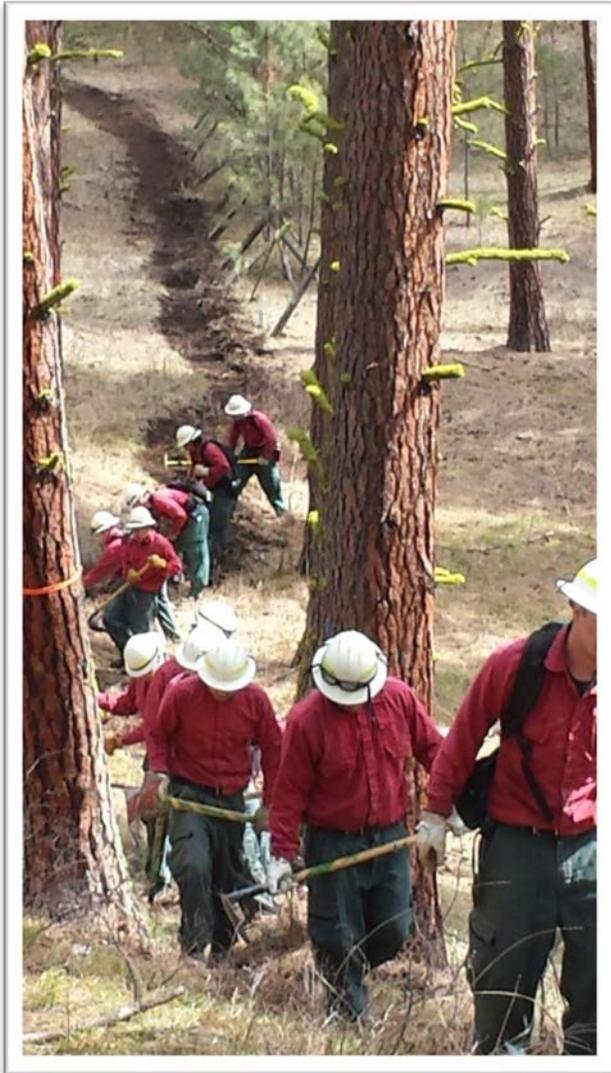




RiverBend YFT



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Youth at Camp RiverBend YTF dig a fire line in nearby woods in March as they train to become firefighters. OYA contracts with the Oregon Department of Forestry to operate an academy to teach youth firefighting tactics and techniques. They undergo 4 to 6 weeks of training conducted by professional instructors to receive a Wildland firefighter type 2 qualifications card, also known as a "Red Card." This enables the youth to seek employment as firefighters after they complete their OYA commitments. The RiverBend fire academy is supervised by GLC Brett Dunten.