

Mt. Hood National Forest

Wanted: Partners in Collaboration . . .

. . . in your national forest!

The Opportunity

Collaboration brings together people who care about the land to work together to solve natural resource problems – even controversial ones – and to share ownership in the results.

The tools of collaboration include listening, learning, finding common ground, respectful dialogue, and a focus on shared goals rather than differences.

This was the case when residents of Sportsman's Park, a forested community near Wamic, Oregon, met with a diverse group of officials and interested parties on a series of Saturdays to discuss possible solutions to the threat of fire to their homes.

They quickly realized that though they might have different ideas about how land should be managed, they shared the goal of protecting homes and structures.

In just a few months, the group came up with a long-term plan to create defensible space around homes, and to decrease the risk of fire using thinning and prescribed burning.

The Next Step

You can work collaboratively for your community too. Contact Mt. Hood National Forest to discuss your ideas.



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