
Firewise & Beyond:

— Promoting Cross Boundary
Partnerships with Landowners, —
Agencies & Communities

What you're in for ...

1:30 - 1:35 (5 min): Agenda & Objectives - Alyssa & Irene

1:35 - 1:50 (15 min): Introductions - All

1:50 - 2:05 (15 min): A new Firewise model - Irene

2:05 - 2:25 (20 min): Scaling it up - Alyssa

2:25 - 3:00 (35 min): Group Activity - All

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Introductions

- Name
- Where From



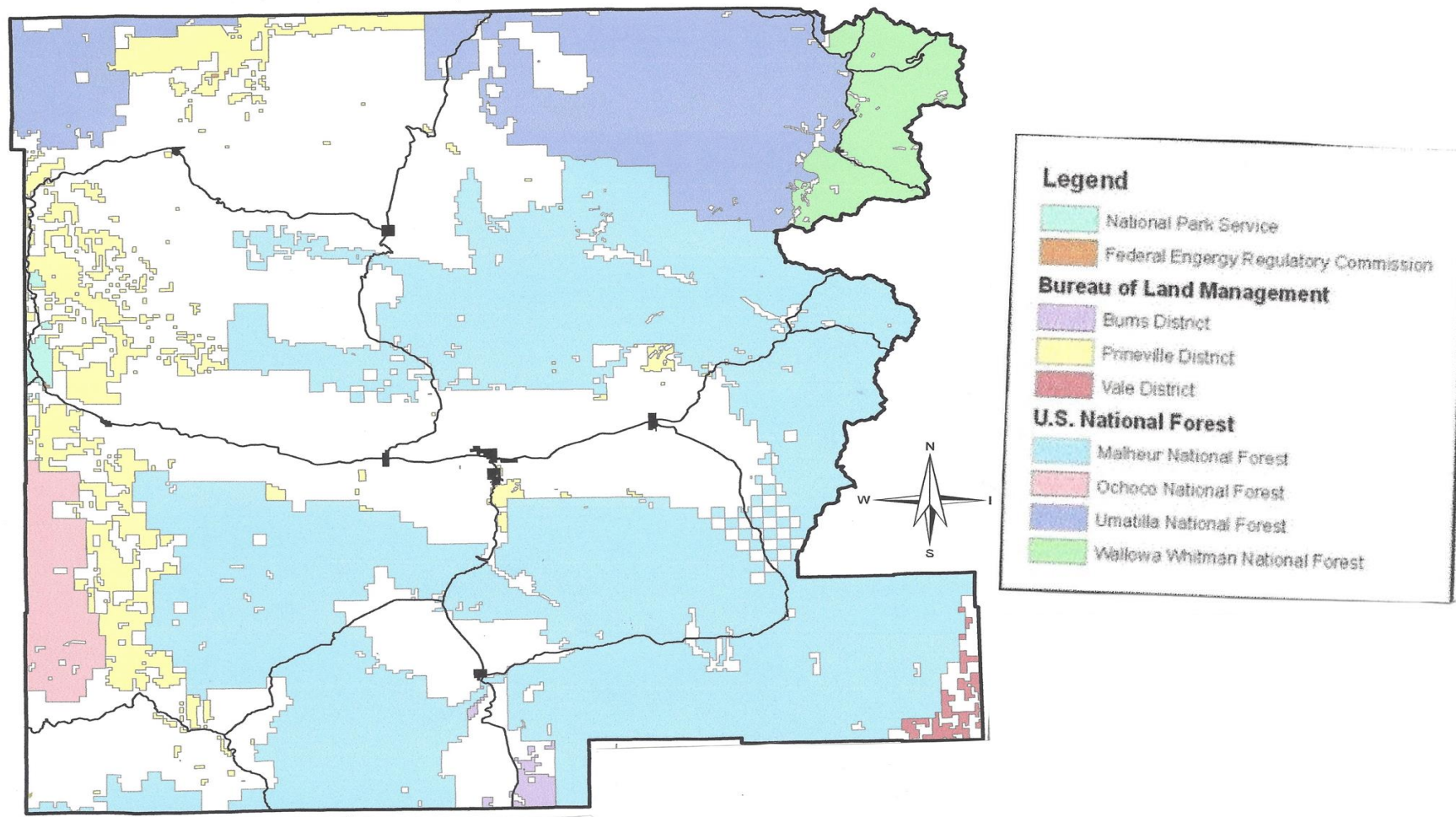
A new model: Firewise for Eastern Oregon

Activities ***not authorized*** include:

- Clearing vegetation along emergency evacuation routes
- Clearing vegetation beyond 200 feet around homesites
- Purchasing address and signs to make it easier for firefighters and emergency responders to locate homes, cabins & businesses
- Updating 911 systems
- Purchasing or installing water tanks to be used for fire suppression
- Educating youth about the Firewise program and other issues related to wildland fire
- Purchasing informational materials and supplies to be used to educate people about the larger issues of wildland fire beyond the HIZ

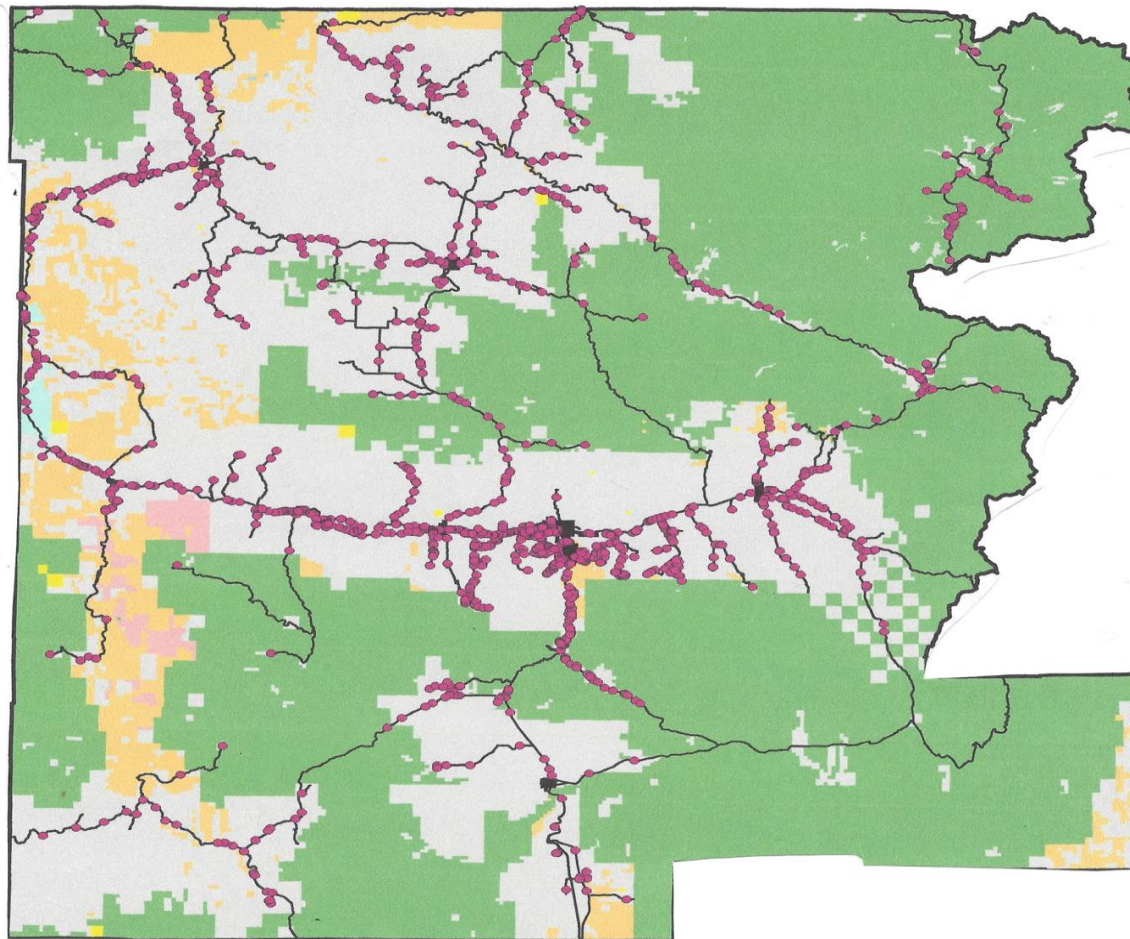
Grant County

Location of Federal Land Ownerships



Grant County

Residential Address Locations



Challenges



- **Landowners with 5 to 50 to 5000 to 15000 to 50,000 acres**
- **Many absentee landowners**
- **Landowners moving to remote areas to get away from government**
- **Communications**
- **Emergency services**
- **Mixed land ownerships**







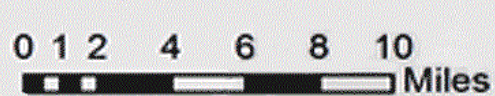
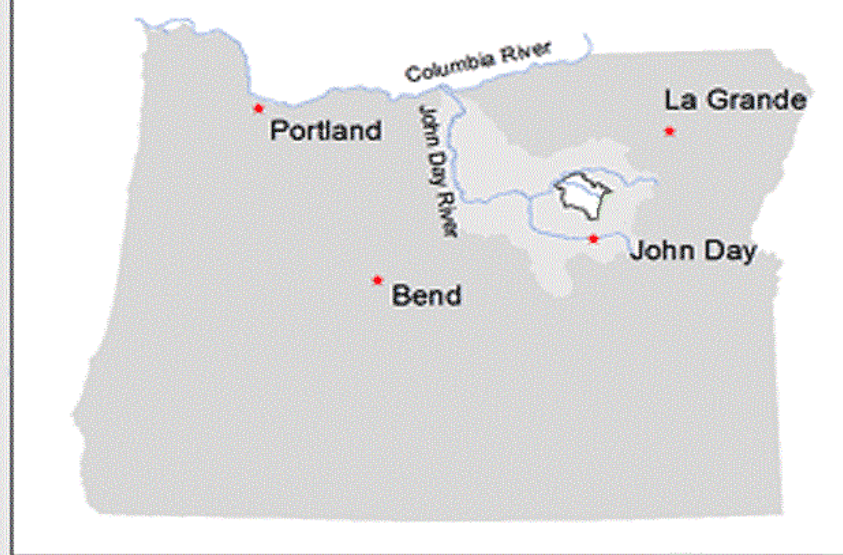




The Caretaker's
RV is 200 yards downriver
to your left, (by the old cabin.)

Swimmers use the
self-pay box inside

911 Emergency phone
inside



Ritter Firewise Community





 
FIREWISE USA
Residents reducing wildfire risks
Nationally Recognized
Participating Site
Firewise.org

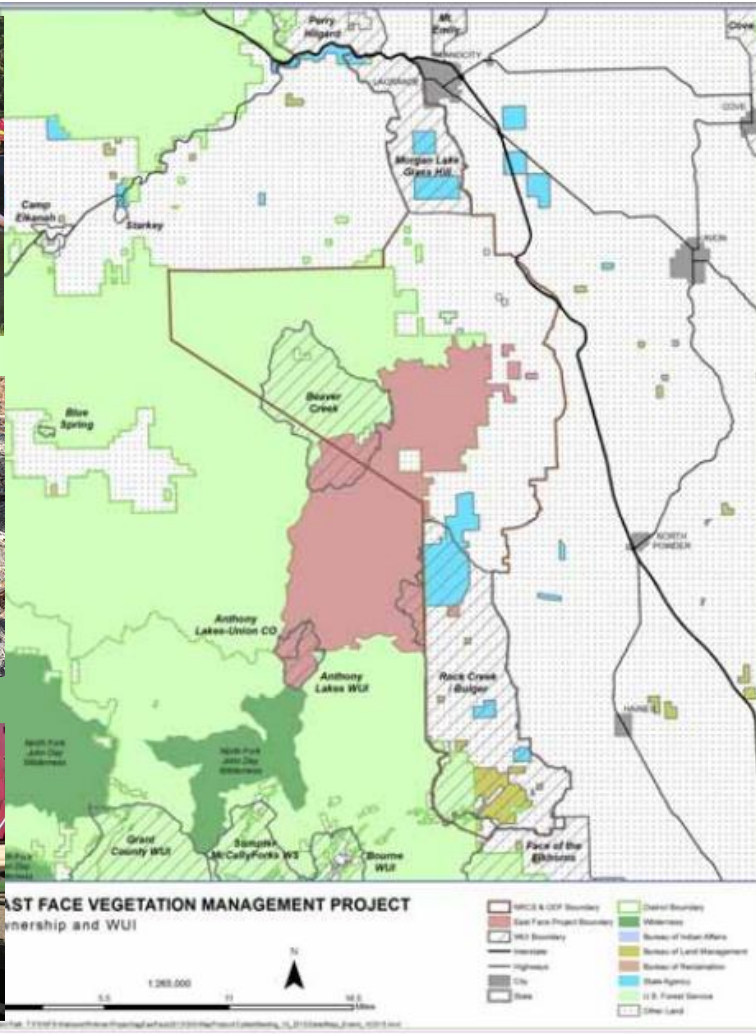


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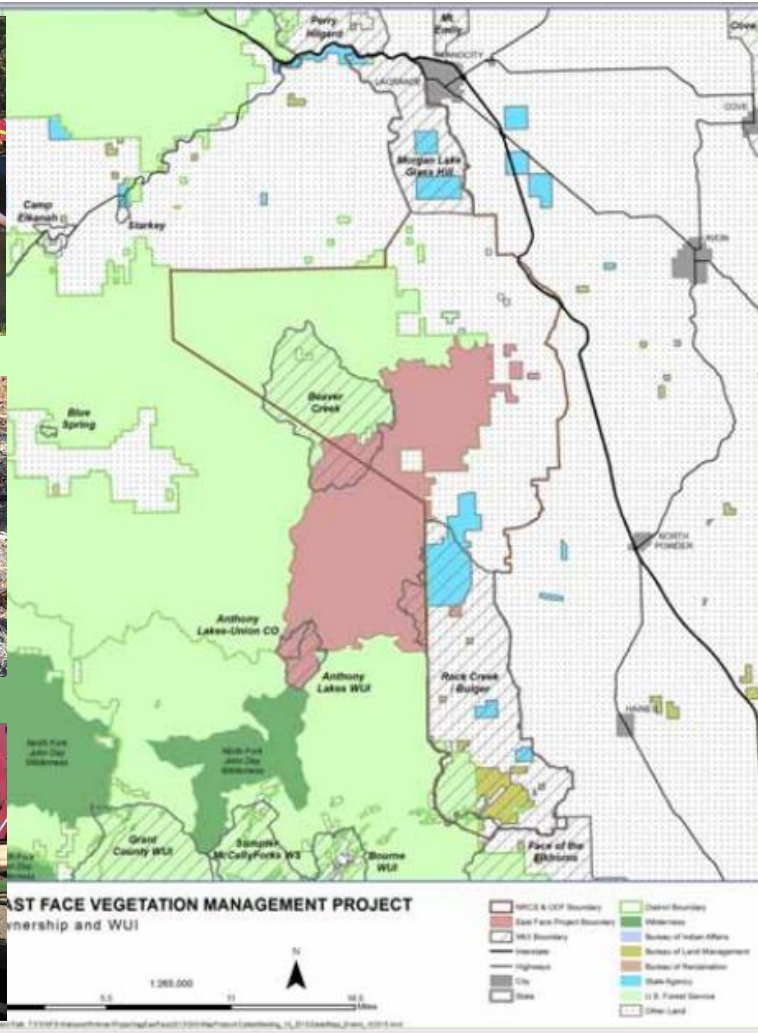
- Requires larger landscape Firewise community projects
- Very close work with public partners
- Innovative incentives



**Scaling it up (*from the bottom up*) with the
My Blue Mountains Woodland Partnership**



Cohesive Strategy Pilot & Joint Chiefs East Face “All Hands, All Lands” Forest Restoration/ Fuels Reduction Project



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TREATED:

- **5500 acres private**
- **220 acres state**
- **9800 acres federal**

RESULTED IN:

- **264 jobs**
- **\$9.2 million in wages**
- **22 MBF to local mills**
- **Return of steelhead to municipal watershed**
- **More resilient landscape & prepared WUI**
- **MBMW & Cohesive Strategy Groups**



Oregon State University
Extension Service



Northeast Oregon
Woodland Owners



American Forest Foundation
We grow stewardship every day.



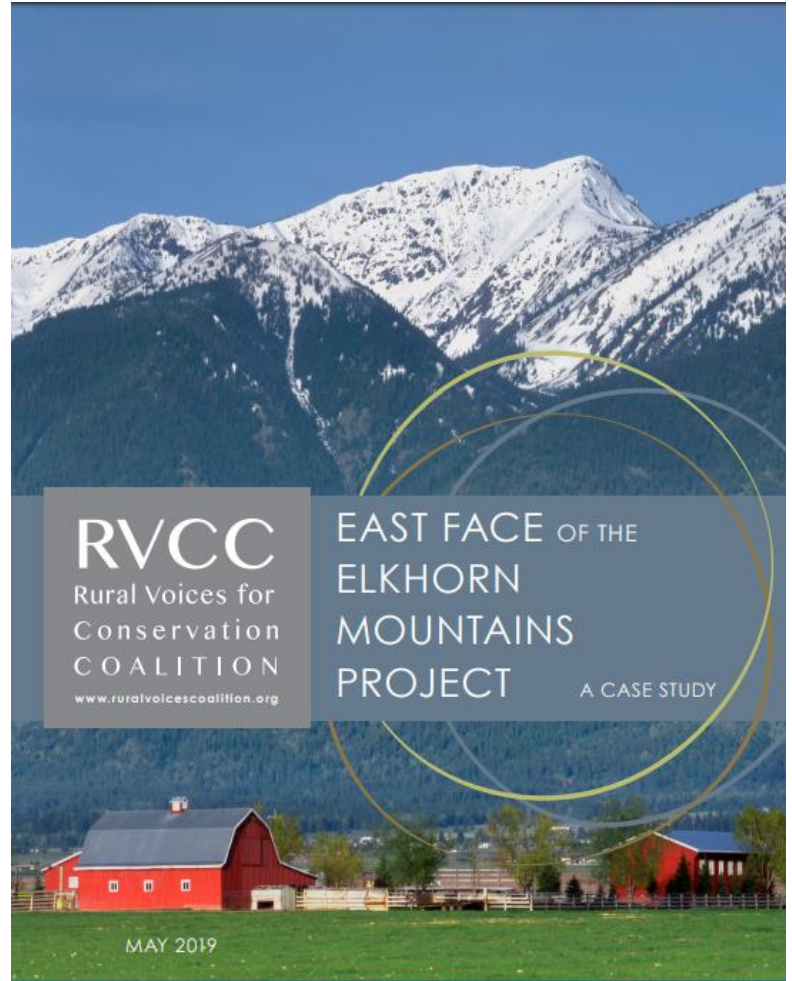
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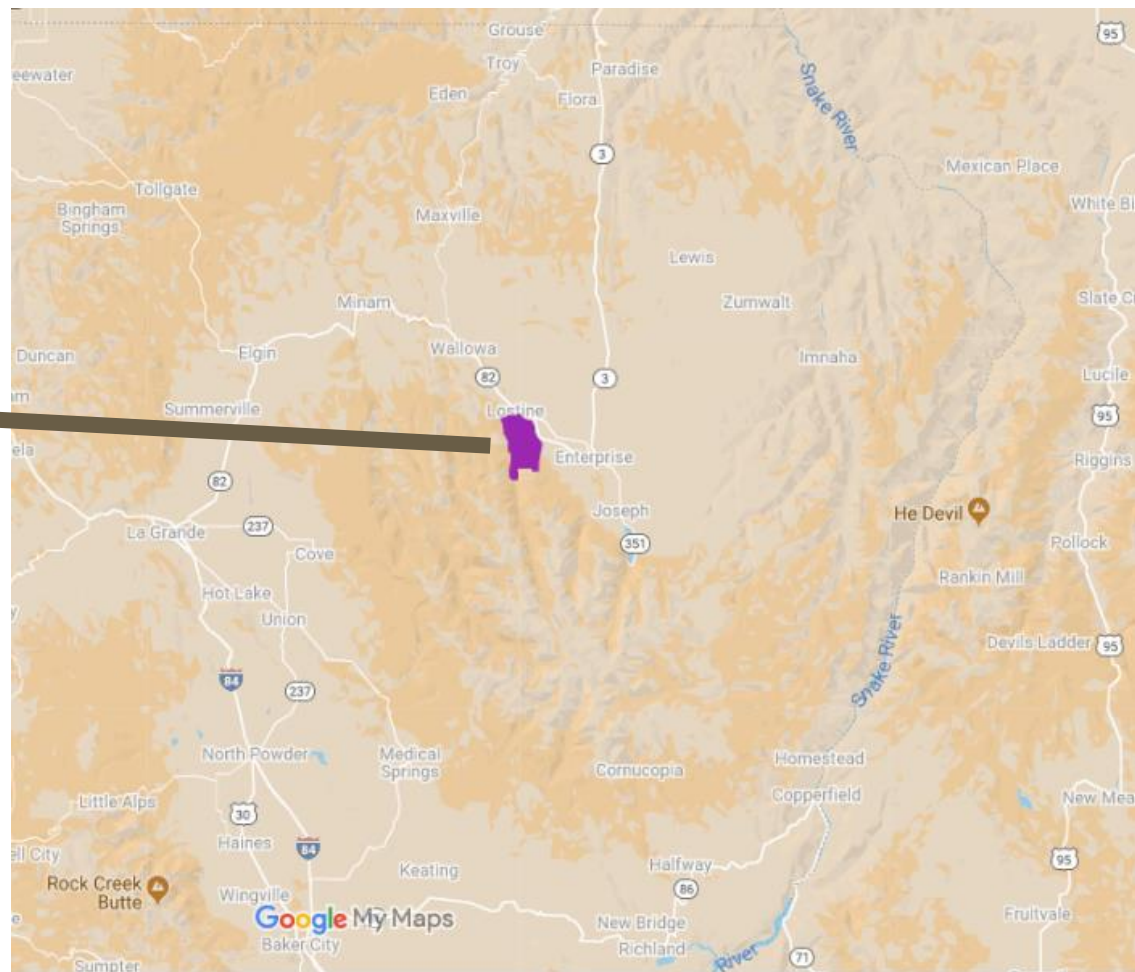
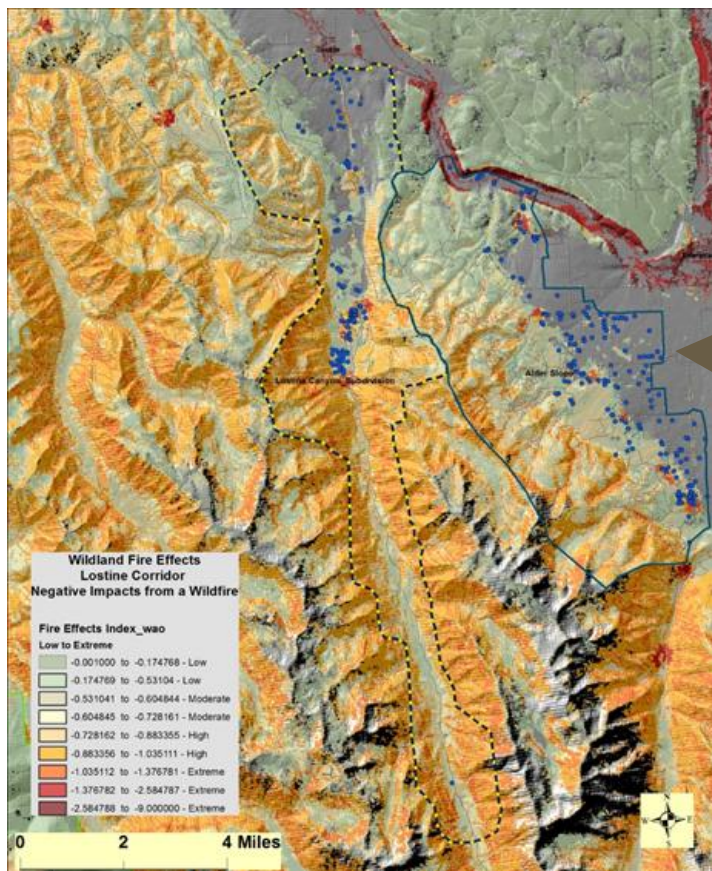


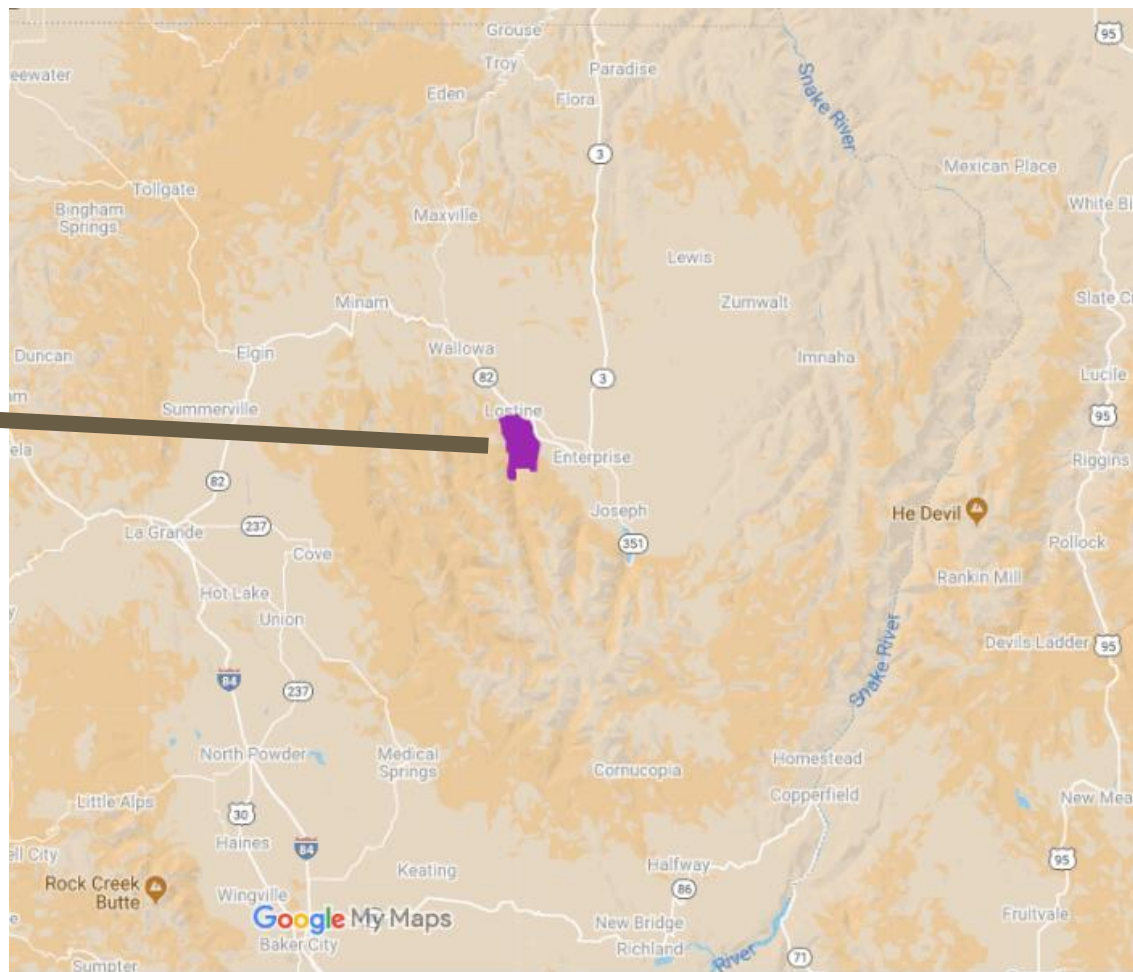
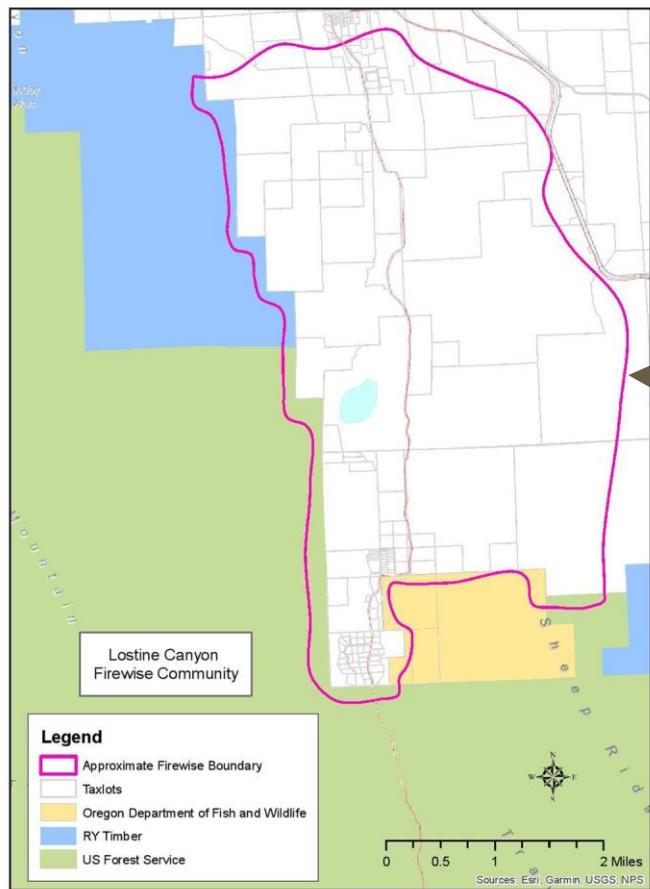
- *reduce wildfire risk*
- *improve forest health and water quality*
- *support sustainable markets and jobs, and*
- *increase the public's understanding of healthy forests*

Lessons from East Face













LOSTINE IS
NORTHEAST
OREGON'S FIRST

'FIREWISE' COMMUNITY

By Bill Bradshaw
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Lostine Canyon neighborhood has become northeast Oregon's first nationally recognized "Firewise" community, an event that could lead to more efforts to prevent or combat wildfires in Wallowa County.

Firewise communities are a part of the association's program that teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and

take action now to prevent losses. The approximately 110 properties with 120 structures make up about 15 square miles or 9,600 acres south of Lostine. About 45

individuals are participating in the community, according to Mike Eng, the leader of the Lostine Canyon

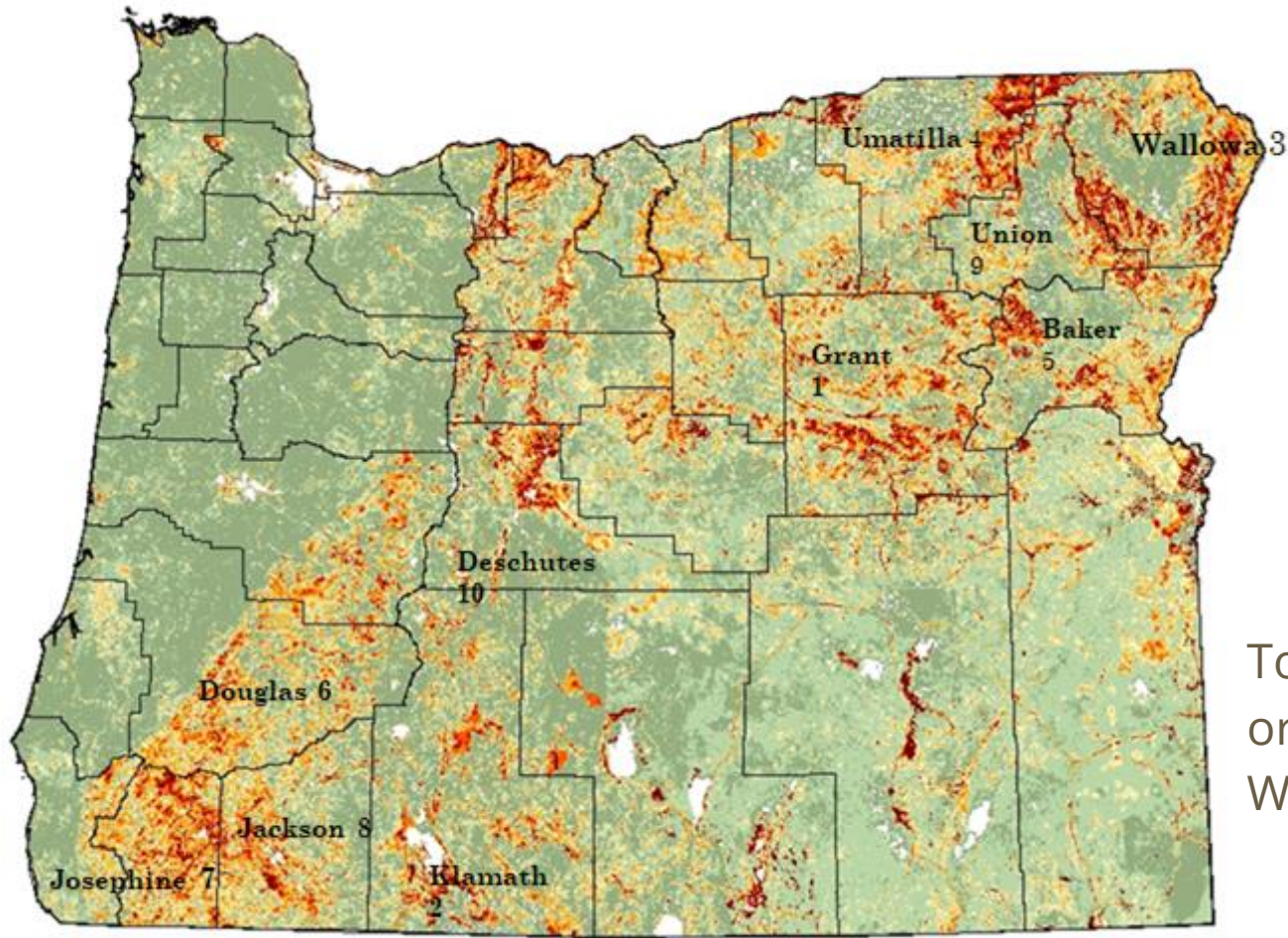
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Bill Bradshaw

Gathering to dedicate the Lostine Canyon Firewise Community sign Friday, Oct. 11, were, standing from left, Matt Howard, of the Oregon Department of Forestry; community residents George and Cheryl Oja; Alyssa Cudmore, of Wallowa Resources; Monica Eng; Wallowa County Commission Chairwoman Susan Roberts; area resident Mickey McClelland; area resident Bobbi Atkins; resident leader for the Firewise community and...



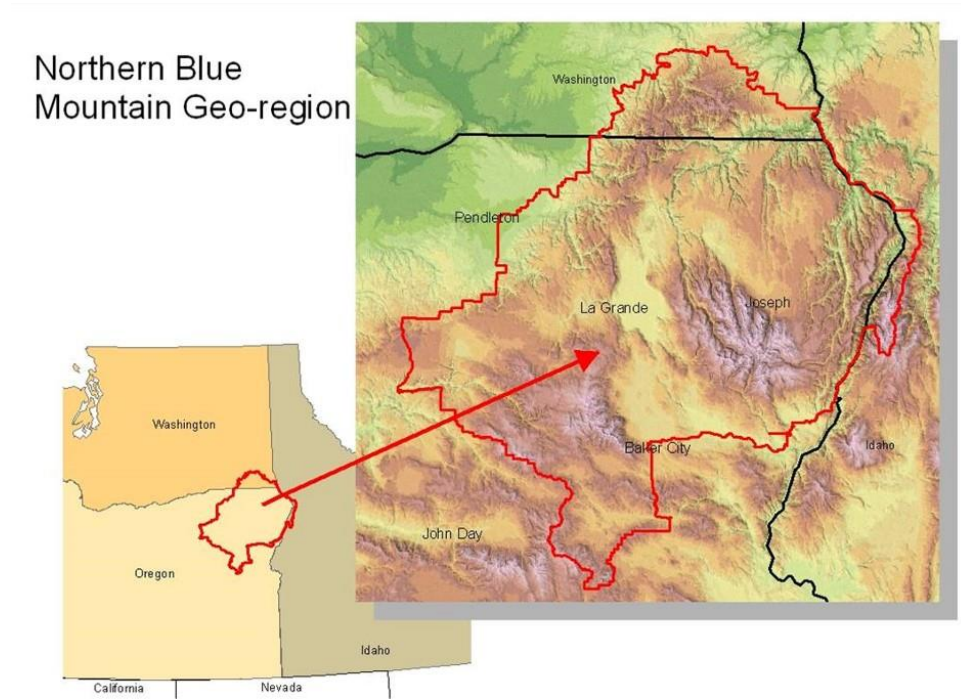


- 1. Grant**
- 2. Klamath**
- 3. Wallowa**
- 4. Umatilla**
- 5. Baker**

Top Counties with High
or Extreme Risk of
Wildfire

Northern Blue Mountain Cohesive Wildfire Strategy Goals

1. Restore and Maintain Landscapes
2. Create Fire-adapted Communities
3. Wildfire Response

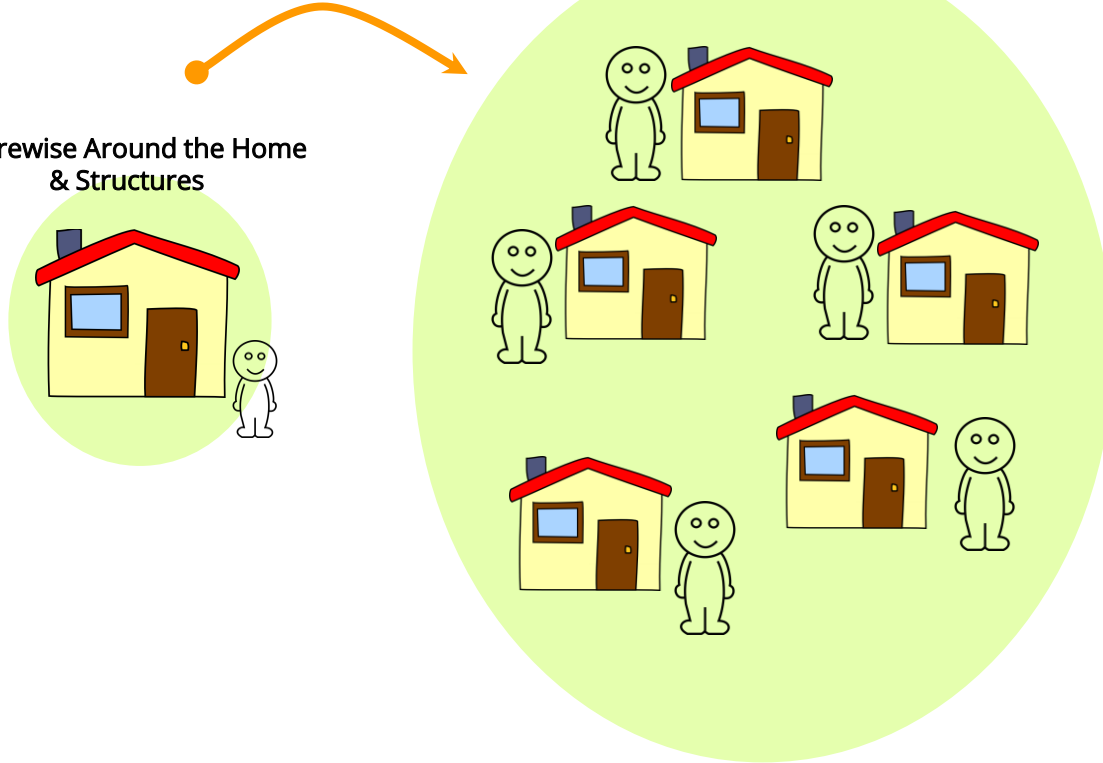


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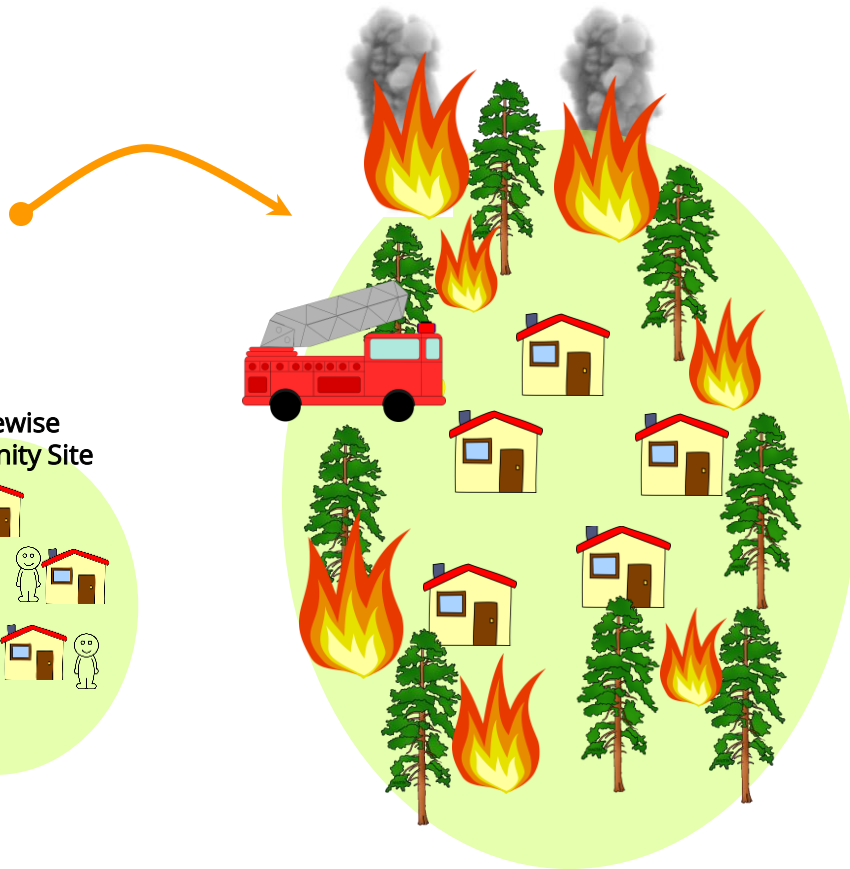
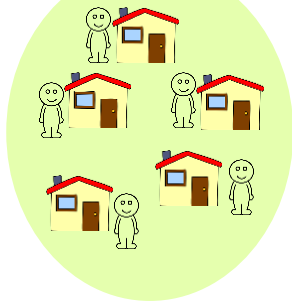


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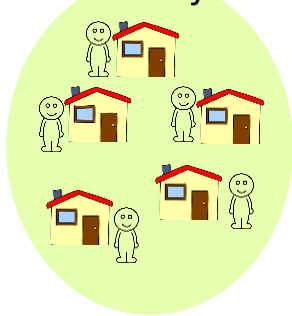
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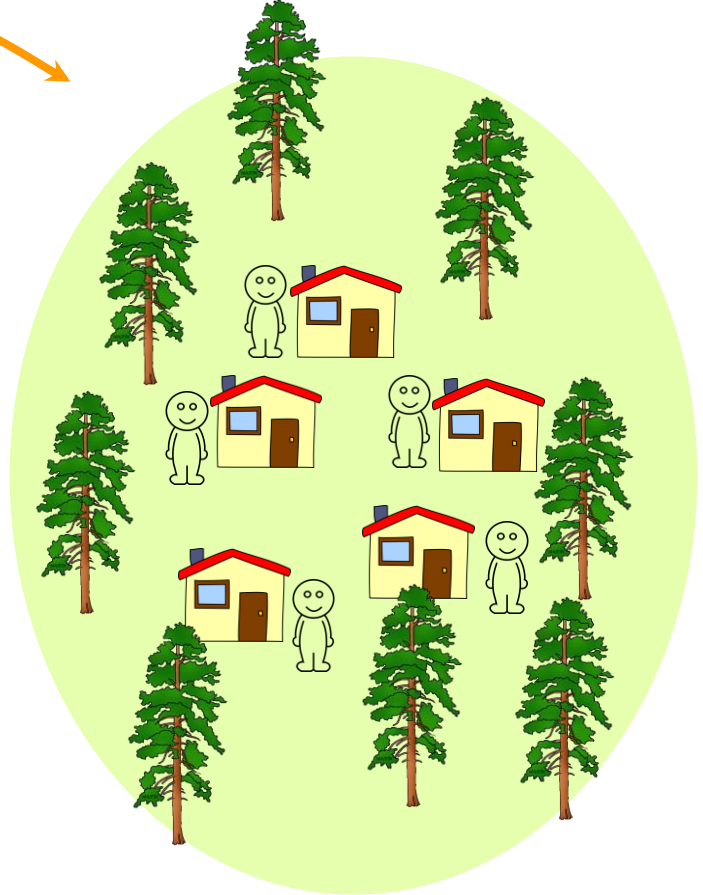
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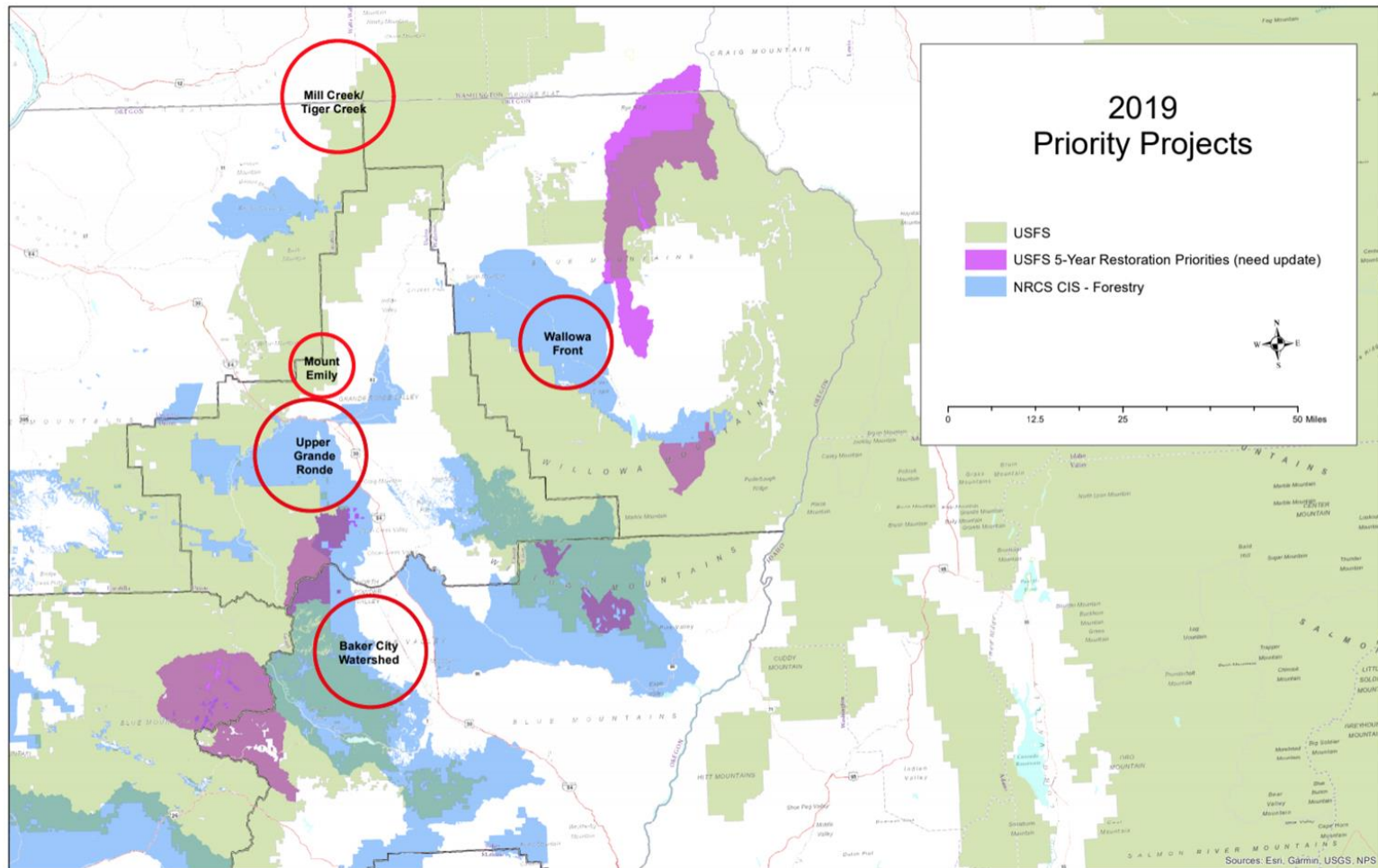


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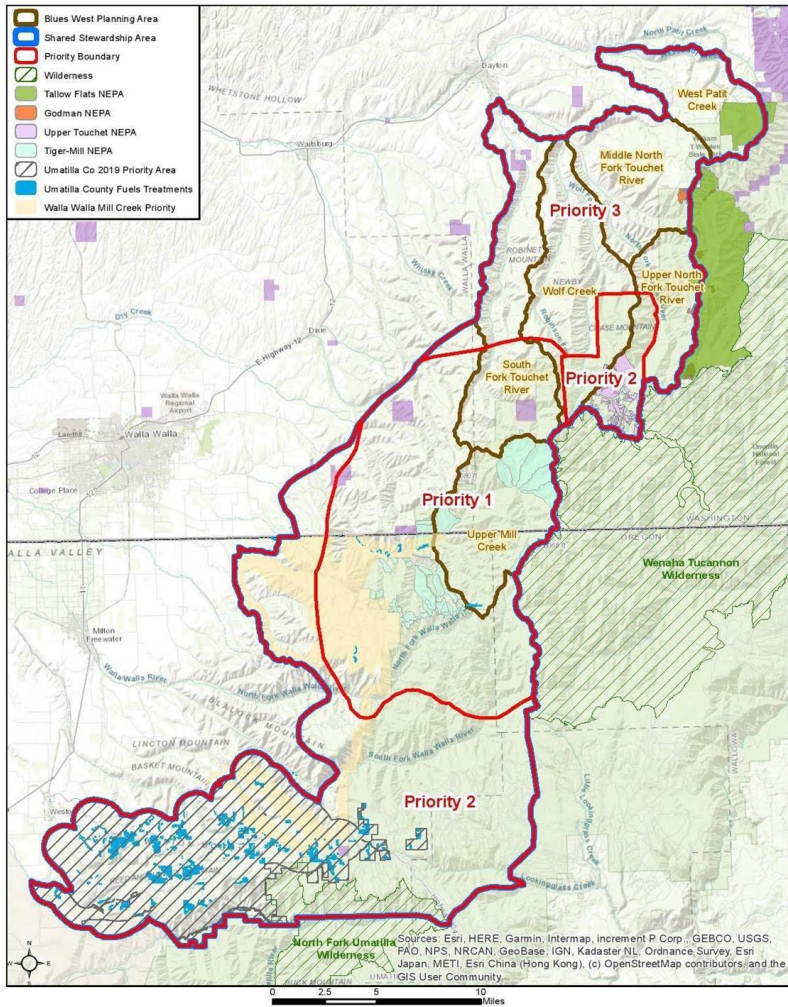


4. Community Resiliency

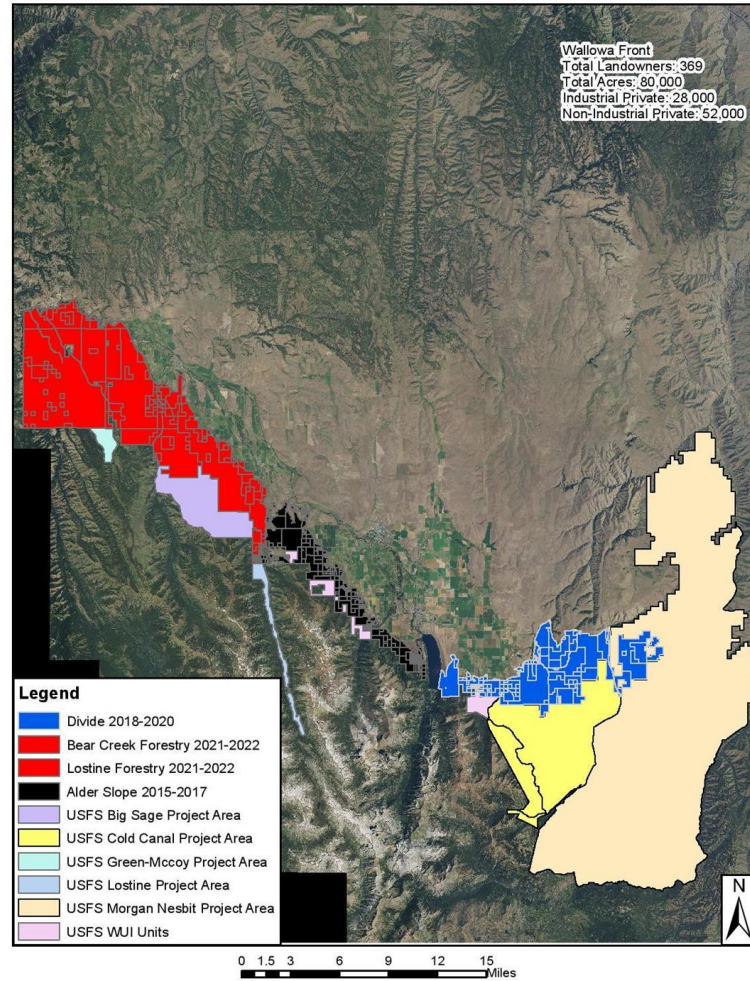




Oregon and Washington Shared Stewardship



Wallowa Front

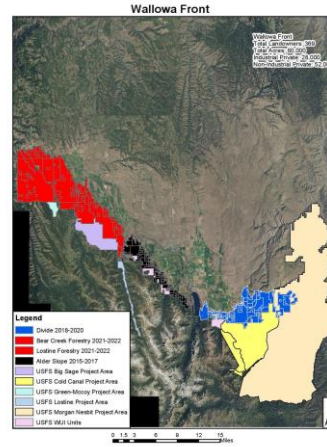




Landowner



Community of Landowners

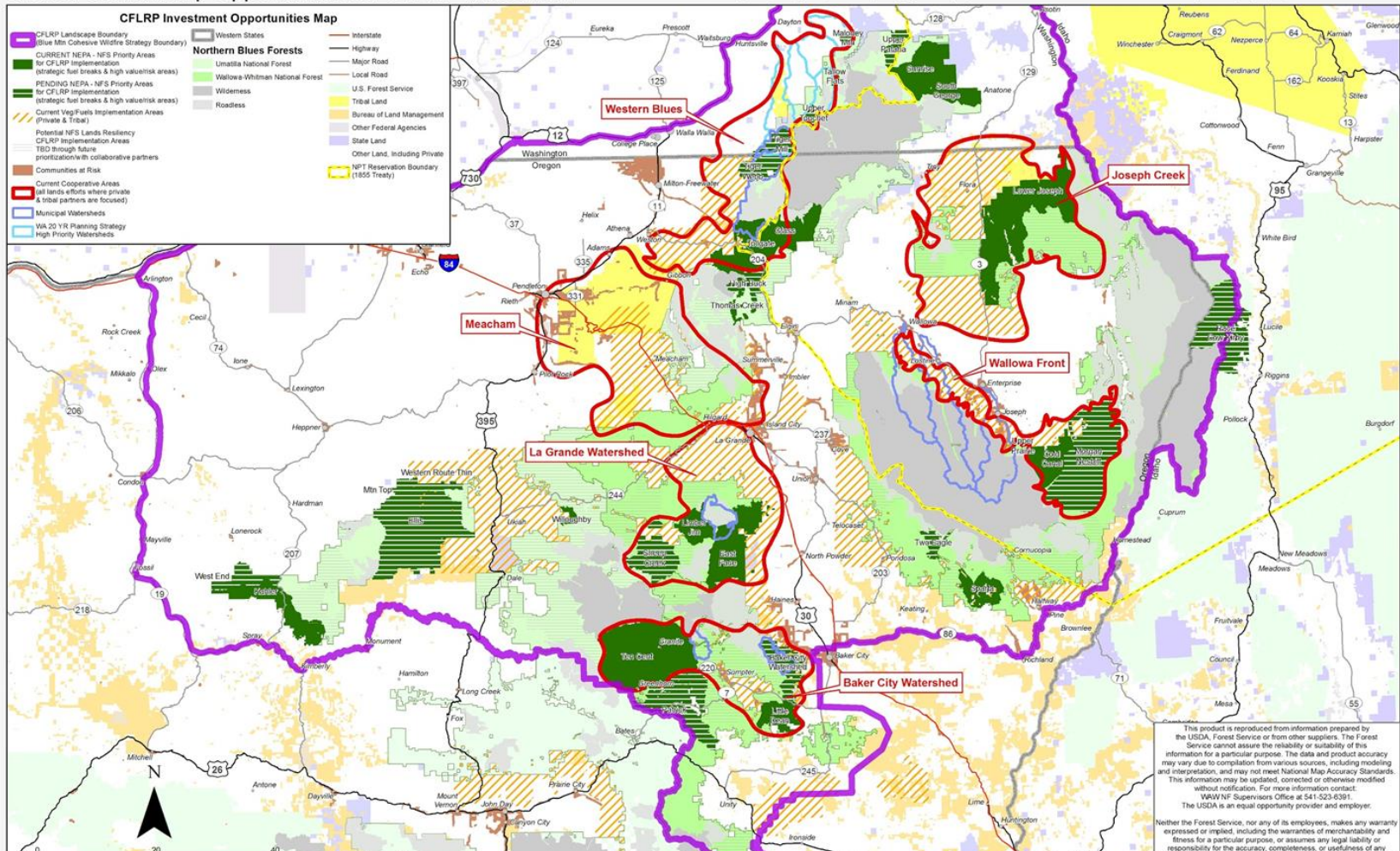


Landowners working w/ Partners to Treat Broader Landscape

MAP 2 - NORTHERN BLUES CFLRP LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL
Shared Stewardship Opportunities for CFLRP Investment

Partners are actively restoring lands (diagonal orange stripe) adjacent to the Forests. Priorities for cooperative all lands efforts (red outlines) reflect significant opportunities for cross-boundary collaboration. Year 1-5 USFS priorities for strategic fuels breaks and special resource protection lie within NEPA-completed (dark green) or NEPA-pending (green striped) areas. Year 6-10 efforts would extend to Resiliency areas (grey striped).

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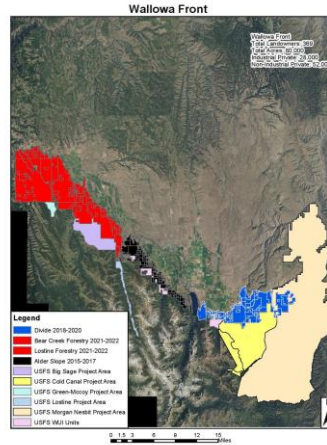




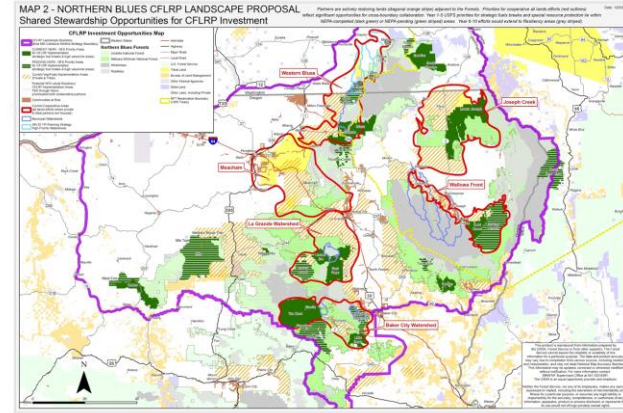
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Across Public, Private & Tribal Lands in NE Oregon

Progress

3000 forest owners covering 600,000 acres across 4 counties

- \$14.5 million treating 30,000 acres on 1000 private forest owners over next 5 years
- 8 Firewise Communities along federal boundary in varying stages
- 6 cross boundary projects in varying stages



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5 minutes: Individually

- 1st notecard: Write out three things you could do in the next year in your community
- 2nd notecard: What did you like? What could be improved?

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**Thank you so much for deciding to
share your afternoons with us!
We hope it was valuable for you.**

Contact us any time to share ideas or ask questions:

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