Wildfire Danger Awareness Resources

The 2024 PNW wildfire season has gotten off to an early start with hotter temperatures, extremely dry vegetation, increasing numbers of lightning strikes and strong winds. Although the major wildfires presently burning in Oregon are all east of our area, the situation calls to mind Labor Day weekend in 2020 when the Echo Mountain Complex Fire burned 2,500 acres and 300 homes in the Otis area, just 20 miles north of us on the coast.

Please check the links below for a variety of local, state and federal resources which provide updated information about current wildfires, smoke maps, air quality information, and tips for increasing the

safety perimeter of our homes. Wildfire awareness, as with any safety related topic, relies heavily on situational awareness and common sense. Our collective safety as a community depends on each individual's commitment to maintaining a safe living environment. Developing and maintaining a "defensible space" around your home is one of the most effective ways to protect yourself and your neighbors.

The following are resources from Lincoln County and the state of Oregon

- Oregon State Fire Marshal Incident blog and current fire map
- Oregon Wildfire Response and Recovery - Overview, maps, air Quality Index, Smoke forecast

- How to create a defensible space around your home
- Wildfire prevention tips and techniques

Lincoln County

- Online <u>Wildfire Readiness</u>
 Presentations
- Wildfire Danger in Lincoln County
 Presentation at the Forest
 Management Committee's Arbor Day event May 4, 2024 by Aaron Groth,
 Coastal Oregon Regional Fire
 Specialist
- Fire Resistant Plants Presentation by Lincoln County Master Gardeners at the Forest Management Committee's Arbor Day event May 4, 2024