

# Making Willow Wind Fire Resilient

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# Quick Background:

## Eco-Explorers Workshop

- Goal at Eco-Explorers last year: find a community partner to work on fire and land management projects (enter SOFRC)

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- Currently offering a FireWise elective with Ben Ho from the Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative

# Our Work in Action

## **Private + Public Land Projects**

- SOFRC convenes Rogue Forest Partners, which conducts projects across the Rogue Basin
- Prescription for Safety (P4S) - private land project to improve ingress/egress safety



## **Ecological Monitoring**

- Leadership on the Rogue Basin Strategy
- Pilot Joe Project - demonstrating ecological thinning with 10 years of post-treatment monitoring



## **Fire Education for All**

- SOFRC + partners developed two cutting-edge curricula for K-12 - *FireWorks!* SOFEE + FireBright
- We initiated the first wildland fire CTE program in Oregon, offered at Crater High



## **Public Outreach + Social Science**

- We collaborated with SOU to conduct a longitudinal survey of public perceptions of forest management and values associated with forest land
- Assisting Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council with the Applegate CWPP

# Community Partners



Oregon State University  
Extension Service



INTER-TRIBAL  
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION  
PARTNERSHIP



LOMAKATSI  
RESTORATION PROJECT

The Nature  
Conservancy



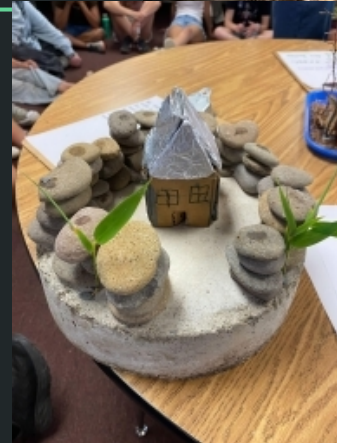
SOESD  
Southern Oregon Education Service District



Oregon Forest  
Resources Institute



# Last Spring...



Introducing... 2 Willow Wind 6<sup>th</sup> Students

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# FireWise Elective This Fall...

## Fire Triangles



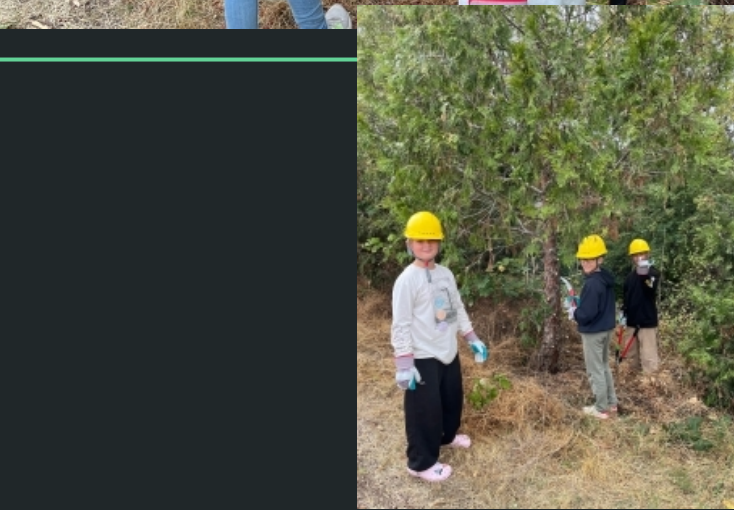
# Matchstick Forest



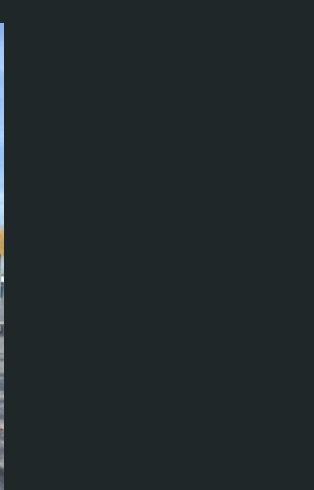




## Ladder Fuels Reduction







## Tinker Trees Live Burn



# What's still to come this fall!

- Smoke Impacts with Sara Jones of Ashland Fire & Rescue
- Entomologist Dr. Bill Schaupp to talk about the relationship between insects and fire
- Photo monitoring with OSU SWAT students
- NW Youth Corps to do a significant fuels reduction project for a week in December and create burn piles on campus for the spring

# Future Goals for this Project

- 2nd semester fire/land stewardship-based elective
- Controlled burns with Ashland Fire & Rescue
- All campus effort to pull invasive plant species (particularly star thistle)
- Install screen mesh around ramps & open porches
- Involve whole grade levels to take clean-up ownership of different land plots
- Continue photo monitoring
- Plant native species
- Implement understory ecological monitoring protocols



Thanks for listening!

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