

Action Item Proposal Form

Proposed Action Item Identification: (Example MH #1 – for Multi-Hazard #1; or FH #3 – for Flood Hazard #3)		Alignment with Plan Goals: (List Goals the action helps to achieve.)	
WH#8	Proposed Action Title: Treat Hazard Fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface Including in The Dalles Municipal Watershed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Services Enhancement ▪ Protection of Life & Property ▪ Disaster Resilient Economy ▪ Intergenerational Equity ▪ Natural Resource Systems Protection 	
Rationale for Proposed Action Item: (What critical issues will the action address?)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a large area with heavy fuel loads in Wasco County. Wildfires occurring in these areas have the potential to become large in size and difficult to control. Many of these areas are in close proximity to residential developments • Reducing hazard fuels will reduce the potential for large and intense wildfires. The application of forest thinning, prescribed fires, and brush reduction will allow fire fighters to better attack wildfires as flame lengths will be lower. 			
Ideas for Implementation:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek grant funding from the National Fire Plan and other programs to assist landowners in accomplishing hazard fuel reduction work. • Encourage landowners to undertake hazard fuel reduction work, even if grant funding is not available. • Have volunteer firemen visit homeowners and encourage them to do hazard fuel reduction work. Have volunteers do surveys of properties and prescribe measures to take to create hazard fuel reduction. • Place information on the county web site which explains the need for hazard fuel reduction and measures which homeowners can take to accomplish it. • Coordinate hazard fuel reduction projects on private lands with those on National Forest lands to increase the effectiveness of both. • Consider the following communities as high priority for hazard fuel reduction: Zone 1 – Mosier/Seven Mile Hill, Mill Creek, Chenoweth, Rowena, Cherry Heights. Zone 2 – Celilo Village. Zone 3 - Pine Hollow/Wamic/Sportsman’s Park, Pine Grove, Taylorville/Sportsman’s Paradise, Tygh Valley. 			
Coordinating Organization:	Rural Fire Districts		
Internal Partners:		External Partners:	
Emergency Management		Landowners, ODF, USFS, Oregon Fire Marshall’s Office	
Timeline:		If available, estimated cost:	
<u>Short Term</u> (0-2 years)	<u>Long Term</u> (2-4 or more years)	Unknown	
Short-term and continuing			
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