

**Defensible Space Action Team Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 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**

Welcome Todd Peplin, Deschutes Water & Soil Conservation District

### **• CHECK-INS & How can our group help?**

- FireWise - Austin Reimer
- La Pine Basin All Lands Partnership Update - Austin and Jerry
- UDRC Updates
- Project Wildfire - Grant applications
- Other

### **Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop - Heather**

Saturday, October 18, 2025. This 4-hour training will include a 4 hour Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop. Includes a one hour session for landscapers, contractors and insurance agents.

### **Evacuation/Transportation Routes - Ben Duda, Deschutes County Emergency Manager**

- How they are created?
- Community Engagement
- Evacuation Procedures

### **• GRANT UPDATES**

- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 3 - Lauren
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 4- Austin
- EPA Thriving Community Grant - Megan/Kathy

**UPCOMING EVENTS** - Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop - **OCTOBER 18, 2025**

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025 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.*