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The Honorable Senator Jeff Golden, Chair  
Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

## **Oregon Department of Forestry—2021 SB 762 Wildfire Risk Mapping Report**

Dear Chair:

Senate Bill 762 (SB 762) Section 7a requires the Oregon Department of Forestry (Department) to report on its requirement to oversee the development and maintenance of a comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk. The Department welcomes this opportunity to connect with the legislature on this critical topic. Across the west, we have experienced dramatic impacts from wildfire, including civilian and firefighter loss of life. SB 762 brings to the forefront an opportunity to advance wildfire risk reduction and promote home and community protection through the continued improvement of our statewide Wildfire Risk Explorer website application. Please accept this report on the Department's effort to fully meet the intent of SB 762, Section 7, and our unwavering commitment to mitigating the risk of adverse impacts of wildfire on our communities and natural resources.

### **Rulemaking Status**

The Department has been conducting bi-monthly Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings since August 5, 2021, consulting with a wide range of interested groups (Attachment 1) to ensure a robust and inclusive program design.

In collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU), this process will assist in developing and maintaining a comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk that includes wildland-urban interface boundaries and establishment of fire risk classes by June 30, 2022. It requires that the map be publicly accessible and for OSU to provide technical assistance as needed. Other collaborating partners include the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, other state agencies, local governments, tribes, other public bodies, and additional information sources.

To date, the RAC has met 10 times for a total of over 32 hours of collaboration time. From the discussions and feedback from these meetings, Department staff and OSU leadership have developed draft administrative rules that will be used to define the wildland-urban interface and associated wildfire risk in those areas statewide based on RAC recommendations and available science.

Following the RAC review of the initial draft rules, the Department is expected to present a staff report, draft rule recommendations, rule filing documents, and fiscal impact analysis to the Board of Forestry.

Promulgation of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) adhere to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) outlined in Chapter 183.

The Board is scheduled to receive draft rules from the Department at the March 9, 2022, meeting and direct the Department to move forward with rulemaking and hold public hearings. The final rules are scheduled to be adopted by the Board, along with the results of public comment, at the June 8, 2022, board meeting.

Oregon State University is preparing for launch of the wildfire risk map, in accordance with Senate Bill 762, Section 7, and the associated Oregon Administrative Rules to meet the June 30, 2022 deadline. The map will also include a layer that geospatially displays the locations of socially and economically vulnerable communities. OSU has been in close coordination with Oregon Health Authority to define and delineate these communities, refining available data to accurately integrate into the wildfire risk map.

As stated above, please accept this report as the Department's efforts to fully meet the intent of SB 762, Section 7a and express our unwavering commitment to protecting our communities and natural resources from wildfire.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry

c: Doug Grafe, Wildfire Programs Director, Office of Governor Kate Brown  
Mark Bennett, Chair, Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

Attachment—Wildfire Risk Mapping Rules Advisory Committee Membership



**Wildland Urban Interface and Statewide Wildfire  
Risk Mapping Rulemaking Advisory Committees  
Master Member List**



Organization	RAC Member	RAC Alternate
1000 Friends of Oregon	Mary Kyle McCurdy	
Associated Oregon Loggers	Amanda Astor	Rex Storm
Association of Oregon Counties	Mallorie Roberts	Drenda Howatt
Association of Oregon County Planning Directors	Holly Kerns	Lindsey Eicher or Jill Rolfe
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Jason Robison	Tim Vrendenburg
Department of Land Conservation and Development	Jon Jinings	Sadie Carney
Hood River County Planning Commission	Leti Moretti	
Jackson County Fire	Robert (Bob) Horton	
League of Oregon Cities	Jim McCauley	
Office of the State Fire Marshal	Travis Medema	Chad Hawkins
Oregon Farm Bureau	Lauren Smith	Mary Anne Cooper
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker	
Oregon Fire Marshals Association	Shawn Olson	Tanner Fairrington or Ryan Kragero
Oregon Forest Industries Council	Kyle Williams	Mike Eliason
Oregon Home Builders Association	Mark Long	Karna Gustafson
Oregon Property Owners Association	Dave Hunnicut	Samantha Bayer
Oregon Small Woodlands Association	Roger Beyer	
Oregon State University—Faculty	Chris Dunn	
Oregon State University—Faculty	Erica Fischer	
Sisters Fire	Roger Johnson	
Special Districts Association	Michele Bradley	Jason Jantzi
Sustainable Northwest	Dylan Kruse	
Tualatin Valley Fire	Les Hallman	
Western Environmental Law Center	Pam Hardy	Marlee Goska
The Nature Conservancy	Amelia Porterfield	Kerry Metlen
Oregon State University – Institute of Natural Resources	Megan Creutzburg	

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