



**SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE:
OREGON WILDFIRE
RESPONSE COUNCIL**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2019

Draft Recommendations

Federal Recommendations:

- ▶ Bureau of Land Management
- ▶ United States Forest Service

State Recommendations:

- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Jurisdictions
- ▶ Capacity
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Future needs analysis

Draft Recommendations- discussed in June

Federal Recommendations

► Bureau of Land Management:

- A. Maintain BLM O&C Land Protection Agreement with ODF
- B. Fuels Management on BLM Land

► United States Forest Service:

- A. Utilization of Suppression Funding to Aid Mitigation
- B. Build Capacity - USFS Severity Budgets
- C. Initial Attack Effectiveness
- D. Fuels Management on USFS Land

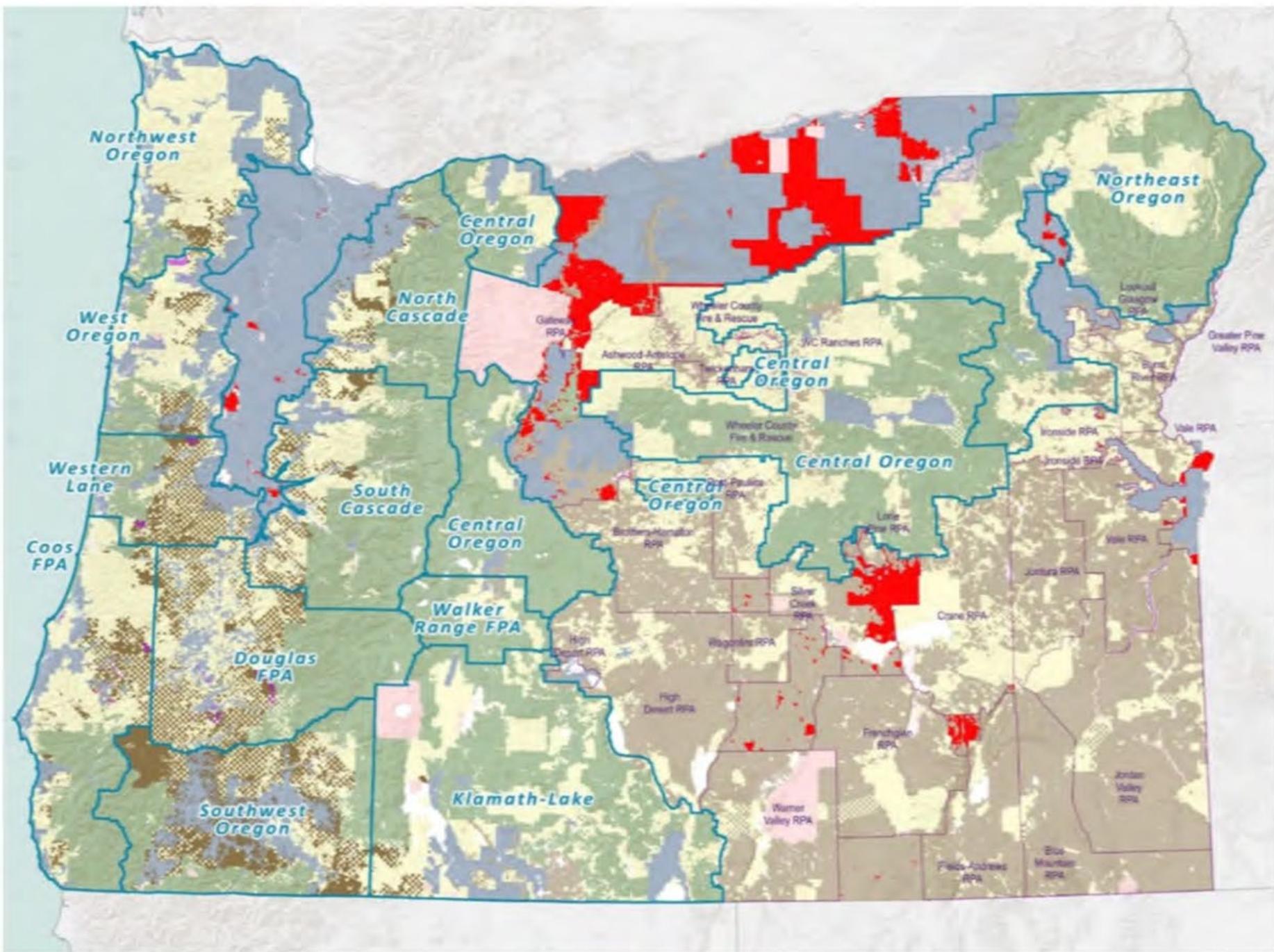
► Insurance: State Recommendation

- A. Third-party Insurance Policy for ODF Catastrophic Fire



Fire Protection Status in Oregon

- Unprotected
- ODF, Associations, RPAs
- ODF-Protected BLM Western Oregon Agreement Lands
- Structural & Rural FPDs
- USFS
- BLM
- Other Federal & Tribal, etc.
- Rangeland Protection Associations
- ODF Forest Protection Districts



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► Jurisdiction

A. Plan to Protect Under- and Unprotected Lands

Require the adoption of systems or formalized organizations at the county or local level to provide wildland protection for all lands.

B. Continue to Support Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

The state should continue to support these associations. Validate the current RFPA program and consider the use of this or similar models for other lands in Oregon where appropriate.

C. Interagency Collaboration, Education, and Communication

All agencies and teams providing fire suppression response in Oregon need a shared understanding of the Oregon fire response model, with clarity around the structure of OSFM and ODF suppression responsibilities.



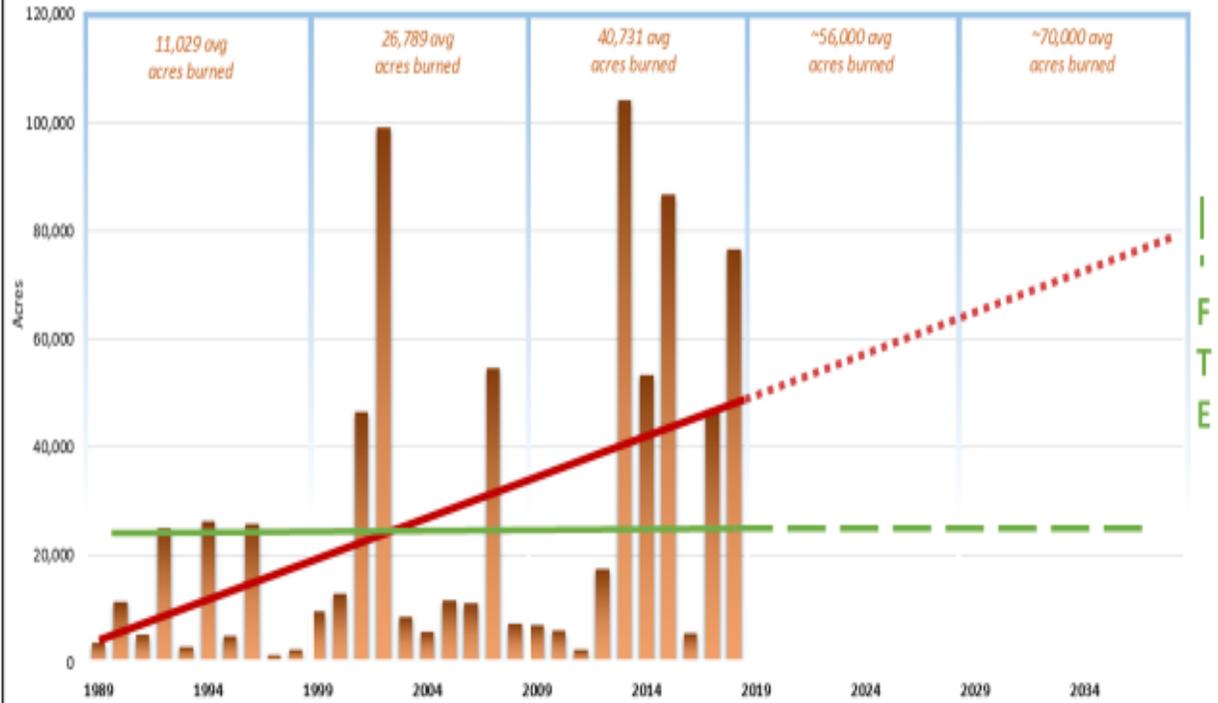
Questions for the Council

- ▶ Do these Jurisdiction recommendations help to provide an adequate base level of wildfire protection in un and under-protected lands?
- ▶ Should this level of protection be required, is two years a realistic time frame?
- ▶ What additional information does the Council need?

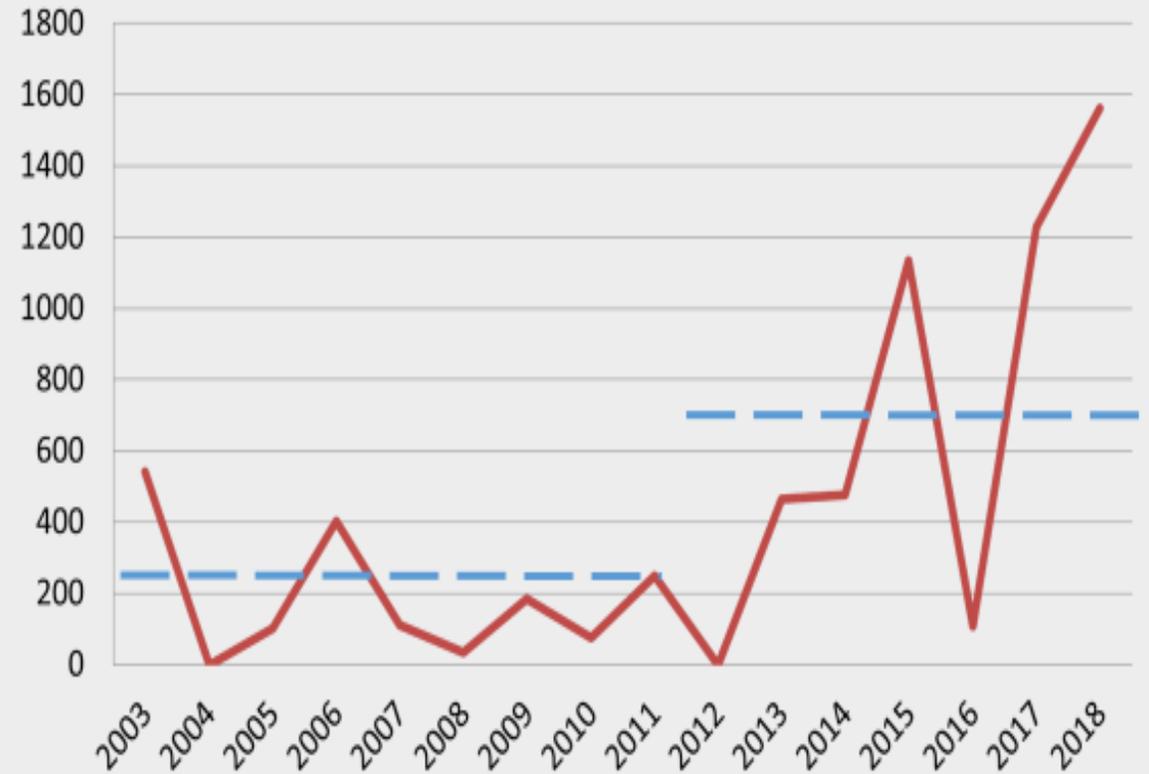


ODF Protected Lands - Average Acres Burned by Decade - with Linear Trend

2/14/2019 ODF Fires data.



OSFM Hours Mobilized to Fire Incidents





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➤ Capacity

A. Sustainability and Organizational Capacity

The agencies responsible for suppressing wildfires in Oregon must have an adequate base level of resources. Recommend, at a minimum, identified critical positions be included in base and fire protection biennial budgets.

- 55 ODF FTE
- 6 OSFM FTE
- Additional Severity dollars
- Approximately 30 Million



Questions for the Council

- ▶ Are immediate investments into the base level of protection for OSFM and ODF needed?
 - ▶ What additional information does the council need?
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➔ Funding

A. Create the Oregon Wildfire Fund

Recommend a dedicated fund be established for the benefit of all Oregonians to accommodate the increasing cost of wildfire response by ODF and OSFM.

Dedicated funding must be in addition to current base and severity level funding, and should be shouldered by all Oregonians equitably. Funding should be sustainable over the long-term -- this is not a one-time investment.

B. Landowner contributions

Landowner contributions should be stabilized at the base level of protection with predictable cost increases long-term.

C. Access to alternative emergency interim funding

Until a the Oregon Wildfire Fund is established, agencies must be able to access practical and viable interim funding alternatives to cover costs not part of, or budgeted for, in normal agency budgets.



Questions for the Council

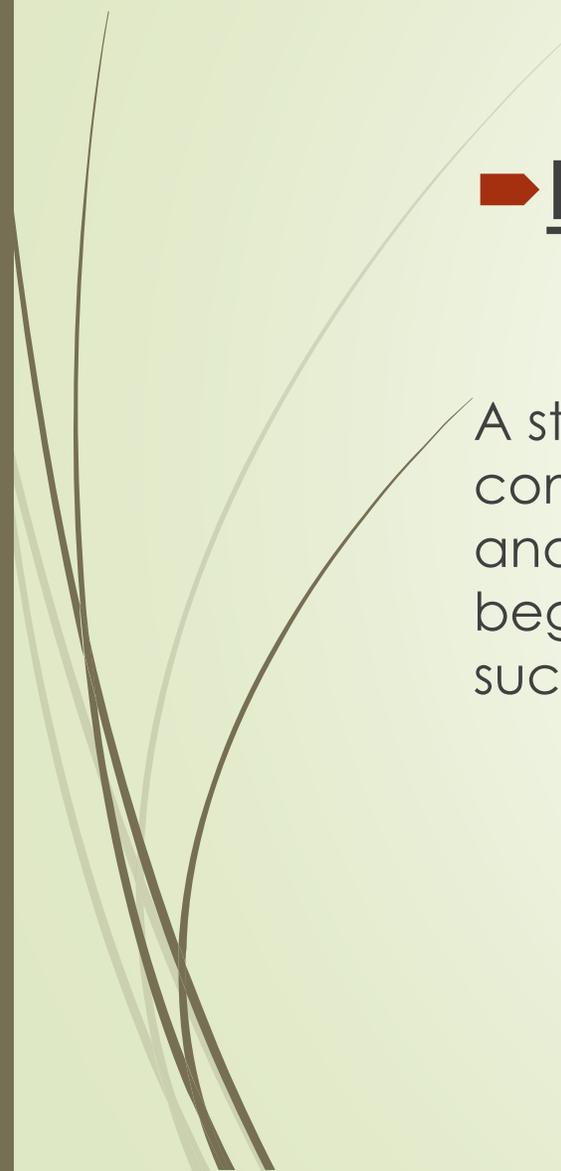
- ▶ Do you feel a dedicated fund could help stabilize Oregon's wildfire funding system?
 - ▶ Should landowner base level contributions be stabilized long-term?
 - ▶ What additional information does the council need?
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Future Analysis



A statewide analysis of the entire response model in Oregon must be completed to ensure the state can meet the growing needs. A thorough analysis should utilize the benchmarking process to drive analysis, beginning with work to define the expectations and requirements of a successful system



Questions for the Council

- ▶ Is there support for this future work?
 - ▶ What additional information does the council need?
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THANK YOU

