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Summit West Neighborhood District Hosts Wildfire Preparedness Seminars

The Summit West Neighborhood District of Bend is hosting two “Living with Wildfire: Are You Prepared?” seminars alongside multiple preparedness partners to help raise awareness and encourage Central Oregonians to take steps to mitigate wildfire risks this spring.

The seminars will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Both sessions will be held virtually and in-person in the Brooks Room at the Downtown Bend Library, 601 NW Wall St, Bend. Sessions are identical, free and open to everyone in Central Oregon. In-person seating is limited to 70; virtual seating is unlimited. Register online at www.summitwestbend.org/living-with-wildfire.

Local experts will cover topics, including Home Hardening, Defensible Space and Fire-Smart Landscaping, Evacuation Readiness, and How to Become a Firewise® Community.

Central Oregon is not immune to the devastating impacts of wildfires. Our hot dry climate; abundant vegetation; summer storms with lightning and strong winds; rugged terrain; and growing development into the wildland-urban interface create the perfect storm for wildfires to spread quickly, threatening our homes, businesses and all that we love about Central Oregon. It’s more important than ever for us to take ownership, work together, and do our part to help safeguard our families, homes and communities from wildfire.

This program is sponsored by the Summit West Neighborhood District in partnership with the Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon State University Extension Service, Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office - Emergency Management, City of Bend Emergency Management, Bend Fire & Rescue, Oregon Department of Forestry, Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition and Pacific Power Emergency Management.

Learn more about the sessions and about Summit West Neighborhood District at www.summitwestbend.org.