

## Redmond Community Fire Plan Needs Help From Residents

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The Greater Redmond Community Wildfire Protection Plan is now underway with one important goal: to protect against loss of life, property and natural resources as the result of wildfire. With a long history of wildfire in the Redmond -- Eagle Crest -- Terrebonne area, and the continued expansion of residential growth into the wildland urban interface, the greater Redmond community is urged to participate in the development of a wildfire protection fire plan that will prioritize areas for the treatment of hazardous vegetation on public and private lands.

Please join members of Redmond Fire & Rescue, Deschutes County, the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry as part of a working team to prioritize hazardous fuels reduction projects under the Greater Redmond Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The public is invited to a planning meeting:

Monday July 24, 2006

5:15 PM

Redmond Fire & Rescue -- Station One 341 NW Dogwood Avenue in Redmond

Using the authorities granted by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, the Greater Redmond Community Wildfire Protection Plan will outline the highest priorities for fuels reduction projects on federal and private land within the wildland-urban interface boundary. A completed plan will allow agencies and community groups to apply for grants to treat hazardous vegetation in private neighborhoods and address other areas of risk such as evacuation routes and education.

The Greater Redmond plan fills in the physical gap between the Greater Bend, Greater Sisters Country and the Crook County Wildfire Protection Plans. “We are on target for completing the plan in November” says Joe Stutler, County Forester. “The collaboration with the community is key to a successful plan,” he adds.

For more information about the Greater Redmond Community Wildfire Protection Plan, contact Chief Ron Oliver at 541-504-5000 or Kate Lighthall at 541-322-6396

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