



State of Oregon Advancing Wildfire Protection

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Advancing Wildfire Protection in Oregon

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Implementation Agencies

- Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)
- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)
- Office of Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
- Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
- Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM)
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
- Oregon State University (OSU)
- Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- Wildfire Programs Advisory Council (WPAC)

Executive Summary

As required by law, this implementation status report is produced by the Wildfire Programs Director every two months for the Governor, the Presiding Officers of the Oregon Legislature, and the chairs of relevant legislative committees.

This bimonthly report period spans the peak of fire season 2023. Oregon's first responders have deployed to over 1700 wildfires that have burned over 180,000 acres to date, across all wildfire protection jurisdictions. We continue to face an increasingly complex fire environment where today's wildfires impact all aspects of Oregon's vitality. At the time of writing this report, **14 large fires** are established across Oregon's landscape and can be viewed here: [Northwest Coordination Center - Portland](#)

Anvil Fire - 8 miles E of Port Orford, 21,842, 27% containment.

Morgan Fire - 19 miles E of Bly, 2,289 acres, 85% containment.

Lookout Fire - 4 miles NE of McKenzie Bridge, 25,751 acres, 50% containment.

Chilcoot Fire - 19 miles NE of Glide, 1,940 acres, 67% containment.

Brice Creek - 8 miles SW of Oakridge, 571 acres, 95% containment.

Grizzly Fire - 11 miles SW of Oakridge, 324 acres, 0% containment.

Petes Lake Fire - 25 miles W of Bend, 3,254 acres, 80% containment.

Bedrock Fire - 10 miles NE of Lowell, 31,590 acres, 98% containment.

Flat Fire - 2 miles SE of Agness, 34,242 acres, 75% containment.

Dinner Fire - 8 miles SW of Oakridge, 304 acres, 95% containment.

Ridge Fire - 34 miles E of Glide, 214 acres, 95% containment.



Marsh Fire - 9 miles NE of Chiloquin, 3,000 acres, 50% containment.

Camp Creek - 10 miles E of Sandy, 2,055 acres, 62% containment.

3 Buttes Fire - 12 miles NE of Florence, 119 acres, 27% containment.

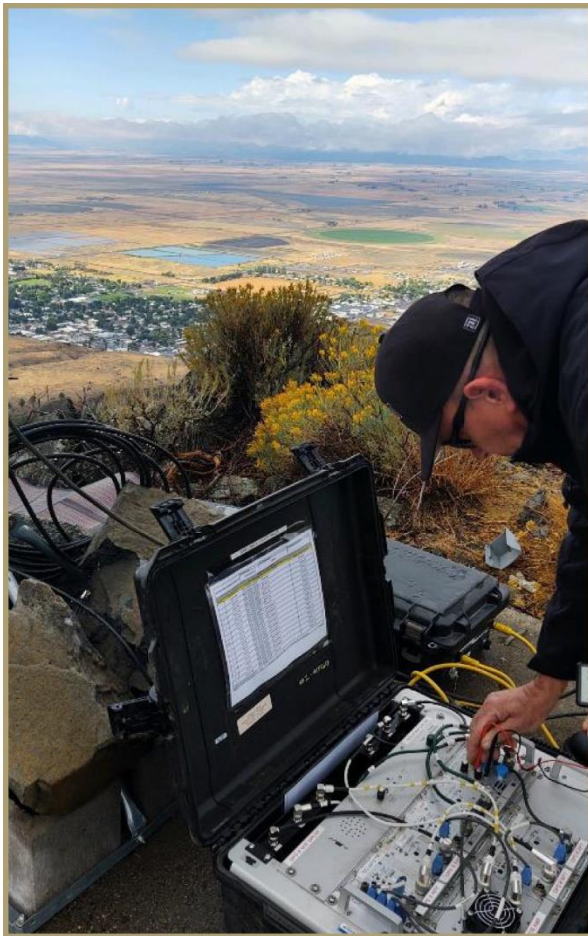
Only one milestone was required during this report period. OSFM's biannual report was filed and succinctly catalogs the accomplishments of last biennium's efforts to evolve community wildfire response and mitigation strategies. oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/

Please note that OSFM wildfire programming was reduced from \$87 million last biennium to \$13 million this biennium. A detailed breakdown of all funding fluctuations for the Wildfire Programs are captured in the director's July 2023 report, as well as a verbal summary during September legislative days. [Climate, Energy, and Environment House 2023-2024 Interim](#)

A standard part of this report has been the "Catalog of Future Possibilities." Given the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council report is due in October, I will stand by to review their recommendations before developing this section for the next bi-monthly director's report in November.

Duties of the Wildfire Programs Director

- Oversee implementation of the Wildfire Programs.
- Coordinate activities across all wildfire implementation agencies.
- Ensure compliance with deadlines.
- Monitor and assess the equity of any financial impacts from implementation activities on local jurisdictions.
- Supervise council staff and develop director reports every two months.
- Explore current and future opportunities to reduce wildfire risk.



Roles of the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

- Advise and assist the Wildfire Programs Director.
- Monitor Wildfire Programs implementation and evaluate agency reports.
- Advise on changes necessary to dramatically reduce wildfire risk and ensure regional defensible space, building codes and land use applications are appropriate.
- Strengthen intergovernmental and multiparty collaboration including government, stakeholders and the public.
- Assess how Oregon's wildfire risk map may inform building codes and land use laws, rules and decisions in a regionally appropriate manner.
- Assess the application of defensible space requirements to vineyards, crops and other cultivated vegetation.
- Review the findings and recommendations in the DLCD's October 2022 report and make additional recommendations to land use planning, local comprehensive plans, and zoning codes to minimize wildfire risk.
- Report every October to the Governor and appropriate committees or interim committees of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Wildfire Programs Implementation Status

2023

○ Rulemaking requirement ○ Reporting requirement ○ Other implementation requirements.

Date	Responsible Party	Required Action	Implementation Status
Feb. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(Completed) oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Wildfire-Initiatives.aspx
June 30	ODF	Complete wildfire risk reduction projects	(Completed) \$25 million in ODF grants have been selected by diverse review committees and have treated over 150,000 acres for hazardous fuels reduction.
June 30	ODHS	Report to appropriate legislative committees/Director/Council on the status of the Clean Air Space Grant Program	(Completed) ODHS made great strides in fulfilling their mass care responsibilities during emergencies and broadening their support to communities when smoke is in the air. This effort was done in close collaboration with OHA and community care organizations across the state. 2023-sb-762-1536-report.pdf (oregon.gov)
July 15	ODF	Final report on wildfire risk reduction program to natural resources legislative committees/Director/Council/Governor	(Completed) ODF completed the 20-year landscape resiliency strategy through a collaborative process with interagency partners and a wide range of stakeholders olrs-progress-report.pdf (oregon.gov)
Aug. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(Completed) oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Wildfire-Initiatives.aspx
October	WPAC	Annual report to Governor/relevant legislative committees	(On Track)

2024

Rulemaking requirement
 Reporting requirement
 Other implementation requirements.

Date	Responsible Party	Required Action	Implementation Status
Feb. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
Aug. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
October	WPAC	Annual report to Governor/relevant legislative committees	(On Track)
Oct. 1 (at the latest)	DCBS	Must update R327 to ensure the code incorporates the standards and to make any necessary adjustments to the applicability of the standards and permitting requirements in the code	(On Track)

2025

Rulemaking requirement
 Reporting requirement
 Other implementation requirements.

Date	Responsible Party	Required Action	Implementation Status
Feb. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
Aug. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
October	WPAC	Annual report to Governor/relevant legislative committees	(On Track)

2026

Rulemaking requirement
 Reporting requirement
 Other implementation requirements.

Date	Responsible Party	Required Action	Implementation Status
Jan. 1	Counties	Required to ensure that all lands within the county that are outside of forest protection districts and susceptible to wildfire have baseline level or higher of wildfire protection	(On Track) ODF & OSFM plan to start organizing this effort during the 2023/24 winter.
Feb. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
Aug. 1 (approx.)	OSFM	Biannual report to wildfire legislative committees/Director/Council on defensible space	(On Track)
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Note: OSFM biannual defensible space reporting requirement and WPAC reporting requirements do not sunset.

Thank you.

The Wildfire Programs Director's Report is made possible by the dogged leadership of Oregonians across the state, the Legislature, and the Governor's office, working together to address the rising risk of catastrophic wildfire in Oregon.



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