***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 to the 2005 questionnaire.

**Blue Mountain**

**Wildland-Urban Interface Wildfire Study** S U M M A R Y O F R E S U L T S

April 21, 2015

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

Yes No

**Question 2. Do you live on your forested property?**

Yes

No

**Question 3. How many forested acres do you own?**

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

**Question 4. 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 5. How high do you feel the risk of a wildfire is in your neighborhood?**

High

Med Low

**Question 6. 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.

High Low

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

High Low

C. Fuel loads on your properties.

High 41% Low 59%

D. Flammability of your structures.

High 43% Low 57%

E. Access to your property.

High 25% Low 75%

F. Construction material used on home.

High 43% Low 57%

G. Position of home on slope.

High 24% Low 76%

H. Loss of services and utilities.

High 45% Low 55%

Total Responses 147

**Question 7. Do you have a plan for what you would do if there were a fire in your neighborhood?**

Yes 54% No 46%

Total Responses 184

**Question 8. Have you participated in**

**National Fire Plan activities?**

Yes 28% No 72%

Total Responses 185

**Question 9. 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 54% Med 38%

Low 8%

Total Responses 179

**Question 10. Have you worked around your home to create a defensible space?**

Yes 83% No 17%

Total Responses 172

**Question 11. If you did do this work, did you use National Fire Plan cost share assistance?**

Yes 18% No 82%

Total Responses 166

**Question 12. How interested are you in learning more about creating defensible space?**

High 36% Med 38% Low 26%

Total Responses 176

**Question 13. Where is the greatest need for fuels reduction work?**

Private lands 41%

U.S. Forest Service 53% Industrial Forest Land 6%

Total Responses 203

**Question 14. How concerned are you about your scenic view being impacted by National Fire Plan Fuels Reduction**

**work?**

Very Concerned 16% Somewhat Concerned 29%

No Concern 55%

Total Responses 185

**Question 15. If you were interested in learning more, what kind of informational format would you prefer?**

A. Direct mailed brochures 22% B. Centralized workshops

or classes 9% C. Video 9%

D. Hands-on demonstrations 8%

E. Self-guided tour of demonstration areas 8%

F. Local television 2%

G. Radio 2%

H. Internet website 9%

I. Neighborhood workshop 10% J. Individual consultation 14% K. Newspaper insert 7%

**Question 16. Please rate your level of concern regarding building a defensible space around your home (1=very little concern; 4=extreme concern).**

Amount of physical work required.

1 44%

2 31%

3 17%

4 8%

Amount of time required.

1 39%

2 32%

3. 18%

4. 11%

Financial cost required.

1 31%

2 18%

3 28%

4. 23%

Doing the work yourself.

1 51%

2 25%

3 11%

4 13%

Hiring a contractor/forestry professional.

1 39%

2 14%

3 19%

4 28%

The aesthetic value of your property.

1 28%

2 20%

3 26%

4 26%

Neighborhood covenants/restrictions.

1 72%

2 12%

3 8%

4 8%

Amount of maintenance required.

1 48%

2 34%

3 10%

4. 8%

**Question 17. How much would you be willing to pay to reduce the wildfire risk that your home faces?**

Very little 40% Some 55%

A lot 5%

Total Responses 166

**Question 18. Are you aware of the financial assistance available for treating fuels on homeowners’/**

**landowners’ properties?**

Yes 55% No 45%

Total Responses 183

**Question 19. If so, are you interested in applying for some of these funds?**

Yes 58% No 42%

Total Responses 160

**Question 20. If not, why would you be reluctant?**

A. Not interested in assistance 19% B. Don’t need it 45%

C. Don’t want to do any work 0

D. Government requirement/

regulation issues 36% Total Responses 91

**Question 21. Would you be willing to put on an educational program for your neighborhood?**

Yes 25% No 75%

**Total Responses 173**