

FIRESAFE IN FOCUS

Fall Reflection: Were You Prepared or Lucky?

Live Safely with Wildfire

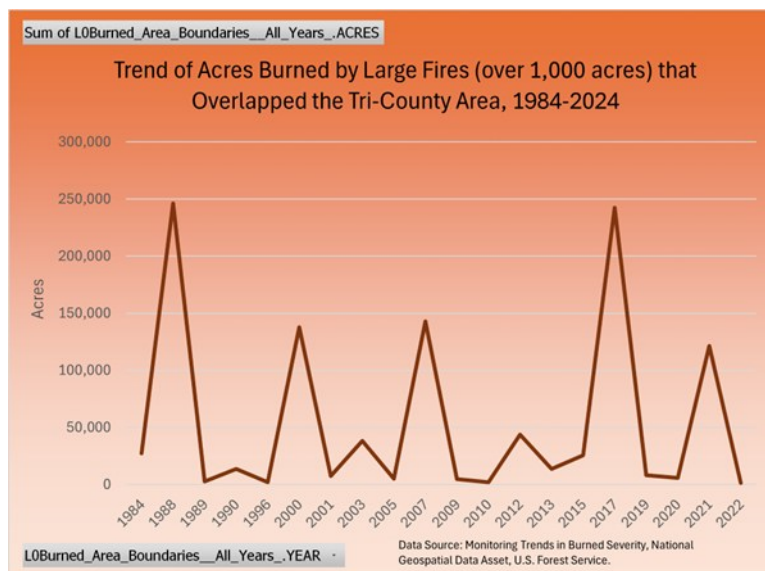
Wildfire is a natural part of the ecosystem, and a fact of life in Montana. Managing the fuels around your home and being prepared to evacuate are important considerations for property owners. Learn more by viewing our new video, Living Safely



with Wildfire (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqXIcuL-EHA>). TCFSWG was also featured in a recent video about fire by Vox: <https://youtu.be/roniU1iEZJs>.

Our Fire-Prone Ecosystem

Montana forests experienced wildfires historically. Many forests at low elevations had frequent, low-intensity wildfires that created open forests dominated by large, widely spaced trees with grass understories. Due to factors fire suppression, land management practices, and climate today's forests often contain dense trees, downed fuels, and many small trees and shrubs. As a result, fires can burn intensely. Fires behavior is determined by fuel, weather, and topography. Of these, you can only influence the **fuels**! The objective is to treat fuels so that when a wildfire burns, it is less severe and can be more easily suppressed.

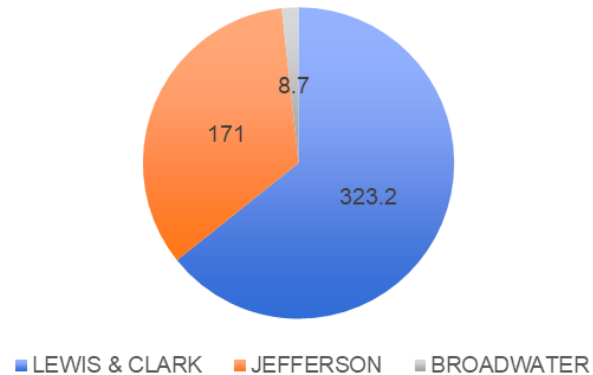


We've Been Busy!

TCFSWG By the Numbers 2024-2025 to Date

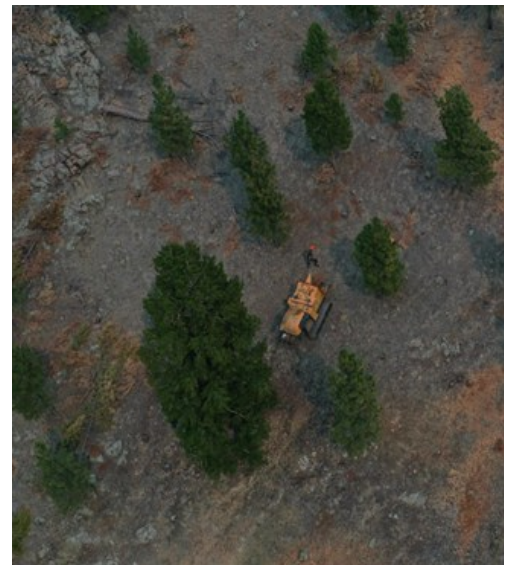
Risk Assessments	407
Projects Completed or In Progress	92
Structures Protected	221
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Acres	503

Project Acres Completed 2024-2025



Thank you to our Grantors and Supporters

- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- USDI Bureau of Land Management
- USDA Forest Service
- City of Helena
- Lewis & Clark County
- Lewis & Clark Rural Fire Council
- Northwestern Energy
- Wolf Creek Cattle Company
- Many Firewise Garden donors and volunteers!



Let's work together

- ⇒ **Schedule your free wildfire risk home assessment.**
- ⇒ **Help us spread the word!** Contact us today if you would like us to deliver a presentation (exdir@tcfswg.org)!



Questions? We are here to help!



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