

GOVERNOR'S WILDFIRE RESPONSE COUNCIL



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# FORESTRY FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT TEAM

1. **Systems and Organization**
  - Third-party consultant
  - Issues: systems, capacity, centralization v decentralization
  
2. **Financing Facility**
  - Treasurer's Office, LFO, DAS



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### ***Suppression Committee Recommendations (pp 18-21)***

- 1. Fuels management (Shared Stewardship Agreement metrics)**
- 2. Access, control points**
- 3. Fuel breaks, removing snags, post-suppression rehabilitation**
- 4. Restricting managed wildfire to low-risk conditions**
- 5. Limiting transfer of risk**



## DECISIONS INVOLVE TRADE-OFFS

Risk between Neighbors	Community Impacts	Separate Missions & Management Objectives	Agency Finances
Pre-Fire Fuels	Smoke	Ecological Restoration	Declining Budgets
Suppression Techniques	Foregone timber jobs	Return of Fire to Ecosystem	Increasing Suppression Costs
Post-Fire Fuels (e.g., snags)	Forgone county revenues		Lower Funding for Non-Suppression Programs Including Fuel Treatments
Access			
Legal -sovereign immunity -indemnification			



## DEGREES OF ALIGNMENT

### High Alignment

- Pre-fire fuel treatments
- Land exchanges (consolidate ownerships, reduce boundary mileage)

### Some Alignment

- Suppression practices
- Managed wildfire during low-risk fire conditions

### Remaining Issues

- Post-fire fuel treatments
- Access
- Legal



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## STATE SUPPRESSION CAPACITY

### *Suppression Committee Recommendations (pp 9-12)*

- **ODF: 61 FTE**
  - **22 Fire Protection**
  - **9 Agency Administration – fire finance, support functions**
  - **12 Private Forests**
  - **10 State Forests**
  - **8 Rangeland and cropland support / liaison**
  - **“Militia System”**
- **OSFM: 7 FTE**
- **Severity Capacity**
- **Total \$40 million / biennium (2021 Budget)**



# STATE SUPPRESSION CAPACITY

## *Rationale*

- Modernization
- Expand to Unprotected and Under-protected Lands
- Workforce safety (overtime hours)



## STATE SUPPRESSION CAPACITY

- *Council Discussion*



# STATE SUPPRESSION CAPACITY

## *Funding Model Options*

1. Council recommend general fund / landowner split
2. Council decline to offer recommendation
3. Council endorse Suppression Committee Recommendation
  - Third-party collect data
  - Evaluate value derived vs value paid
  - Benchmark against Western states
  - Recommend general fund / landowner split

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