

Defensible Space Action Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
La Pine Fire Station #101

This is the monthly meeting of the Defensible Space Action Team, an Action Team of the Newberry Regional Partnership.

The Defensible Space Action Team is a part of the NRP's broader efforts to create a more wildfire-adapted and resilient community. The team works in partnership with other organizations to educate and assist homeowners with creating and maintaining defensible space. Defensible space is the area around a home that is strategically managed to reduce the risk of it catching fire during a wildfire.

By promoting defensible space, the Defensible Space Action Team helps to create safer neighborhoods for residents and provides a safer environment for firefighters responding to a wildfire.

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INTRODUCTIONS & CHECK-INS

• **GRANT UPDATES**

- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 3 Update - Lauren
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 4 Update - Austin
- EPA Thriving Community Grant - Megan/Kathy
 - submitted on 12/17/25 - we will know by March 31, 2026

La Pine Basin All Lands Partnership (LPBALP) - Kellyn Baez, Willamette Partnership

DISCUSSION - Monte

- FireWise Update - Vandevent Road District
- Proposal - open the DSAT meeting to the general public. Promote/advertise the meetings through local media and organizations.
- Proposal - alternate the DSAT monthly meetings between LP and the SR Library. Again, this would hopefully get more people involved
- Proposal - a community meeting focused on creating FireWise neighborhoods. This might be combined w the fair in April.

Scheduled 2026 EVENTS

- **Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting in La Pine**
April 16, 2026, La Pine Senior Activity Center, 2pm to 3:30 pm
- **Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting in La Pine**
September 17, 2026, La Pine Senior Activity Center, 2pm to 3:30 pm

OTHER 2026 EVENTS

- Wildfire Preparedness Fair - unconfirmed, but we are going for Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the High School.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm at La Pine Fire Station #101

Defensible Space Action Team

We envision a Resilient Newberry Country, where we develop information and resources to prepare for, prevent and respond to wildfire and other adverse events that threaten our community's health, safety, and well-being.

See **“RESILIENT NEWBERRY COUNTRY – Our Plan for Wildfire & Public Safety”** on page 8 of the Strategic Action Plan 2025-2030.

Expand Funding and Education for Wildfire Preparedness and Prevention

Game Changer Strategy: Establish local government and community-based support for fire-safe education and funding for property owners' wildfire safety improvements. Conduct regular community-based meetings with fire officials to educate residents about wildfire preparedness and prevention steps. Identify resources to help property owners create defensible space, install fire-safe landscaping, and undertake fire-safe building retrofits. Create a community-based Fire Prevention and Protection Coordinator position that serves Newberry Country.