

# Mt. Hood National Forest

## Hot Spots ♦ ♦ ♦

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### A Word to the Firewise

The wildland-urban interface — where land and people come together — is a hot spot for fires, and a hot opportunity to protect homes and resources by working together in fire prevention, community education, risk assessment, and other activities through the Firewise program.

### Growing Private Communities

The Cooper Spur area or the 557 summer homes on National Forest land near Rhododendron or the Three Lynx Powerhouse community, and large, poorly accessible areas like the northern part of Warm Springs Reservation or Bull Run Watershed are examples of places where people and land come together.



Fire can start anywhere that people come in contact with wildland . . . for example, the highest incident of fire starts in Mt. Hood National Forest is from abandoned or unattended campfires, especially on Sundays, and especially near bodies of water such as Timothy Lake and in the Clackamas River drainage. In late summer and early fall, during hunting season, the dispersed camping activities shift to more isolated areas of the forest.



### Actions

Mt. Hood National Forest belongs to two Cooperative Fire Prevention Groups — Mid-Columbia Fire Prevention Cooperative for areas north and east of the Forest and Mt. Hood Fire Prevention Cooperative serving areas to the west. Both groups provide fire prevention information and education to their communities at fairs, parades and school events.

The Forest is also working with Clackamas, Hood River, and Wasco Counties to develop Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans. Using computer-based GIS systems, we map “urban interface” areas, updating them as plans are completed. We are assisting the counties in developing and updating a risk assessment and hazard reduction needs for these communities.

### Your First Step

Want to be part of making your Mt. Hood National Forest summer experience safer? See [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for ideas and resources.

*Prevent fires, protect private and public land.*



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