

# **TOLLGATE FIRE, LIFE, SAFETY PROGRAM**

Tollgate was organized as a corporation in 1972. We have 346 acres consisting of 440 ½ acre lots and 126 acres of common area. We feel communications is the key and each year send out general Newsletters quarterly and yearly Newsletters for Fire, Life Safety, Bark Beetle Mitigation and Weed Abatement. Yearly, we issue Emergency Response Plan binders to Sisters, Camp Sherman Fire Department and Deschutes County Emergency services. These binders contain emergency numbers for our staff and contractors, fire exit location and lock combos and resident lists. Color coded maps are also enclosed showing locations of wells, hydrants, fire exits, properties that have a shake roof structure and residents that may need assistance. Our community is so very thankful for the grant support we have received as our funds are limited.

**1994** – Amended CC&R's - Shake roofs no longer allowed on new construction or replacement roofing.

Only 53 lots or 12% have a shake roof structure.

**1995** – Informed property owners of the fire hazards in our community along with guidelines for removing fire fuels.

**1996** – Installed Fire Hydrants & Adopted the Emergency Response Plan.

**1997 and 1999** – Received a Grant from the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program to remove the bitterbrush from our common areas. Grant Amount \$74,500 – TPOA portion \$4,530.

**1998** – Mandated property owners to remove bitterbrush from their property.

**2000** - Established additional Fire Exit off Wagon Wheel.

**2001 to Present** - Thinned and limbed trees in our interior common areas.

**2003** - Received a Grant from ODF for fuel reduction. Grant amount \$12,571 – TPOA portion \$2,025.

**2004 & 2005** – Thinned and limbed up trees in our road side common areas.

**2005** – We have 3 Accredited Assessors for Senate Bill 360 – Sent Senate Bill 360 Property Certification Authorization Letter to property owners. Senate Bill 360 Property Compliances – All 440 properties have been inspected. 413 or 93% are in compliance.

**2005** - Received a Grant from ODF for fuel reduction.

**2006** - Established an additional fire exit between Buggywhip and Cattle.

**2006** – Mandate the remaining 65 properties or 15% to adhere to Senate Bill 360 by June 1, 2010.

**2007** – Received a Grant from ODF for Bark Beetle Mitigation on road side common areas. Grant amount \$20,792.

**2007** – Both wells have back up generators and security fencing.

**2007** – Received a Grant from Deschutes County for Bark Beetle Mitigation in our interior common areas. Grant Amount \$11,990. Our common areas are now in compliance with Senate Bill 360, Bark Beetle Mitigation and Noxious Weed Abatement. Noxious Weed Grants \$1,372.

**2009** – Received fire exit signs from Project Wildfire.

**2010** – Received a Sweat Equity Grant from Deschutes County, Project Wildfire, to reduce fuels in high fire risk area. Grant amount \$24,080. To date 365 or 88% of our properties have participated in the Sweat Equity Grant with an additional 22 or 5% of our properties not needing fuel reduction.

**2010** – Received the 2010 Safe Sidewalk Award from Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. All 440 lots and common areas are in compliance with Senate Bill 360.

**2010** – Received an Award from Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection for reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire in our community.

**2013** - Became a Firewise Community. Re-inspected properties for Senate Bill 360 compliance.

**2016** – Received Sweat Equity FEMA Grant to reduce fuels in high fire risk area. Keith Ross hauled in 5,326 cubic yards and between contracting, grinding and fees the project costs \$63,234.00. Tollgate residents put in \$149,683 worth of match.

**2016** – Sisters Camp Sherman Fire Department inspected our properties for Project Wild Fire and Senate Bill 360 Compliance.

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