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**Project Wildfire and the Central Oregon Fire Prevention Coop
Partner in Wildfire Education**

Central Oregon — Two local organizations, Project Wildfire and the Central Oregon Fire Prevention Coop, have produced a newspaper insert titled “Beyond the Flames: The Story of Wildfire in Central Oregon.” This publication will arrive in this Sunday’s Bulletin, April 15th, and should be easily identifiable by the front cover, which features a picture of the city of Bend against the backdrop of the devastating 1990 Awbrey Hall Fire.

Residents and visitors of central Oregon can read about the history of wildfire in our area and the beneficial role of fire in our ecosystem, learn about prescribed burning, discover how to create defensible space around their homes and figure out what they need to do in the event they’re evacuated due to fire. There’s a great kids page with a prevention tip for every month of the year.

The highlight of the insert is the center spread, which provides ten easy steps that homeowners can take to create defensible space around their homes – just in time for the FireFree Recycle Days (April 21 – 29 for Bend, and May 5-6 for La Pine, Redmond, Sisters and Sunriver). By following the tips in this publication, residents will increase the chance that their home will survive a wildfire.

Project Wildfire and the Central Oregon Fire Prevention Coop are made up of representatives from structural and wildland fire departments, city and county governments, Oregon Department of Forestry, US Forest Service, Prineville BLM, and many other private and public organizations.

Copies of this insert will be made available at Forest Service and BLM offices, fire departments, chambers of commerce, resorts, etc. For more information or to request a copy, contact Lisa Clark at (541) 416-6864.

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