

## **La Pine Wildfire Mitigation Project**

### **Community Wildfire Defense Grant (USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-CWSF)**

**Project Timeline – 5 years**

#### **Project Summary:**

The La Pine Wildfire Mitigation Project is a collaborative effort to reduce fire fuels, educate and increase wildfire preparedness among residents, and mitigate wildfire risk in the incorporated City of La Pine and the surrounding unincorporated communities and neighborhoods. The proposed project area is defined by the La Pine Rural Fire District (attached map). The proposed project will focus on fuel reduction and fire prevention efforts in high wildfire risk, low-income neighborhoods throughout the greater La Pine community. In addition to the fuels mitigation work, education and outreach opportunities will be a priority for the proposed project. Educational opportunities will aim to increase public understanding of living in a fire-adapted ecosystem, and increase the community's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire events. The proposed project will include several fuels reduction activities and educational opportunities such as;

- Treating fire fuels on 585 acres of County Owned land that is adjacent to critical infrastructure, private residences, and businesses.
- Improving up to 100 miles of County maintained right of way on ingress and egress routes through fuels treatments along roadways.
- Implementing up to 3 sweat equity projects a year (15 total) in communities represented by Road Districts or Firewise (chipping programs, defensible space programs, shovel ready projects).
- Implementing up to 2 sweat equity projects a year (10 total) in unincorporated communities (chipping programs, defensible space programs).
- Passing funds through to the Upper Deschutes River Communities non-profit organization to run their Low-Income/Senior Defensible Space Program and (treating 25 properties a year, 125 properties total).
- Upper Deschutes River Communities - Defensible Space Reimbursement Program – up to 75 total reimbursements.
- Hiring a full-time Fire Prevention Coordinator at the La Pine Rural Fire District to assist with project implementation, planning, technical assistance for community members, and to hold trainings and workshops for the residents of the greater La Pine area.
- Purchase an air burner and masticator head

- Host 2 defensible space workshops a year with partnering organizations and agencies (10 total).
- Host Home Assessment Train the Trainer events for community members to increase the capacity of home assessments in the greater La Pine area.

**Partnering organizations:** Deschutes County Natural Resources Department, Deschutes County Property Management, Deschutes County Road Department, City of La Pine, La Pine Rural Fire District, Upper Deschutes River Communities, Oregon Department of Forestry, Newberry Regional Partnership, Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District, Oregon State Fire Marshal

**Estimated Budget:**

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| Deschutes County Fuel Reduction Treatments (up to 585 acres)  | \$702,000          |
| Deschutes County Right of Way Road Treatments (up to 100 miles)   | \$800,000          |
| 15 Road District/Firewise Community Projects  | \$300,000          |
| 10 Unincorporated Community Projects  | \$250,000          |
| Mobile Air Curtain Burner   | \$161,952          |
| Skid steer Cat 299 Masticator Head  | \$45,000           |
| La Pine Fire Prevention Coordinator   | \$450,000          |
| Fire Prevention Coordinator Vehicle   | \$30,000           |
| Upper Deschutes River Community – Low Income/Senior Defensible Space and Defensible Space Reimbursement Program | \$400,109          |
| Education & Outreach – Newberry Regional Partnership and DSWCD  | \$94,950           |
| Deschutes County Natural Resources Specialist Salary  | \$75,000           |
| Indirect costs  | \$130,351          |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$3,439,362</b> |

# La Pine Fire Mitigation Project (CWDG)

