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Klamath County Fire District No. 1 Joins Statewide Wildfire Awareness Campaign Reduce Your Home and Property's Risk to Wildfire

May 6 – 12, 2007 is Wildfire Awareness Week in Oregon. Klamath County Fire District No. 1 encourages residents and property owners to take steps now to reduce the vulnerability of their homes and properties to the threat of devastation from a wildfire. Each year there are several wildfires in Oregon that threaten to destroy homes, property and even communities.

More people are choosing to build homes in forested and heavily vegetated areas that are vulnerable to devastation by a wildfire. Klamath County Fire District No. 1 encourages everyone living or building in these areas to take some simple and cost effective steps to help their homes and properties survive a wildfire.

The survivability of your home can be improved by doing the following;

- Cover all attic and foundation vents with noncombustible wire mesh with 1/8 – 1/4 inch openings to prevent sparks or burning embers from entering those spaces.
- Install or replace roof covering with fire resistant materials such as metal, concrete tile or fire retardant composition shingles (Class A).
- Keep combustible materials and vegetation cleared away from propane, oil and fuel tanks at least 25 feet.
- Keep your home's roof and gutters free of Pine and Fir needles and leaves which can easily ignite and spread to the rest of the structure.
- Cut and remove dry vegetation and other combustible materials from around your home and outbuildings.
- Keep combustible materials well away from wood decks and walkways.
- Keep landscape areas irrigated for a distance of at least 30 feet from the home.
- Store firewood at least 30 feet from your home during fire season.

We all share responsibility for the prevention of wildfires and to reduce the devastation that a wildfire can cause.

For more information regarding this topic please contact Klamath County Fire District No. 1 at 885-2056 or visit our website at www.kcf1.com.