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<p>Our top priority is to keep the public and firefighters safe.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Resources are in high demand across the nation...</p>	<p><b>Citizens, firefighters, homes and other structures are always safer when residents work to protect their own property by clearing brush, trimming trees and removing flammable materials away from their homes and buildings.</b></p>	<p><b>You can help by creating defensible space within 30-100 feet of your structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean roofs (remove branches &amp; leaves), gutters (clear pine needles) and decks (move furniture &amp; toys)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce brush, limb trees and mow grasses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Move wood piles at least 30 feet away from structures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace vent screens with 1/8" or smaller wire mesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.fireadapted.org">www.fireadapted.org</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Firefighters appreciate the help given to them by residents who are willing to do their part on private property to reduce risk prior to a fire incident.</b></p>	<p><b>You can help by improving the way in and out of your property:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remove limbs that extend overhead along the driveway.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce brush, limb trees , and mow grasses adjacent to the driveway.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your address and/or driveway is clearly marked with a visible address sign.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.fireadapted.org">www.fireadapted.org</a></li> </ul>

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<p>Evacuation alerts have been issued for your area.</p>	<p><b>A fire adapted community understands its risks and takes action to minimize harm to residents, homes, businesses, parks, utilities, and other community assets.</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <p><b>Prepare yourselves and your family before you need to leave.</b></p>	<p><b>Level 1 – BE READY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List and gather your “Five P’s” – People, Pets, Pills, important Papers, and Pictures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a 72-Hour kit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know more than one evacuation route out of your neighborhood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep your car’s gas tank full</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss evacuation plans with each member of your household and keep in contact</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a plan for your pets, horses and livestock</li> </ul> <p><b>Level 2 – GET SET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be ready to leave immediately</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have your evacuation kit and personal items in your car</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Relocate large animals now</li> </ul> <p><b>Level 3 – GO!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay calm</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check in at shelter (even if you don’t stay there)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact family</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.Ready.gov/build-a-kit">www.Ready.gov/build-a-kit</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit">www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.wildlandfirersg.org">www.wildlandfirersg.org</a></li> </ul>

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<p>Wildfire brings many changes to the environment.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Weather conditions are expected to be wet and rainy.</p>	<p><b>For several years after the fire, there is an increased risk of flooding, debris flows and erosion.</b></p>	<p><b>Know your risks and take time to prepare yourself and your family.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Areas adjacent to, downstream from, or in a burned area are at risk for flooding, debris flows, and erosion.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Even if you were not directly affected by the fire you may still be affected by flooding and debris flows.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pay attention to the weather forecasts so you know when there is the possibility for rain.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Purchase flood insurance immediately.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Avoid downed power lines, unstable slopes, drainages, and fire-weakened trees.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know evacuation routes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clear your outdoor drains, streams and valley areas.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't wait for a warning or evacuation notice to take action - if you think you may be at risk, take immediate action to protect life &amp; property.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't drive across flooded roadways. Seek higher ground during flash floods.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know ahead of time how you can receive weather &amp; flooding watches and warnings: NOAA Weather Radio, local media, apps, websites, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/flood_after_fire.jsp">www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/flood_after_fire.jsp</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.afterthefirewa.org">www.afterthefirewa.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.weather.gov">www.weather.gov</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info">www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info</a></li> </ul>

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<p>Weather conditions continue to be hot and dry.</p>	<p><b>While fire does have a role in our ecosystem, conditions are such that any new fire start has the potential to cause loss of life and damage to property or infrastructure.</b></p>	<p><b>Adhere to all fire restrictions and do your part to prevent wildfires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do not park your car on grass – heat from the car can ignite dry grass.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep water handy when mowing your grass or removing weeds from your lawn.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know any chainsaw and equipment restrictions in your area and follow them.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow campfire restrictions. If campfires are allowed, extinguish any campfire to the point at which there is NO heat coming from the fire ring.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use spark arrestors on off-road vehicles.</li> </ul>
<p>Teamwork, partnerships and collaboration are essential in managing the landscape and wildfires.</p>	<p><b>Firewise communities, Fire Adapted Communities, Fire Safe Councils, and other community coalitions and collaborative groups can help you be a part of the team.</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <p><b>Businesses, residents, local government, schools, first responders and neighborhoods all have a role in a Fire Adapted Community.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a> to see the Firewise Communities in your area.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact your local Fire District to see if they are a member of the Ready, Set, Go! program.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <a href="http://www.fireadapted.org">www.fireadapted.org</a> to learn more about your role in wildfire preparation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.fireadapted.org">www.fireadapted.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.wildfirersg.org">www.wildfirersg.org</a></li> </ul>

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<p>Wildfires are managed in different ways. The same fire may have several different objectives which can be modified as the fire moves across the landscape.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Firefighters plan to use a “burnout” in order to...</p>	<p><b>When the conditions are right, fire is one way to help restore ecological balance across the landscape so the area becomes more resilient to threats.</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <p><b>Fire has a role in our ecosystem and can be a beneficial tool.</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <p><b>As fire moves across the landscape, it varies in intensity and severity.</b></p>	<p><b>Fire can:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce competition and ladder fuels, such as brush and grass.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regenerate grasses and forage.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Restore natural processes and fire return interval(s).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Help secure the containment line by deliberately reducing the amount of unburned fuel between the fire and the containment line.</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not all burned areas look the same.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The natural “mosaic” of wildfire leaves behind a variety of colors within the fire perimeter: healthy green trees, fire-scorched red trees, charred black ash.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The landscape will recover.</li> </ul>

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<p>Long term drought, changing fuel conditions and the resulting unpredictable fire behavior, combined with increased human activity suggest that 2014 has the potential to be a busy fire year.</p>	<p><b>Conditions change; for your safety, stay informed on current and predicted conditions in your community, and when you are enjoying the outdoors.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know campfire restrictions and follow them.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know chainsaw and equipment restrictions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't wait for an evacuation advisory. If you feel unsafe, leave the area.</li> </ul>