

Fire Adapted Oregon Preparing Communities



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Background

Fire Adapted Oregon

- Initiative to improve community resiliency to wildfire in Oregon.
- Based on one of the three tenets of the National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy
- Provides three key elements to Oregon communities
 - Education, outreach, and training
 - Grant opportunities
 - Statewide defensible space standards for properties





Fire Adapted Oregon Community Risk Reduction

- Community and fire service outreach
- Events
- Media Interviews
- Webinar series

Webinars held in 2022

- Wildfire Risk Reduction Webinar: What is the Home Ignition Zone?
- Firewise USA Program
- How to review your insurance coverage and be prepared for emergencies
- Home Ignition: How homes really ignite during a wildfire
- Be Ready, Be Set, GO! - Oregon Evacuation Levels
- Yes, fire resistant plants are a real thing!

Registrations

246

195

77

119

189

201

Total 1,027

Fire Adapted Oregon Assessing Home Ignition Potential (ASIP) Training

Location	# of Attendees
Stayton:	34
La Pine:	32
The Dalles:	23
Clackamas:	32
Total Attended:	121

The OSFM has scheduled **eight** additional courses this fall and winter.

About the Assessing Structure Ignition Potential (ASIP) Courses:

This **two-day course** is a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) course that covers wildfire behavior, structure exposure, and the concepts of the home ignition zone and structure ignition potential.



OSFM Grants

Defensible Space Incentive Grant

Incentive to **create defensible space around critical infrastructure such as schools and hospitals**. Available to any Oregon public or private school, university, or hospital.

TIMELINE

Completed Spring
2022



Fire Adapted Oregon Defensible Space Standards



TOWN HALL LOCATIONS

In 2022 OSFM held **17 town hall meetings** to discuss the Oregon Defensible Space Standards.

2,000 people attended the meetings in Oregon.

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Defensible Space Standards Development

- In January code language 'framework' developed based on language in SB 762
- The Defensible Space Language Development Committee began meeting in February.
 - Includes 50+ members from various organizations and members of the public
- Created Best Management Practices workgroup in June
 - Includes 15 subject matter experts
- The Oregon Defensible Space standards are being drafted to include stakeholder feedback.
 - Defined structure for code purposes
 - Included language and considerations for alternate methods.





Grant Development

- Demands on the fire service and risk to communities continues to increase.
- Solicited feedback from fire service, associations, partner agencies, and members of the public.
- Hosted three listening and understanding sessions in 2022
 - Community Risk Reduction
 - Wildfire Response
 - Focused on the Oregon fire service
- Sustainable, long-term investments will be needed.

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Defensible Space - Local Government

Financial assistance to local governments for regional preparedness efforts, administration, and enforcement of defensible space, prioritizing vulnerable populations.

Grants will be available to counties (emergency managers), cities, & local fire agencies.

Timeline

Winter 2022/2023

Defensible Space - Public Assistance

Planning is underway

Will create incentive programs and community projects that members of the public can apply for.

Timeline

Winter 2022/2023



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Tribal Grants

- Customized investments for each tribe to boost fire prevention & response.
- Each of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon will receive funds based on their needs.

Timeline

Fall/Winter 2022

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Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program

Funding available to Oregon's 306 fire agencies and departments to help hire **both firefighters and prevention personnel.**

Timeline

Fall 2022



By the numbers

2022 Fire Season

Structural Assessments by Fire

Cedar Creek Fire	294
Double Creek Fire	202
Miller Road Fire	35
Rum Creek Fire	800
Sturgill Fire	90
Total	1,421



A blue-tinted photograph of two firefighters working on a fire truck. One firefighter, wearing a cap and uniform, is leaning over the open front of a fire truck, possibly working on the engine or a component. The other firefighter, wearing a dark t-shirt and cargo pants, is standing next to him, looking down at the same area. The background shows the side of the fire truck with various hoses and equipment. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the blue tint dominating the image.

Questions?