

Shared Stewardship

Homeowner's Guide to Wildfire



Introduction

As populations continue to grow along the Wasatch Front, so too does the number of homes being built within the wildland-urban interface. Unless these communities take proactive measures to create defensible space by removing trees and other vegetation, human life and property are at risk from uncharacteristic wildfire.



What can we do?

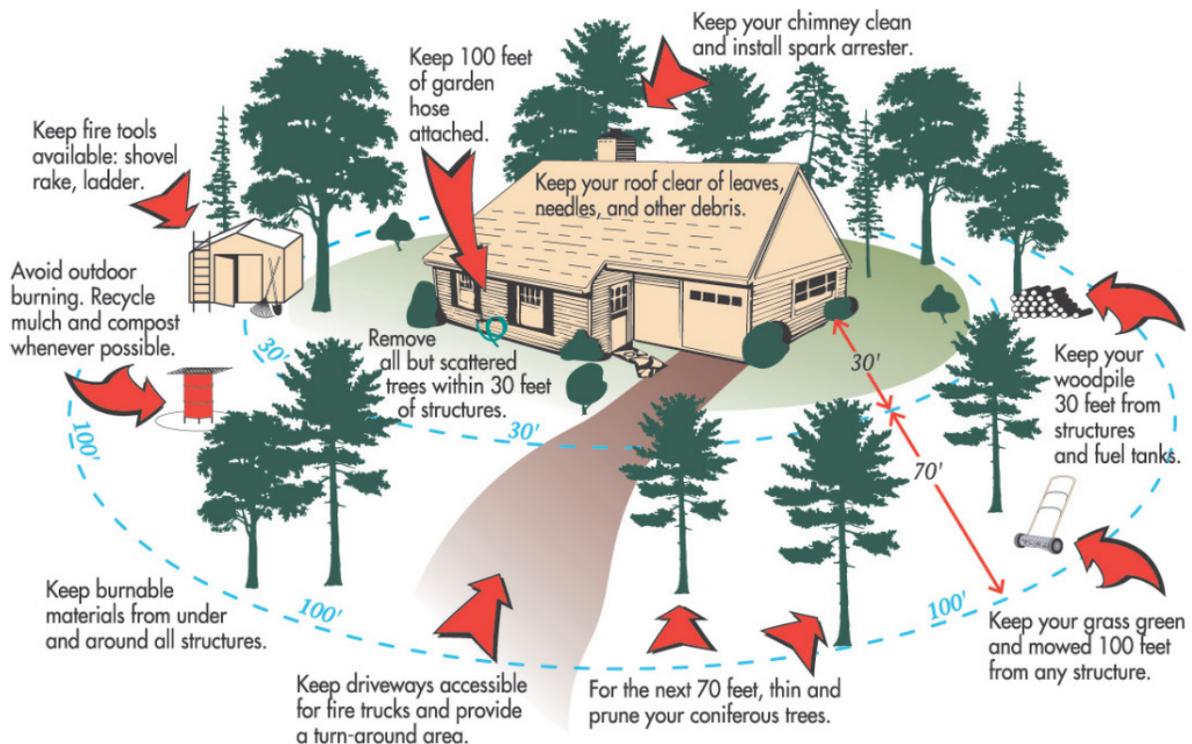
Communities are encouraged to participate in and develop a Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan for your area to identify mitigation and preparedness activities such as hosting chipping programs or vegetation disposal programs. The goal of these programs is to reduce the amount of vegetation around homes so that should a wildland fire occur, the risk to homes is less.

Homeowners have a part to play in reducing wildland fire risk to their own homes as well as that of their neighbors. Along the Wasatch Front, there are several examples of where homeowners have not reduced fuel loading enough to effectively minimize the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire to their community. Unfortunately, we have seen how families can be impacted negatively by wildfire when homes have been lost.

By being proactive and creating defensible space before a wildfire happens can help firefighters be successful in protecting life and property.

Check out the Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, which shares wildfire risk information and creates awareness about wildfire issues across the state:

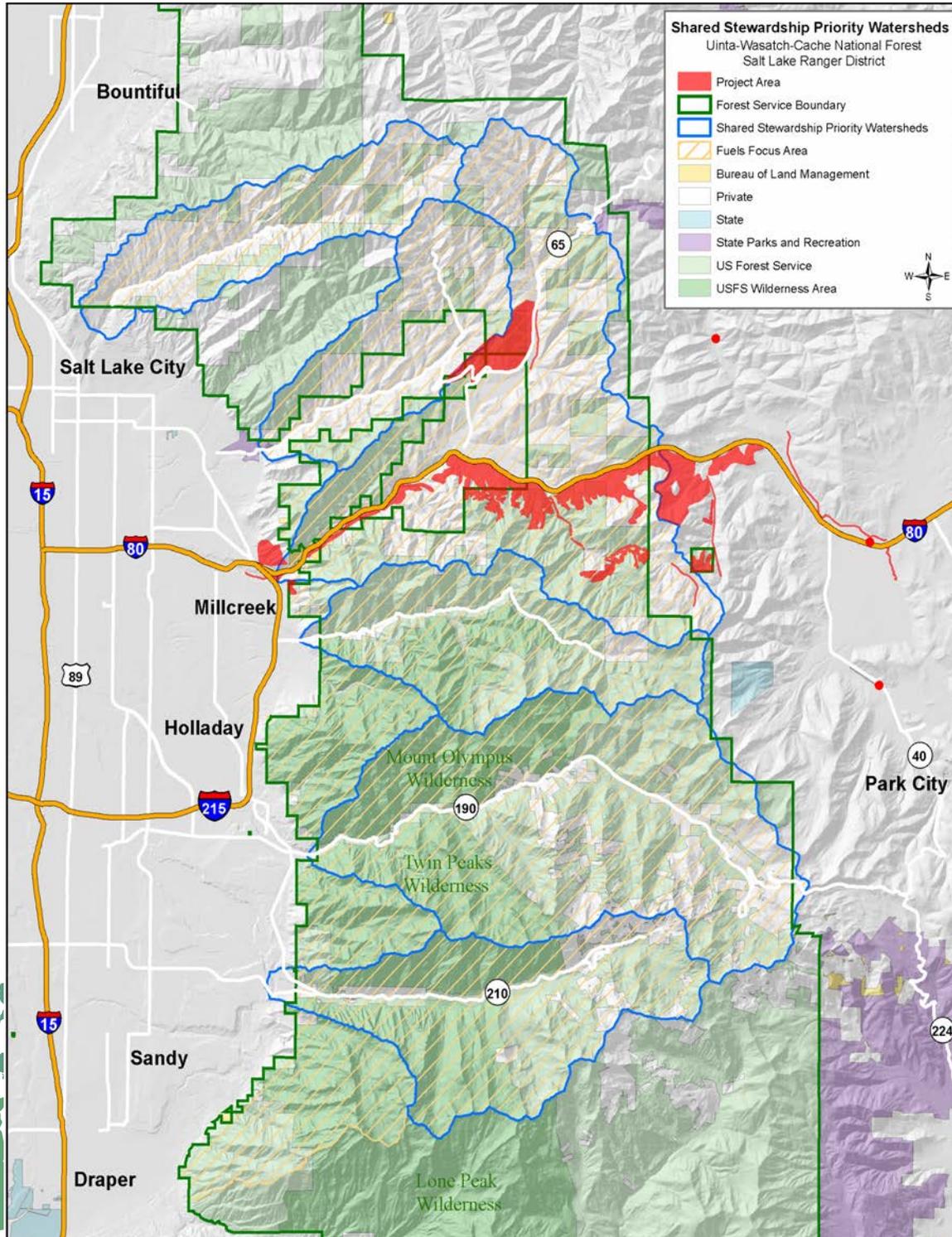
<https://wildfirerisk.utah.gov/>



Help us protect the safety of our firefighters and your home.

Parley's & Lambs Canyon Fuels Reduction Project

The U.S. Forest Service, State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, Save Our Canyons, and Unified Fire Authority are working with local communities to implement several projects in Lambs and Parley's Canyons. These projects were designed to help reduce the fuel loading in strategic areas along Lambs Canyon Road, I-80, and around the communities in lower Lambs and Parley's Canyons.



These projects are just the beginning of the work needed along the Wasatch Front. In addition to improving overall forest and watershed health, the desired outcomes of these projects include:

- Protect lives and infrastructure
- Improve resiliency of the forest
- Protect water supply
- Maintain a sustainable recreation experience
- Improve wildlife habitat



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