

## Mid-Snake REDZONE Program

In 2005, the Mid-Snake RC&D concluded that while Fire Districts in the RC&D area had all received REDZONE computer software they didn't have the capability to map their fire districts. So they submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for funding to enable the RC&D to hire employees to assist the fire districts with mapping.

During the programs first year the REDZONE team worked for the Jerome Rural Fire District and the First Segregation Fire District. They mapped over 300 homes and provided valuable fire prevention and education to the homeowners.

The program recently celebrated its fifth summer as a valued resource. Receiving assistance from the RC&D and BLM, the team completed surveys in Jerome, Twin Falls, Minidoka and Cassia Counties. The work of the local REDZONE team was recognized by the BLM and the US Forest Service. As our communities continue to grow, the agencies all agree that the job will not end.

The BLM, RC&D Council, County Commissions and all of the local fire departments were heavily involved with the REDZONE Program. The RC&D Council was able to assist the Counties with this important program and with implementing their National Fire Plan requirements.



*Local firefighters completed REDZONE assessments at high risk rural homes.*

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