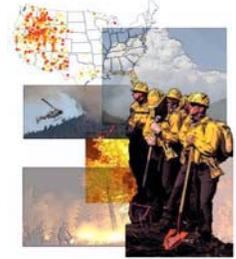


National Fire Plan

Hazardous Fuels Reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface



Oregon - With funding from the National Fire Plan, the Oregon Department of Forestry is working with residents in Sumpter, Ore. to ensure that residents mitigate the risk of wildland fire by reducing hazardous fuels in and around their community. The Sumpter Rural Fire District conducts an on-the-ground inspection to recommend a course of action for residents. The Oregon Department of Forestry secures a contract and schedules convict crews from a local correctional facility to thin the area recommended and

agreed upon by the landowner. The resident is then reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses.

In addition, the nearby Wallowa Whitman National Forest is also thinning the adjoining national forests. Forest officials believe that they too must do their part to reduce the risk to wildland fire.

In the past, Sumpter has been the location of some large-scale wildland fires so it was a prime candidate for a community at risk project.

The above photo on the left illustrates the extreme wildland fire danger overgrown vegetation poses to homes in the wildland urban interface area. The photo on the right is of the same area after the crews cleared hazardous vegetation.



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