***Union County Survey***

The Blue Mountain Wildland-Urban Interface Wildfire Study was originally completed prior to the completion of the 2005 CWPP. It was meant to gauge residents’ understanding of wildfire issues in high-risk areas. This survey is a Union County follow-up and revision to the 2005 questionnaire.

**Union County Wildfire Survey**

**Wildland-Urban Interface – Defensible Space**

April 21, 2015

**Question 1.**

1. **Are you a forest landowner?**

Yes No

**Question 2.**

If not, Do you live adjacent to forested lands?

Yes No

**Question 3. If you own forested lands, do you live on your forested property?**

Yes No

**Question 4. How many forested acres do you own?**

Estimated Acres \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5. Please indicate the geographic area in which your forested property is located. (If you own property in more** **than one area, please mark all that apply).**

Camp Elkanah Cove

Elgin Hilgard

Imbler Island City

La Grande Medical Springs

Morgan Lake Mount Emily

North Powder Palmer Junction

Pumpkin Ridge Ruckle Road

S. Fork Cath. Ck Starkey

Summerville

Weston Mtn/Tollgate

Union

**Question 6. How high do you feel the risk of a wildfire is in your neighborhood?**

High Med Low

**Question 7. If a wildfire occurred in your area, what factors would place you and/or your home at risk?**

A. Neighboring properties with high fuel load/stand conditions.

High Low

B. Response time/capability/equipment of local fire agencies.

High Low

C. Fuel loads/stand conditions on your properties.

High Low

D. Flammability of your structures.

High Low

E. Access to your property.

High Low

F. Construction material used on home.

High Low

G. Position of home on slope.

High Low

H. Loss of services and utilities.

High Low

**Question 8. Do you have a plan for what you would do if there were a fire threatening your neighborhood?**

Yes No

**Question 9. Have you ever participated in**

**National Fire Plan /fire risk reduction activities?**

Yes No

**Question 10: If so how did you learn about National Fire Plan/fire risk reduction activities?**

Community meeting

Talking to a neighbor

Media (newspaper/radio)

2005 Community Wildfire Plan

Local Fire Management Agency

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 11. Defensible space refers to the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and to provide an opportunity for firefighters to effectively defend the house.**

**Sometimes a defensible space is simply a** **homeowner’s properly maintained back yard. How knowledgeable do you feel you are regarding creating defensible space?**

High Med Low

**Question 12. Have you worked around your home to create a defensible space?**

Yes No

**Question 13. If yes, how much work is remaining to complete defensible space?**

25% or less

25 to 50%

50 – 75%

More than 75% of work remains

**Question 14. If you did do this work, did you use National Fire Plan cost share assistance?**

Yes No Unsure

**Question 15. How interested are you in learning more about creating defensible space?**

High Med Low

**Question 16. Where is the greatest need for fuels reduction work near your property?**

Private lands

U.S. Forest Service

Industrial Forest Land

**Question 17. How concerned are you about your scenic view being impacted by National Fire Plan Fuels Reduction** **work?**

Very Concerned

Somewhat Concerned

Not Concerned

**Question 18. If you were interested in learning more, what kind of informational format would you prefer?**

A. Direct mailed brochures

B. Centralized workshops

or classes

C. Video

D. Hands-on demonstrations

E. Self-guided tour of demonstration areas

F. Local television

G. Radio

H. Internet website

I. Neighborhood workshops

J. Individual consultation

K. Newspaper insert

**Question 19. Please rate the following 8 questions by identifying your level of concern regarding building a defensible space around your home.**

**Use the following to circle the answer that best fits.**

**1=very little concern; 2 = somewhat concerned;**

**3= Highly concerned; 4=extremely concerned**

Amount of physical work required.

1 2 3 4

Amount of time required.

1 2 3 4

Financial cost required.

1 2 3 4

Doing the work yourself.

1 2 3 4

Hiring a contractor/forestry professional.

1 2 3 4

The aesthetic value of your property.

1 2 3 4

Neighborhood covenants/restrictions.

1 2 3 4

Amount of maintenance required.

1 2 3 4

**Question 20. How much would you be willing to pay to reduce the wildfire risk that your home faces?**

Very little

Part of cost

Majority or all of costs

**Question 21. Are you aware of the financial assistance available for treating fuels on homeowners’/landowners’ properties?**

Yes No

**Question 22. Are you interested in learning more or applying for some of these funds?**

Yes No

**Question 23. If not, why would you be reluctant?**

A. Not interested in assistance

B. Don’t need it

C. Don’t want to do any work

D. Nor sure how to get started

E. Government requirement/

regulation issues

F. Need more information

**Question 24. Would you be willing to put on an educational program for your neighborhood or share information to a neighbor?**

Education Program Yes No

Talk to a neighbor Yes No

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Land Owner Wildfire Property Assessment

1. Is your home protected by a local fire agency?

No Yes

1. If yes, what is the fire response time to your home?

* Under 10 minutes
* 10 – 20 minutes
* 20 – 30 minutes
* 30 – 45 minutes
* More than 45 minutes

1. What type of roof does your home have (please mark one)

* Composite
* Wooden Shakes (shingles)
* Ceramic tiles
* Aluminum, tin, or other metal
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How many trees are within 250 feet of your home?

* None
* Fewer than 10
* Between 10 and 25
* More than 25

1. How many trees are within 75 feet of your home?

* None
* Fewer than 10
* Between 10 and 25
* More than 25

1. Do you have burnable materials within 10 feet of your house?

* Propane tank
* Fire wood
* Storage shed
* Paint/chemicals/fuel/oils
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have lawn surrounding your home?

No Yes

If yes is it green and trimmed all summer?

1. How long is your driveway from the main public road to your home parking area? Please indicate distance units in feet or miles.

* Feet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Miles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If you driveway is over 400 feet long, does it have turnouts that would allow two large trucks to pass each other?

No Yes

10.If the primary access to your home were cut off because of a wildfire, would you have an alternate escape route?

* No
* Yes

Question 11. Please indicate which of the following items you have available at or near your home that could be used in fighting a wildland fire that may threaten your home (mark all that apply).

* Portable water tank
* Fixed/stationary water tank
* Nearby pond, stream
* Water pump – fire hose
* Equipment suitable for creating fire breaks (bulldozer, cat, farm tractor, etc)

Question 12. Do you have extenuating circumstances that would slow your ability to leave in a prompt manner?

* Livestock
* Elderly
* Disabled/handicap
* No transportation/shared vehicle

If you marked question 12, do you have a plan?

No Yes