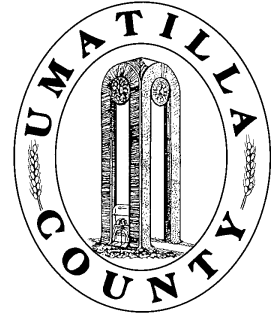


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WEST UMATILLA COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Since June 2007, Umatilla County, public agencies, and community members have collaborated on the development of the West Umatilla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This countywide effort is intended to reduce the wildfire risk that threatens citizens, the environment, and quality of life within the western part of Umatilla County. The plan will help the county become more competitive for federal funding programs such as National Fire Plan, FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and state grant programs. The collaboration and time dedicated by citizens, county staff, and interested agencies and organizations alike has helped the County in planning for fuels reduction projects, fire prevention education campaigns, and other fire-related programs.

The public has an opportunity to review the contents of the plan before it is finalized. The contents of the plan are available for review at the following locations:

- County Offices at the Stafford Hansell Government Building in Hermiston
- Interested citizens may request a hard copy by contacting Barbara Workman at Barbara.Workman@ucem.us or call (541) 667-3005.
- Visit the website at: www.co.umatilla.or.us
- Public hearing on July 22, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Umatilla County Courthouse Room 114, in Pendleton, Oregon

Comments related to the contents of the plan can be received until July 21, 2009. You may mail or email your comments to the project coordinator at -

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