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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Sample Email to Neighbors

Dear _____ Neighbors -

Let's face it. Even as the snow flies, fire is still fresh on many of our minds. The Beachie Creek Fire outside of Salem, the Holiday Farm Fire near Eugene ... the fires in California, Colorado, Idaho, and Washington - are vivid reminders of what can happen. As you likely already know, our Old Ski Run community was designated as a community at "extreme risk" of wildfire in Wallowa County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

We are scheduling a meeting with our neighbors and local partners like our local fire chief, Oregon Department of Forestry, our emergency managers and others to discuss becoming a **Firewise Community** - *a group of neighbors coming together to prepare for a wildfire and collectively find ways to reduce our community's wildfire risk*. We'll learn about the risk we have in our community, how we can work together to prepare our community for a wildfire, the steps in becoming a Firewise Community, and the many benefits to our neighborhood.

Sincerely your neighbor,