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Public Meeting to Discuss Fuels Reduction Strategies in the Tollgate Area

The Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest will host a public meeting on November 19, to discuss the upcoming assessment for identifying fuels reduction and forest stand density projects in the Tollgate area east of Weston, Oregon.

In 2005, the Umatilla County *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* (CWPP) identified the Upper State Highway 204/Tollgate Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) area as a priority for fuels reduction projects to lessen the impact of wildfire on lives, property, and the landscape.

“This gathering is a follow-up to the public meeting held in September where we asked individuals if they would be interested in sharing information about the project in an open, collaborative process,” said Mike Rassbach, Walla Walla District Ranger.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 19th at the Tollgate Trail Finders Club House (62369 Highway 204.) The public is invited to attend.

For more information about the public meeting or Fuels Reduction assessment, please contact Kimpton Cooper, District Planner at the Walla Walla Ranger District Office (509) 522-6009.

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