



Help us make an
impact!

Would you be a spark for wildfire safety?

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote wildfire risk awareness and improve community wildfire safety in the tri-county area (Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties of Montana).

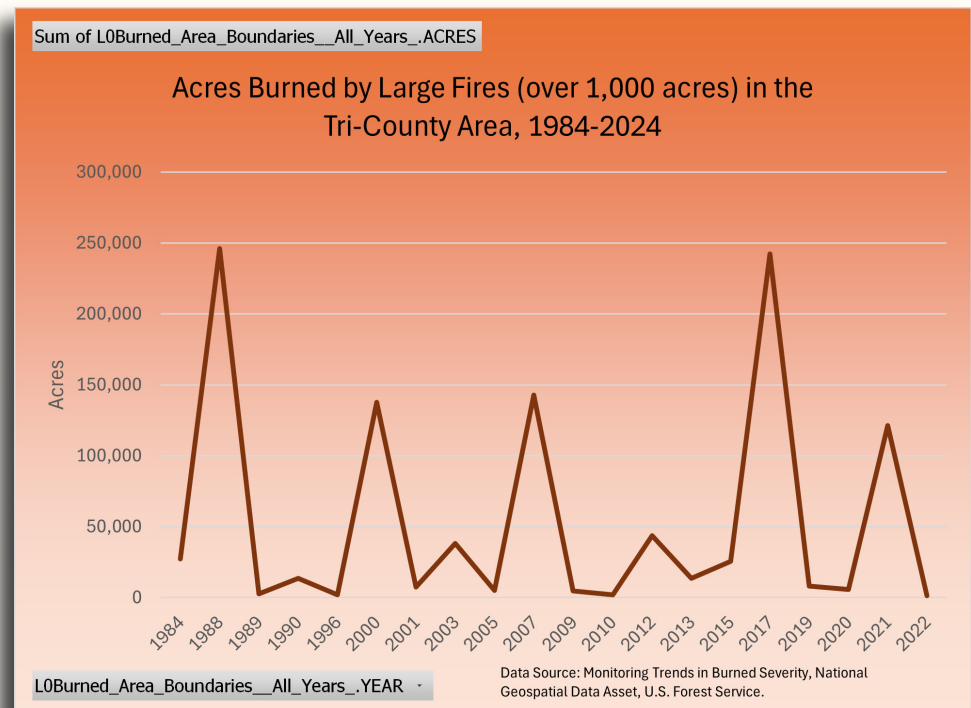
Our Vision

Our vision is that neighborhoods and communities are **resilient** to the impacts of **wildfire**, and that people are well-informed about how to live **safely** in our wildfire-prone ecosystem.



Community Need

- Wildfire is a part of living here and is an important part of the ecosystem; however, large, intense wildfires that can threaten values at risk.
- More than ever before, homes intermingle with wildland vegetation and wildfires pose a risk to human life and property.



- We have a shared responsibility to help fire fighters protect homes by staying informed and mitigating wildfire risk.
- TCFSWG bridges the gap between public land managers and private landowners to improve wildfire risk awareness and mitigation.
- Wildfire risk reduction on one piece of property lowers the risk of neighboring properties.



Before



After

"We've worked hard to put together what we have here...if we can prevent a wildfire from coming through and taking it all away...it's kind of a no-brainer on our end."

- Dan Benson,
property owner

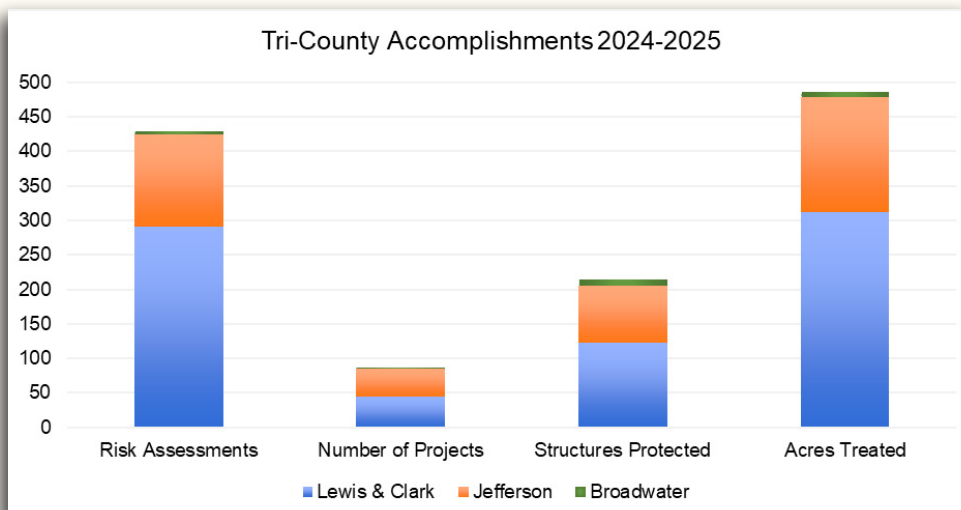
Our programs help property owners reduce the risk of losing their homes to wildfire. Our services include:

- Free wildfire risk and mitigation education and outreach (materials, events, presentations, etc).
- Free property wildfire risk assessments and fuel mitigation project plans for property owners.
- Free public Fire Wise Demonstration Garden and firescaping information.
- Cost-sharing program to help property owners implement their risk mitigation projects.
- Community wildfire planning.



We have been active across the tri-county area since 1984, and as a 501(c)3 organization since 2015.

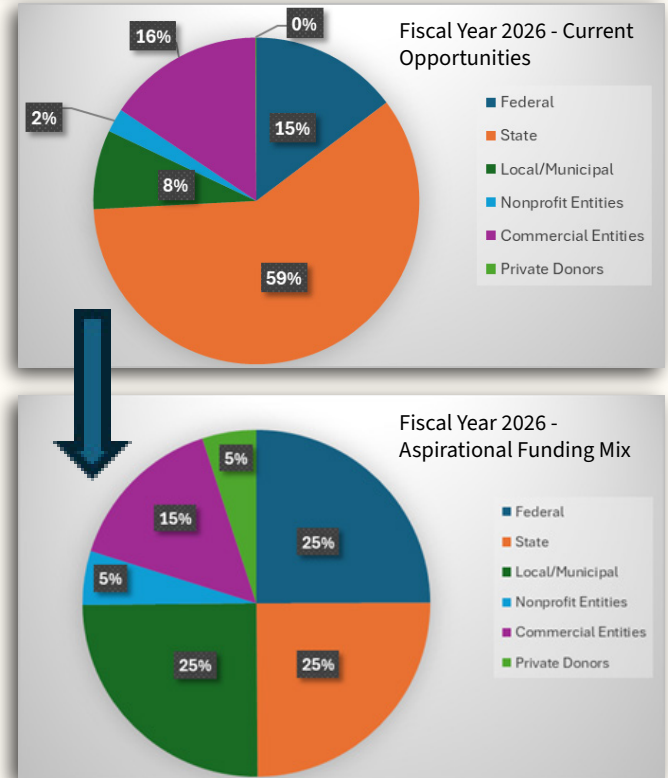
We have been making a difference by reducing wildfire risk in the home ignition zone, one landowner at a time!



We pounded the pavement in 2025 Our presentations, events, and meetings touched over 1,000 people!

Our Funding Goals

- Our annual operating budget is \$55,000 per year that we use to implement grants up to \$450,000.
- Our fundraising goal is \$50,000 for fiscal year 2026 to help us deliver more community wildfire services.
- Our streamlined organization boasts overhead costs of 15%, putting as many dollars as possible into making an impact.
- We intend to reduce dependency on government grants so that programs can continue during times of transition.
- Our aspirational fundraising includes at least 25% funding from nonprofits, commercial entities, and private donations.



Be the Spark

Whether you can contribute to a little or a lot, you can help us make an impact on community wildfire safety in the tri-county area. Our donors, sponsors, and volunteers make a big difference! We hope you can join us in our mission.

Donation	Category	Your Impact
<\$500	Spark	Every dollar matters! Your contribution helps us provide educational materials, outreach events, maintain our garden, and operating expenses. This could also cover delivery of home wildfire risk assessments to several of your neighbors. In addition to education and outreach, higher levels of funding can also provide additional benefits as described below.
\$500-999	Campfire	Help us take our outreach to more extensive venues, provide educational materials, expand our firewise garden impact, and recurring events! Funding in this range could also help fund assessments for up to 15 of your neighbors in the tri-county area.
\$1,000-\$4,999	Spot Fire	Fund up to 30 free homeowner risk assessments and project plans, helping to educate your friends and neighbors about wildfire risk mitigation. These funds could also provide a 75% cost sharing match to reduce wildfire risk on roughly 20 acres.
\$5,000-\$9,999	Crown Fire	Make a difference on the landscape by providing cost share assistance to homeowners to implement fire mitigation on up to 100 acres. Lowering risk for one property reduces the risk for their neighbors and the community as a whole!
\$10,000+	Firestorm	



Our Leadership

TCFSWG is a small organization that champions meaningful work at a broad scale thanks to the dedication of our people. Our volunteer Board of Directors brings decades of experience to guiding TCFSWG; and our staff are dedicated to implementing our work on the ground.



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Learn More



We have many resources to help you learn more about TCFSWG and how you can help us achieve our mission and vision across the communities of Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties. We are also available to meet with you anytime, and can provide free educational presentations for your staff.

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