

Defensible Space Action Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
La Pine Fire Station #101

In Attendance

Brooks, Glenna, Jim, Helen, Lauren, Kevin, Monte, Austin, Echo, Kathy, Chief Holsey

NEW MEMBER: Austin Reimer - Stewardship Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry, South Deschutes County FireWise Coordinator.

As a Stewardship Forester, Austin serves as a crucial resource for landowners and communities in the La Pine area and beyond, helping them implement the practical steps necessary to become more wildfire-resilient, which is the ultimate aim of the Firewise program.

- Providing Technical Assistance
- Promoting Wildfire Risk Reduction
- Community Engagement
- Connecting Landowners to Resources

GRANT UPDATES

- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 3 - Lauren - Hope to hear in September
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 4- Austin - Hope to hear in September
- EPA Thriving Community Grant - Megan/Kathy - Paused at this time

ACTION ITEMS

- **Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting** will occur Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the La Pine (Senior) Activity Center from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.
 - Update the flyer (Kathy)
 - The Defensible Space action team will share the event flyer with their mailing lists and networks (Action Team) Road Districts, HOA's will be included in our outreach efforts.
- **Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop & Assessment Training** will occur on Saturday, October 4, 2025. This 4-hour training will include a 3 hour Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop and 1 hour of Assessors Training. The class is approved for continuing education credits for insurance agents & underwriters, but insurance companies do not recognize a training or specific program outside of FireWise to provide an incentive for homeowners. This workshop and Training will be a main topic of discussion at our August 12 meeting. This is not a certification class.

- **Defensible Space Packets** - The topic came up again regarding information packets for Real Estate Agents, both Chambers of Commerce, both Fire Departments (Sunriver and La Pine) and the City of La Pine. These packets would be made available to current and new residents as well as visitors. At the meeting in February we discussed this need and its importance of getting the same message out to everyone. Alison with OSFM offered the materials, we know Heather has A LOT!
 - Put together packets of information for distribution. If we can get the materials, we can put a team of volunteers together to create the packets. - (Action Team)
 - Present to Cascades East Association of REALTORS. Helen can send Monte in the right direction in order to speak to South Deschutes and North Klamath Realtors. Monte

NARRATIVES

Build trust in the community, share the truth
(See 5/13/25 minutes)

JULY MEETING: Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting in La Pine at the Senior Activity Center on THURSDAY, July 17, 2025 at 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Presented by Project Wildfire and hosted by the NRP Defensible Space Action Team

AUGUST MEETING: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 230 pm - 4:00 pm, at La Pine Fire Station #101

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Tuesday, Sept 9, 2025 230 pm - 4:00pm at La Pine Fire Station #101

OCTOBER MEETING: Saturday, October 4, 2025 - time and place TBD