

5.3.4 Lake Oswego Fire (including Riverdale Fire District 11 and the Alto Park Water District)



The Lake Oswego Fire Department provides fire protection, prevention, rescue, and emergency medical service to about 50,000 residents. The vast majority of those people are in Clackamas County, but Lake Oswego Fire also serves small areas within the Lake Oswego city limits at and around Mount Sylvania and in a southern part of Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Lake Oswego Fire also provides contracted service to unincorporated portions of Multnomah County that make up part of Riverdale Fire District 11 and the Alto Park Water District.⁷⁴ Riverdale Fire District 11 serves the Dunthorpe and Riverdale neighborhoods southeast of Lewis and Clark

University, and the Alto Park Water District is a fire district with about 40 residents. All service within Multnomah County is provided from stations located in Clackamas County.

[Interactive Version of These Maps](#)

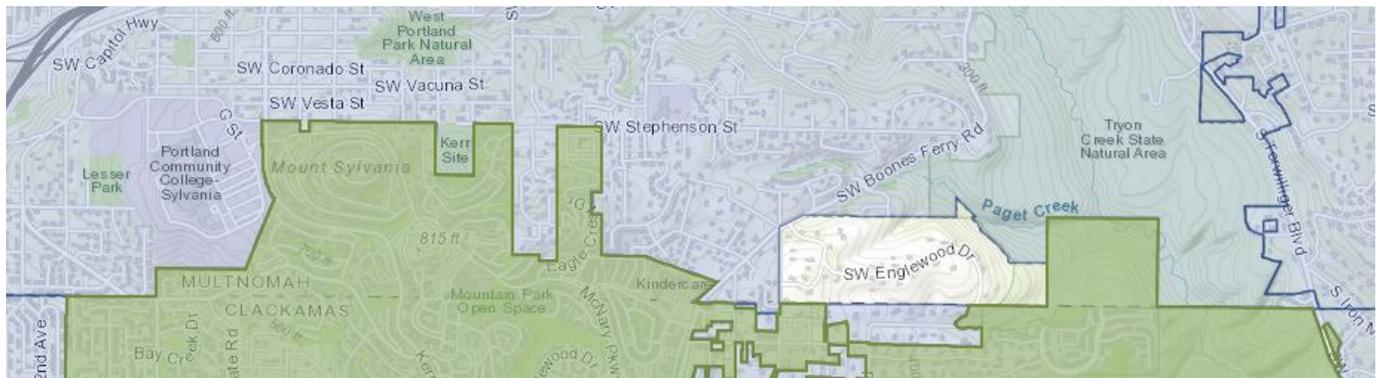


Figure 60 - Lake Oswego service areas inside of Multnomah County. The unshaded area along SW Englewood Drive is the Alto Park Water District and is also part of Lake Oswego Fire's service area. Map from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office.

⁷⁴ Despite its name, the Alto Park Water District only provides fire services to its residents.

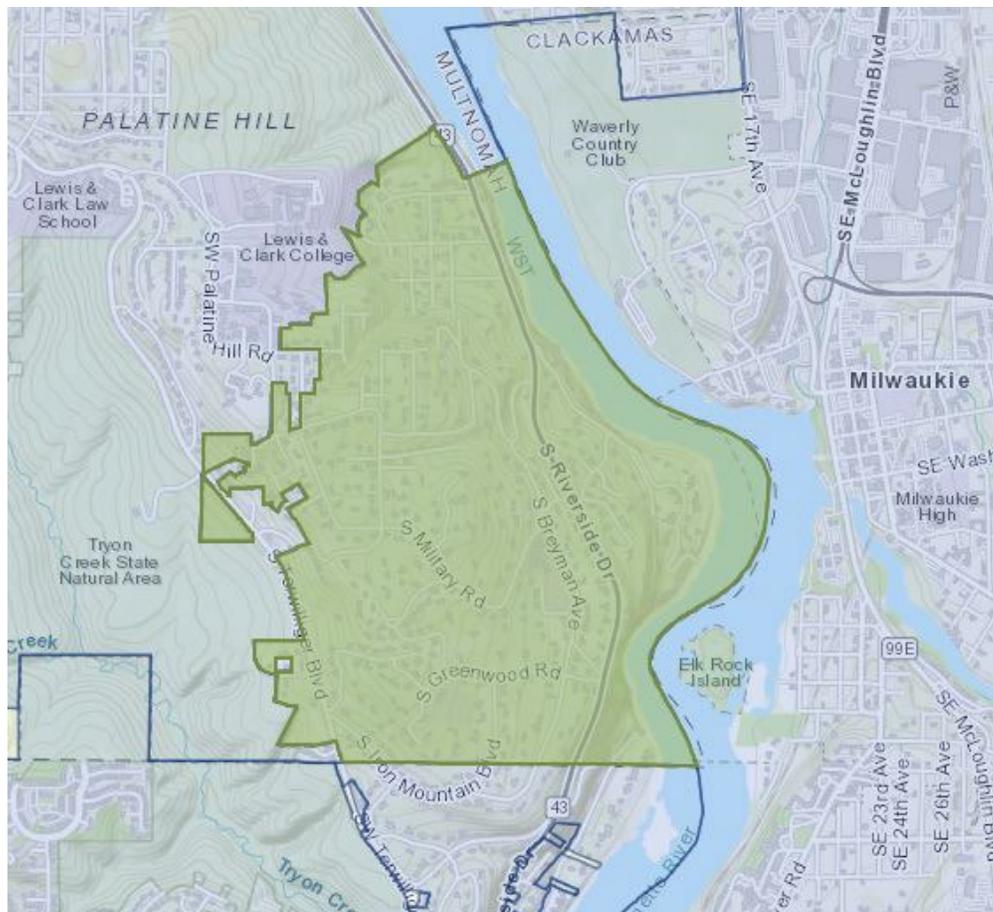


Figure 61 - Service area of Riverdale Rural Fire Protection District 11. Map from Oregon State Fire Marshal.

Coordination between Lake Oswego Fire, Portland Fire, Oregon State Parks, and Clackamas County is a main issue for the district in Multnomah County. Areas of common goals are in strategy and grants for fuel management, fire detection, risk communication, and operational coordination around risk in Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Areas of risk noted also include the Mountain Park neighborhood.

Wildfire protection in Rural Fire Protection District #11 has similar concerns, also being adjacent to Tryon Creek State Natural Area. River View Natural Area also lies to the north of the district, in the City of Portland and adjacent to Lewis and Clark College.

[Interactive Version of this Map – \(Planning and Cadastral - Oregon WUI Hazard Rating\)](#)

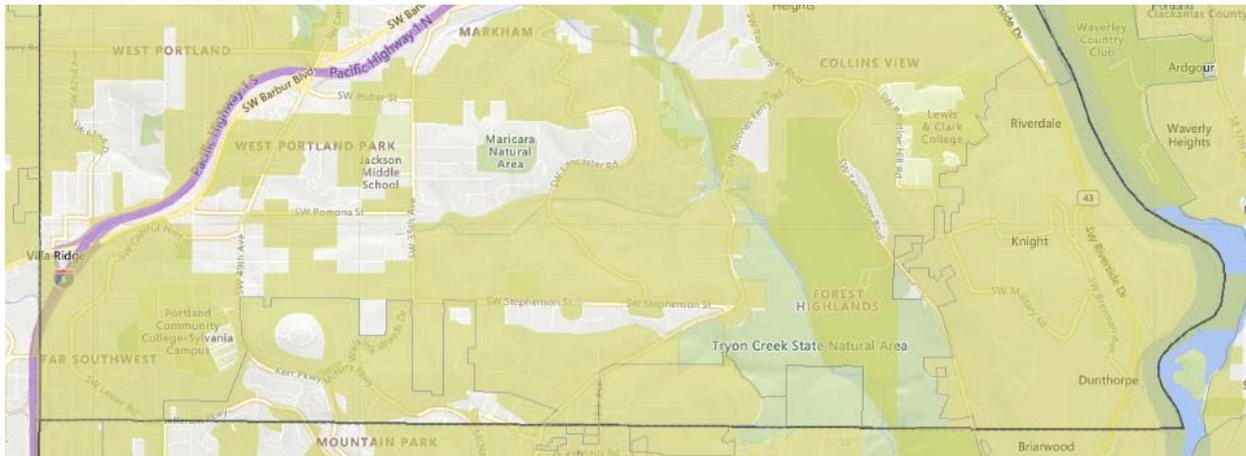


Figure 62 - Map showing WUI areas in green in Lake Oswego Fire service boundaries in Multnomah County. Most areas are considered to be in the WUI. Map from Oregon Department of Forestry statewide WUI Hazard Rating map.

[Interactive Version of this Map – \(Wildfire Potential Impacts - Overall Potential Impact\)](#)

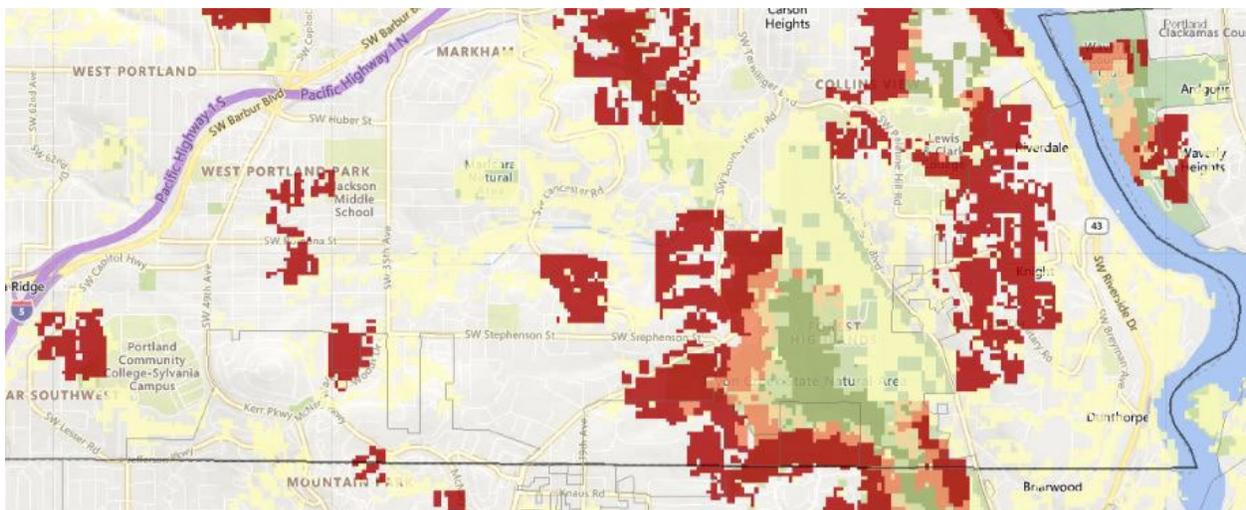


Figure 63 - Map showing wildfire impact in Lake Oswego Fire service areas, with dark red areas being the most impacted by wildfire. Neighborhoods surrounding Tryon Creek State Natural Area face high risk from any future wildfires.

Lake Oswego Fire Mitigation Strategies

Action No.	Mitigation Type	Mitigation Action	Supporting Partners
1	Data and Risk Assessment	Obtain and evaluate new wildfire risk assessment maps and other data being created through Senate Bill 762 and the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization.	Oregon Department of Forestry, Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization
2	Community Engagement and Resilience Building	Provide wildfire risk education and home assessment assistance in communities that are in high risk locations, and encourage them to become certified Firewise communities.	Oregon State Fire Marshal, Multnomah County Emergency Management
3	Community Engagement and Resilience Building	Encourage communities to develop a neighborhood driven pre-disaster plan including evacuation routes, telephone call-down trees, and other strategies for strengthening community response.	Multnomah County Emergency Management, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Communities at Risk

Location	Priority	Defensible Space	Access	Water	Public Lands	Private Lands	Camping Uses	Protection Capability	Burning	Preparedness	Communications	Steep Slopes	Description
Mountain Park	High	●	●		●		●	●		●		●	The homes in this community are close together, are surrounded by heavy vegetation and are on very steep slopes, ranging from 100 ft to 1000 ft. There are some green belt trails that would provide some limited access for firefighting. A few years ago, the City cleared some of these trails for brush truck access. Priorities for this community are preparedness and defensible space.
Riverdale/Dunthorpe	Medium	●	●		●			●				●	Riverdale/Dunthorpe is home to many incomparable estates that appear on the National Historical Registry, designed by acclaimed architects and design firms. These homes are surrounded by high bluffs on the west banks of the Willamette River and steep terrain throughout. Access for firefighters is limited in areas. Water supply is accessible. Working on educating and encouraging community to become Firewise certified.
Tryon Creek	Medium	●	●	●	●		●			●		●	There is a residential area surrounding this State Park. The park has an older stand of mature trees, but defensible space around homes is needed. Access and water are limited here and it is used for camping and recreation, which presents some outreach opportunities. Lake Oswego Fire shares protection with Portland Fire and they review response strategies annually.

Priority Fuel Mitigation Location	Project Details
Mountain Park Areas	Neighborhood defensible space mitigation projects.
Tryon Creek	Defensible space projects based on home assessments and in coordination with Firewise community activities.
Riverdale/Dunthorpe	Neighborhood defensible space mitigation projects.