

Wildfire Season on Horizon, Local Group Participates in 'Formidable Footprint' Exercise

By Gene Laughlin – March 31 2011



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Participating with team leader Kathy Brasch (far right) in a Formidable Footprint National Neighborhood Exercise were neighborhood residents from Preston, Ames Lake, Duvall and Lake Jov.

According to the Disaster Resistant Communities Group, "With wildfire season just months away for many parts of the country now is the time for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations to assess their disaster planning and response capabilities." Participating in the Formidable Footprint Wildfire Exercise is one of the methods of self-assessment.

Kathy Brasch, former president of Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps Council, coordinated the local exercise at her home, Saturday morning, March 26 2011.

Brasch and her friends used the **ONX** (**ON**-line **eX**ercise) System provided by the [Disaster Resistant Communities Group](#) to assess how the local Fire Corps, Tolt Triangle Fire Council, Community Emergency Response Teams and Carnation-Duvall Medical Reserve Corps would coordinate their responses to a wildfire.

Brasch said, "It is never too late to start planning for an emergency." An earthquake exercise will be held on Saturday July 30 2011.

For information about how to participate in a Formidable Footprint exercise go to www.FormidableFootprint.org.