as a written document from your state forestry agency and/or fire department..
- 2. Form a board or committee that will dedicate time to Firewise activities
- 3. Create an action plan based on the assessment.
- 4. Plan and conduct a Firewise Day event in your community.
 - i.e. community cleanup day, educational event, service day for a neighbor that can't accomplish the work alone, etc.
- Invest a minimum of \$25.43 (1 hour of volunteer work) per dwelling unit in local Firewise actions each year. This can be calculated in volunteer work, community money spent on Firewise Activities or a combination of both.

Once these items are complete, create a Firewise Portal account and submit an application to the State Firewise liaison. A renewal application will need to be submitted on an annual basis to maintain your community's status.











Group Break-out Room Discussion

- ▶ Be prepared to discuss your success and hurdles pertaining to the below talking points.
 - Where are you in the process, were you stuck in the process, what questions do you have about the process?
 - How do you make the most of your assessment / action plan?
 - examples of FW days from neighborhoods
 - Expectations of FW: What are you getting out of it / what do you hope to get out of it?
 - Benefits of FW











Wrap-Up

- Resources
 - Folders Starter Kit
 - Cooperators
 - Oregon Department of Forestry
 - Project Wildfire
 - FireFree
 - Firewise.org
 - Follow-up
 - Compile results
 - Follow up survey
 - Contact Info for local resources/cooperators

