



GOVERNOR'S WILDFIRE RESPONSE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019



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| | | | | | | | <p>- Finalize Initial Report - Funding, Comm Work Groups</p> | | <p>Prep for Feb Session</p> |

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| | | | | | | | | | Prep for Feb Session |



DESIRED OUTCOMES: SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING

- 1. Council Communications: Remaining Work Plan**
 - Process Update
- 2. Council Establish Recommendations Framework, Drafting Committee**
- 3. Council Receive Initial Committee Report**
 - Mitigation
- 4. Council Deliberate Final Committee Reports**
 - Suppression, Health, Community Recovery

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PROCESS UPDATE

1. Time Extension

- Support 2020 legislative process

2. Committee Reports

- Today: Suppression, Health, Community Recover
- Sept 26: Land Use
- TBD: Mitigation

3. Council Report

- Integrated Strategy

4. Drafting Committee

- Provide “straw proposals” for Council deliberation

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INTEGRATED RECOMMENDATIONS FRAMEWORK

NATIONAL COHESIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



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GOALS

1. Restore & Maintain Resilient Landscapes
2. Fire-Adapted Communities
3. Respond to Wildfires



NATIONAL COHESIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

CHALLENGES

1. Goal: Restore & Maintain Resilient Landscapes

➤ **Challenge:** Managing Vegetation & Fuels

2. Goal: Fire-Adapted Communities

➤ **Challenge:** Protecting Homes, Communities and Values At-Risk

➤ **Challenge:** Managing Human-Caused Ignitions

3. Safe & Effective Wildfire Response

➤ **Challenge:** Effectively efficiently responding to wildfire



MANAGING VEGETATION & FUELS

- 1. Landscape-level Mitigation (Mitigation Committee)**
- 2. Defensible Space (Land Use Committee)**

Initiative: Expansion Until Fuels Moderated



PROTECTING HOMES, COMMUNITIES & VALUES AT-RISK MANAGING HUMAN-CAUSED IGNITIONS

- 1. Building Codes (Land Use Committee)**
- 2. Utilities Wildfire Mitigation Plans (Unassigned)**

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PROTECTING HOMES, COMMUNITIES & VALUES AT-RISK MANAGING HUMAN-CAUSED IGNITIONS

- 1. Health (Health Subcommittee)**
- 2. Emergency Response Systems (Health Subcommittee)**
- 3. Disaster Response & Recovery (Community & Economic Recovery Subcommittee)**
- 4. Land Use & Zoning (Land Use Subcommittee)**
- 5. Property Insurance (Unassigned)**
- 6. Public Education (Unassigned)**

Initiative: Re-orientation of Mature Systems to Better Incorporate Increased Wildfire



EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY RESPONDING TO WILDFIRE

1. Suppression (Suppression Committee)

Initiative: Expansion Until Fuels Moderated



EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY RESPONDING TO WILDFIRE

1. Suppression Cash Management (Suppression Committee)

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Synthesis of Committee Recommendations: Initial DRAFT

| Significant Expansion of Efforts, Investment | Reorientation of Systems, Moderate Expansion, Investment | Maintain | Further Study Needed |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Landscape-level Mitigation | 1. Health | 1. BLM Contract on O&C Lands | 1. Tenants' Rights |
| 2. Defensible Space | 2. Emergency Response | 2. Suppression Funding Insurance | 2. Suppression Funding Distribution |
| 3. Building Codes | 3. Disaster Response & Recovery | | 3. Mitigation Funding Distribution |
| 4. Utilities Wildfire Mitigation | 4. Land Use Planning & Zoning | | 4. Tenants' Rights |
| 5. Suppression | 5. Property Insurance | | |
| | 6. Public Education | | |
| | 7. Suppression Cash Management | | |
| | 8. OSU Wildfire Center | | |



PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK: “MISSION ROI”

- 1. Expected Benefits / Additionality over BAU**
 - Including Co-Benefits
- 2. Expected Costs**
 - Direct & Indirect (e.g., regulations)
- 3. Time Horizon and Duration**
- 4. Risks to Costs, Benefits, Time Horizon**
- 5. Synergies, Contingencies Upon Other Policies**



DRAFTING COMMITTEE

- Draft prioritization of policy recommendations to support Council vetting process
- Employing structured framework such as Mission ROI
- Drawing upon Committee reports, available information
- Balanced composition developed in conjunction with Governor's office

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MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT: OVERVIEW & CONTEXT

Goal: Restore and maintain resilient landscapes

Challenge: Fuel accumulation

Conclusion: Magnitude too large for any individual sector

- Multi-Million-Acre, Multi-Billion-Dollar, Multi-Decade
- Requires Public-Private-Partnership
- Significant Co-Benefits
- State Leadership is Pivotal



KEY ELEMENTS OF A WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGY

1. Catalyze Program
 - a. State Capital Infusion
 - b. Commensurate Federal Dollars
 - c. State Personnel and Integration
2. Lead a New Oregon Public-Private Partnership
3. Expand Private Sector Role
4. Enhance Agency Business Model



LEAD A NEW OREGON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- A. State Objectives & Priorities
- B. Statewide Risk Assessment & Prioritization
- C. Scale & Time Horizons

Recommendations provided in report.

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STATEWIDE RISK ASSESSMENT & PRIORITIZATION

Dr. Chris Dunn, OSU



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MITIGATION: RESTORATION SCENARIOS

1. Define Geographic Regions
 - a. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) - need consistent definition
 - b. Non-WUI: Management-Restricted
 - c. Non-WUI: Multiple-Use



MITIGATION: RESTORATION SCENARIOS

2. Assign Management Objectives by Geographic Region
 - a. Social
 - b. Environmental
 - c. Economic
- Use 10 Objectives Established By Wildfire Council



MITIGATION: RESTORATION SCENARIOS

3. Identify Management Options to Meet Objectives by Region
 - a. Mechanical Thinning
 - b. Prescribed Fire
 - c. Wood Waste to Biofuels
 - d. Managed Wildfire
 - e. Post-Wildfire Treatments
 - f. Fire Breaks, Road Access



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- E. Action Linkage – wildfire, suppression, hazardous fuel reduction
- F. Metrics, Accountability, and Governance
- G. Match Wildfire Mitigation Funding to all Oregon Beneficiaries
- H. Strategic-Financial Plan



MITIGATION: FUNDING SCENARIOS

1. Oregon Investment – General Fund

2. Oregon Investment – Match Funding to Mitigation Beneficiary (e.g., SB 357)

- Carbon, water, power, property, health, corporate, transportation, tourism, corporate

3. Federal

4. Timber & Agriculture

- *Committee / Council will need to forecast funding sources to develop sustainable Mitigation Strategy within Strategic-Financial Plan*



MITIGATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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SUPPRESSION: KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. Expand Jurisdiction, Establish Statewide Standards, Provide Funding?***
- 2. Expand State-Level Capacity via Personnel & Equipment Resources?***
- 3. Creation of Wildfire Response Fund and Emergency Funding?***
- 4. Commission Study of Landowner-State Cost Allocation?***
- 5. Input On Section 4?***
- 6. Other?***



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC RECOVERY : KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. OEM to test systems with fire scenarios?***
- 2. Support county Emergency Managers with 6 regional support staff?***
- 3. State appropriate \$1 million to LEOF for matching federal hazard mitigation grants?***
- 4. Request federal government expand recovery tools available upon FMAG declaration?***
- 5. Other?***



HEALTH: KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. Funding Sources for Public Clean Air Spaces and Shelters for Refugees? Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, DHS Licensed Facilities? Emergency Response Shelters?***
- 2. Who would be Responsible for Action Items in Section B?***
- 3. Other?***

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