

# Fuels Reduction Project Lowers Wildfire Risk

Workers from Wolf Creek Job Corps and Douglas County Public Works cut brush from roadsides along Ragged Ridge in Oregon's Umpqua National Forest. The project had several purposes: It cleared the roads of overgrowth and created an effective fire break line in case of wildfires, but the main function is to contain controlled burns. These controlled burns are intended to reduce the risk and severity of wildfires that might otherwise badly damage the forest and threaten property. The roadside clearing work was completed in the fall of



2011 with the intention of starting a series of controlled burns in the fall of 2012. However, conditions were not suitable at the time, and the controlled burns have been delayed until the autumn of 2013 instead. They will be divided into multiple units, and work will continue throughout the fall of several subsequent years. The project was funded by Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, which supports regional economies by hiring local workers for projects that improve public lands.



## Project Stats: Ragged Ridge Fuels Reduction

Total funding:	\$60,000
Employs:	Wolf Creek Job Corps Douglas Co. Public Works
Project:	Fuels Management/ Fire Prevention
Partners:	Wolf Creek Job Corps Douglas Co. Public Works
Year awarded:	2011



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