



# Hot Spots from the State Fire Marshal May 2013

## Wildfire Awareness Week May 5-11

With the onset of the warm dry weather, conditions are right for an early fire season. Wildfire Awareness Week is a perfect opportunity to remind your local communities about being fire safe and not allowing any intentional fires to escape their bounds. We need to also remind those would-be campers to make sure that fires are completely out before leaving them unattended. This week is also time to get homeowners living in rural areas and wildland/interface areas to take steps to keep their home and family safe from wildfire. The [Fire Adapted Communities website](#) is a great clearinghouse of information for residents, homeowners, emergency responders, and land managers to know their fire risk and their role in protecting themselves and their community.

## NFPA Wildland/Urban Interface guide

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) has released a new Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) best practices guide, *[Community Wildfire Safety Through Regulation](#)*. The guide is designed to help planners and regulators considering wildfire regulations to understand their options and implement a successful public process for adoption of effective WUI tools that match local needs. The best practices guide summarizes many of the key planning, subdivision, and zoning tools that planners can use to help protect their communities from wildfire.

## Resource Inventory Report

The 2012 Resource Inventory Report Form was distributed on April 30. Completion of this report is essential to provide a comprehensive picture of Oregon's fire service. It also ensures that our office has the most up to date and accurate information regarding your agency. We ask that you return the completed form to us no later than **May 31, 2013**. If you did not receive this form, please contact the OSFM Data Unit at [osfm.data@state.or.us](mailto:osfm.data@state.or.us) or 503-934-8250.

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