

SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE

OREGON WILDFIRE RESPONSE COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2019

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Marching Orders from Council
2. Shared Understanding of Key Concepts
3. Solicit Input from Council on Draft Work Plan and Report

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 - Solicit Council Input

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Element	Status
Deliverable	September Report (Content Next Slide)
Leadership	Ken Cummings, Chair Travis Medema, ODF Staff Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshal Staff
Membership	Complete 11 members Diverse Geographic, Professional Backgrounds Highly Experienced Fire, Landowner, Watershed and Conservation Experts
Meetings	April 12 – Initial Meeting Remaining Meetings On Calendar
Available Body of Work	2016 Fire Program Review Committee Report 2016 Secretary of State Operations Audit ODF Response to Audit, Ongoing Organizational Re-Design

SEPTEMBER REPORT – QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

1. **Organizational Strategy**

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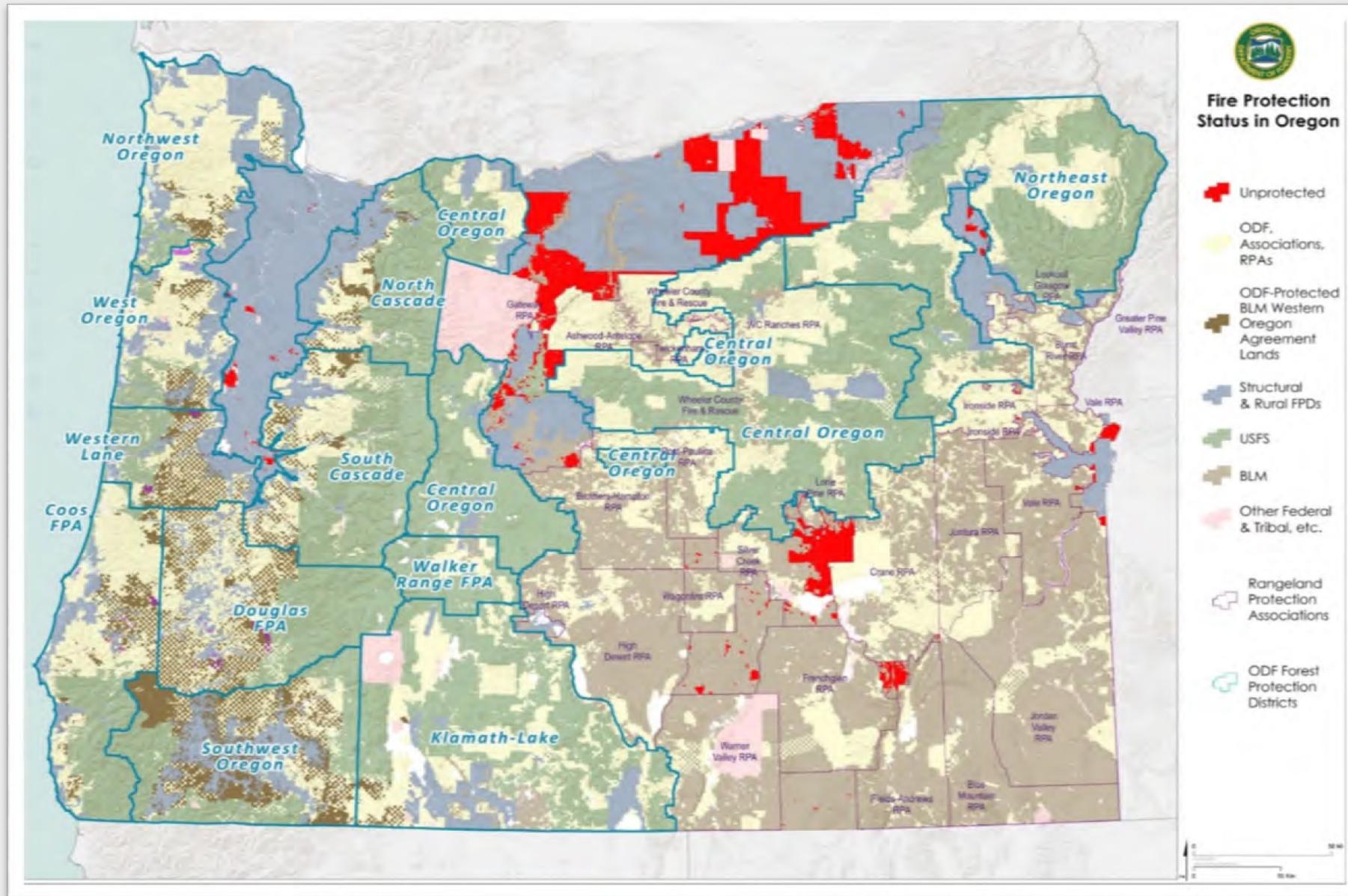
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BACKGROUND & KEY CONCEPTS



BACKGROUND & KEY CONCEPTS - ORGANIZATION

1. Oregon Department of Forestry and State Fire Marshal
2. Gaps in Current Coverage

Protection Status- Response to Forested Landscape

1. Approximately ~31 million of acres of forestland- Total 63 M OR
 - Diverse conditions - Coastal strip to Chaparral type to High Desert
2. ODF protects (16 million acres)
 - 108 year premise remains constant- protect Oregon's forest land through aggressive Initial Attack to contain cost and minimize resource loss
 - Partnership with Bureau of Land Management, State Lands, Parks, others
 - Protection responsibility is intermingled with thousands of miles of common boundaries
 - 3.5 Million acres in the Wildland / Urban Interface (WUI)
3. United States Forest Service ~ 15 MM Acres Provide their own protection
4. Fire does not recognize any of these boundaries

Protection Status- Response to Communities

1. The Office of State Fire Marshal responds and protects of structures (communities) throughout Oregon once the local and mutual aid resources have been depleted.
2. There are 314 Fire Protection Districts across 36 Counties in Oregon
3. Authorities allow response throughout the state.
4. (ORS 476.510-610)- Emergency Conflagration Act

Fire Protection Mobilization Process

ODF

OSFM

Daily Planning and Preparation with Local Districts and Multi Agency Coordination Center

- Incident begins

- Local initial attack

- Severity (aircraft)

- Adjoining districts assist

- Geographic and Outside region resources assist

- Statewide IMT & National Compact

- Incident begins

- Local Fire Department responds (Local initial attack)

- Local Mutual Aid assists fire department

- Fire Defense Board Chief Requests Conflagration Act be invoked. State Fire Marshal receives approval from Governor's office.

- Statewide IMT & Resources mobilize. Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Initial Gap Analysis: Oregon Wildfire Coverage by Jurisdiction

	Base	Severity (air) or Additional Response	Large Fire	Legal Framework
Oregon Department of Forestry		?		?
Office of State Fire Marshal-Fire Service		?		
Rangeland Fire Protection Associations		?	?	
Rural Fire Districts (Municipal)	?			
Unprotected lands	?	?	?	?
Federal agencies-USFS BLM				?

X = has coverage / exists
 X = coverage but needs improvement
 X = no coverage / does not exist

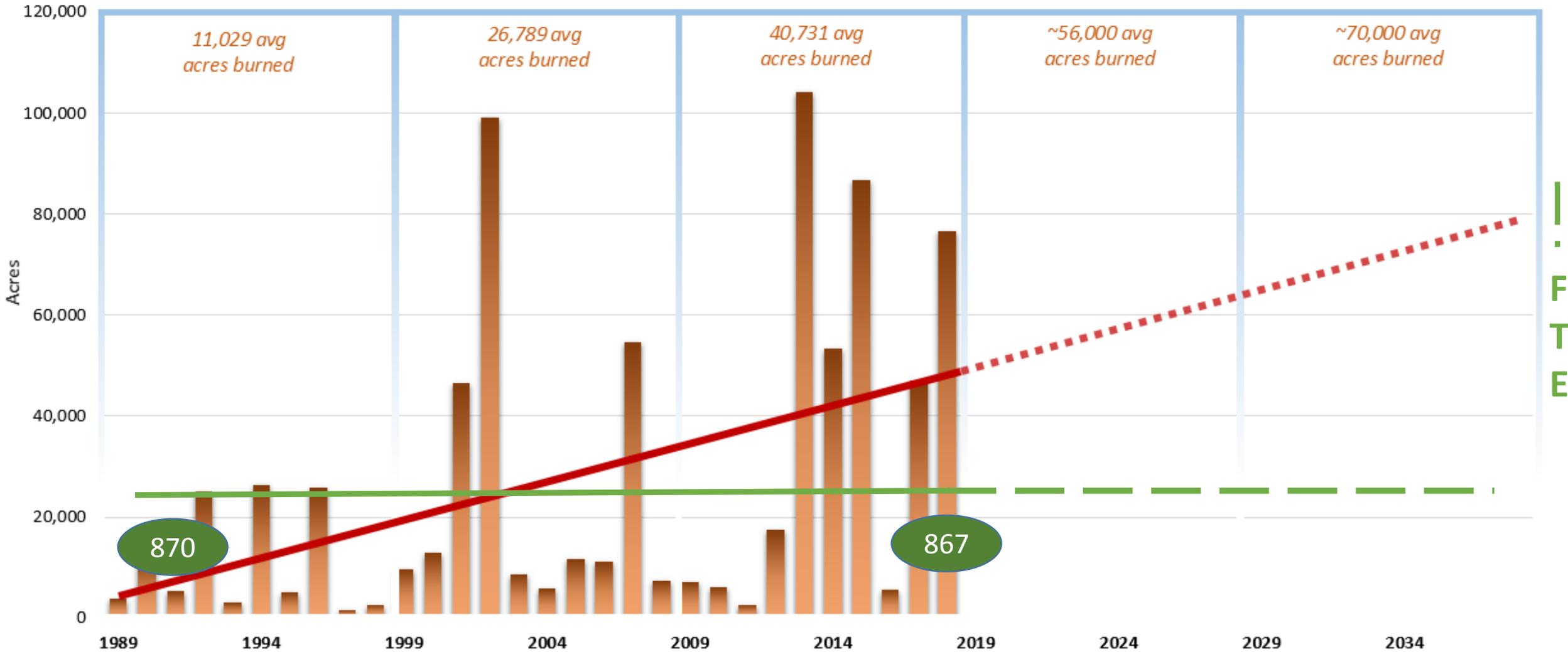
BACKGROUND & KEY CONCEPTS - GENERAL

- 1. Fire Trend Lines**
- 2. Importance of Initial Attack**
 - **Objective: Keep Fires Small**
- 3. Statewide Air Assets**
- 4. Workload**

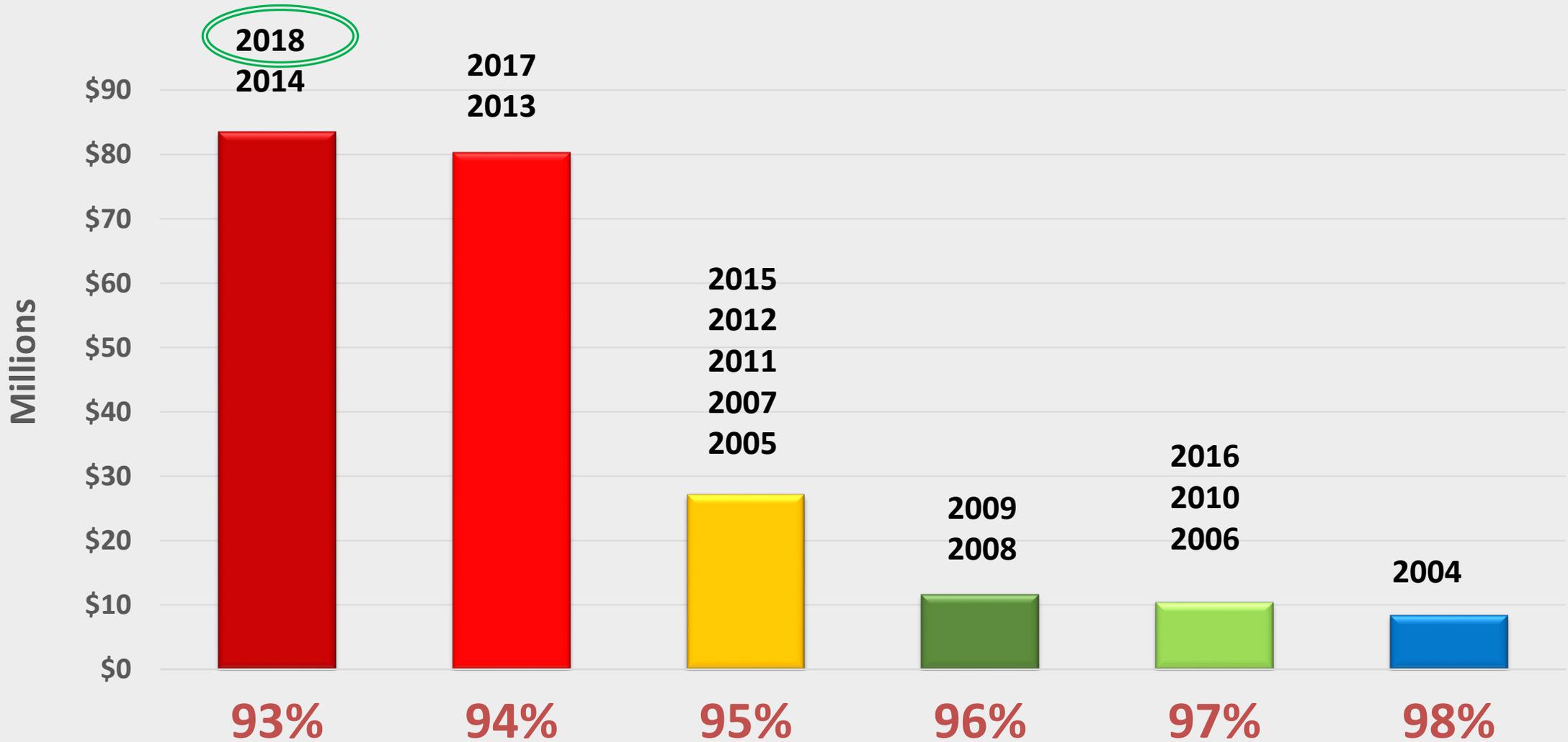


ODF Protected Lands - Average Acres Burned by Decade - with Linear Trend

2/14/2019 ODF Fires data.

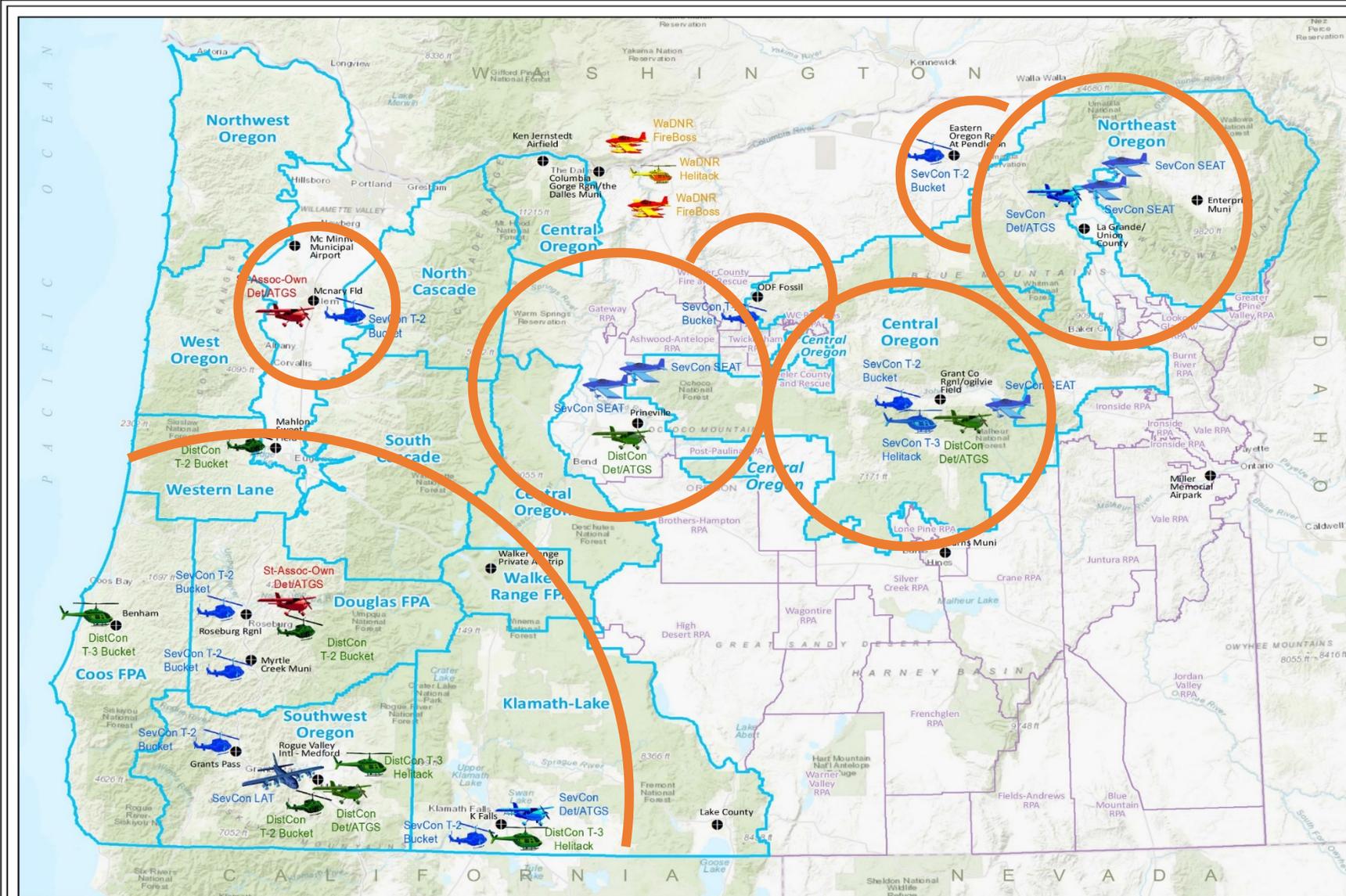


KPI: Keep Fires Small



Key Performance Indicators (KPI): Percentage of Fires Caught at 10 Acres or Less

KPI: Statewide Air Assets



ODF Aviation Resources 2019

State & Association

 Detection/ATGS
150 miles/60 mins

District Contracted

 Detection/ATGS
 T2 Bucket
60 miles/30 mins
 T3 Bucket & T3 Helitack
50 miles/30 mins

Severity Contracted

 Detection/ATGS
 T2 Bucket
 SEAT
75 miles/20 mins
 T3 Helitack
 LAT
250 miles/60 mins

WA DNR

 Fireboss
 Helitack



Airports ODF Use



ODF Fire Protection Districts



Rangeland Protection Associations



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NL&SL, ODF Aviation

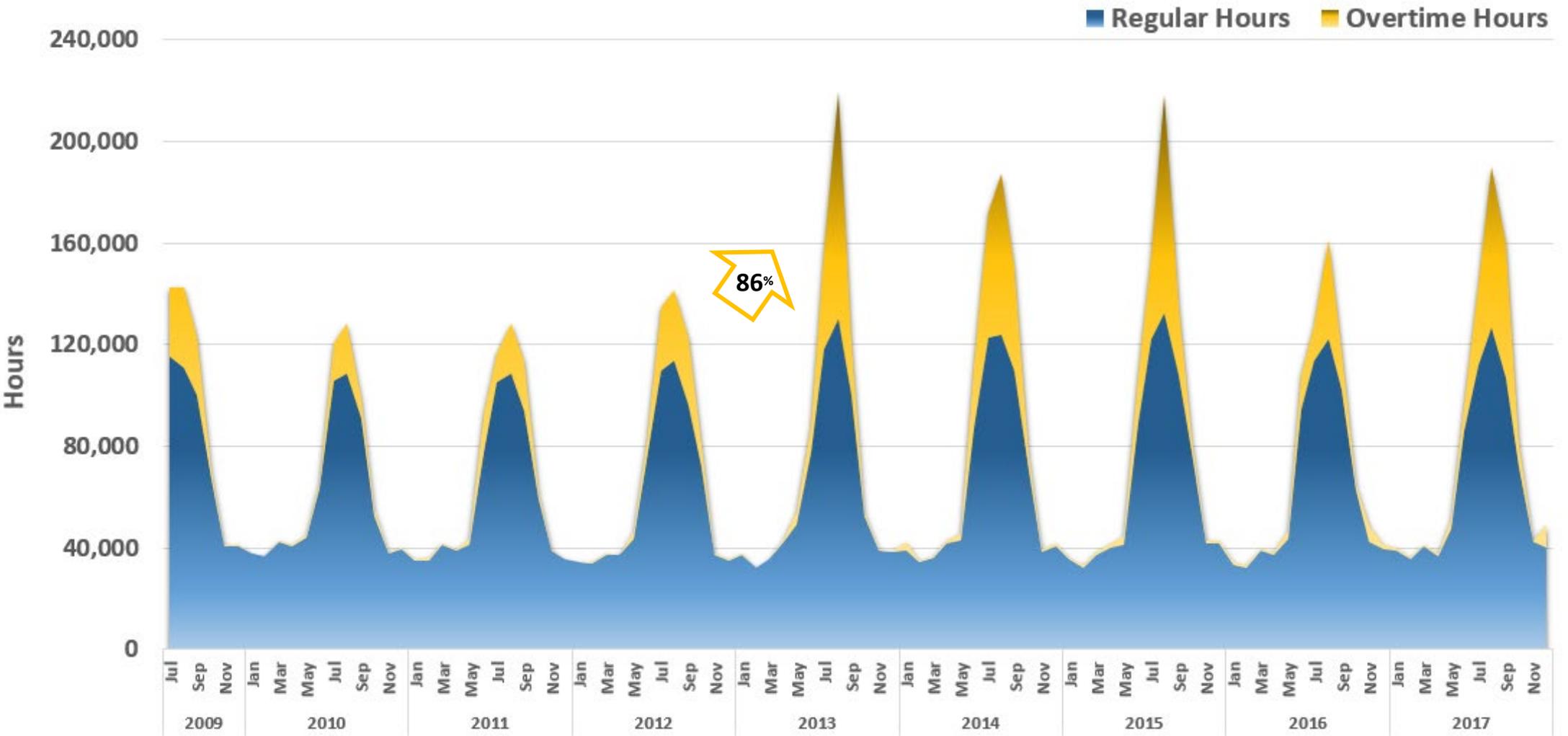
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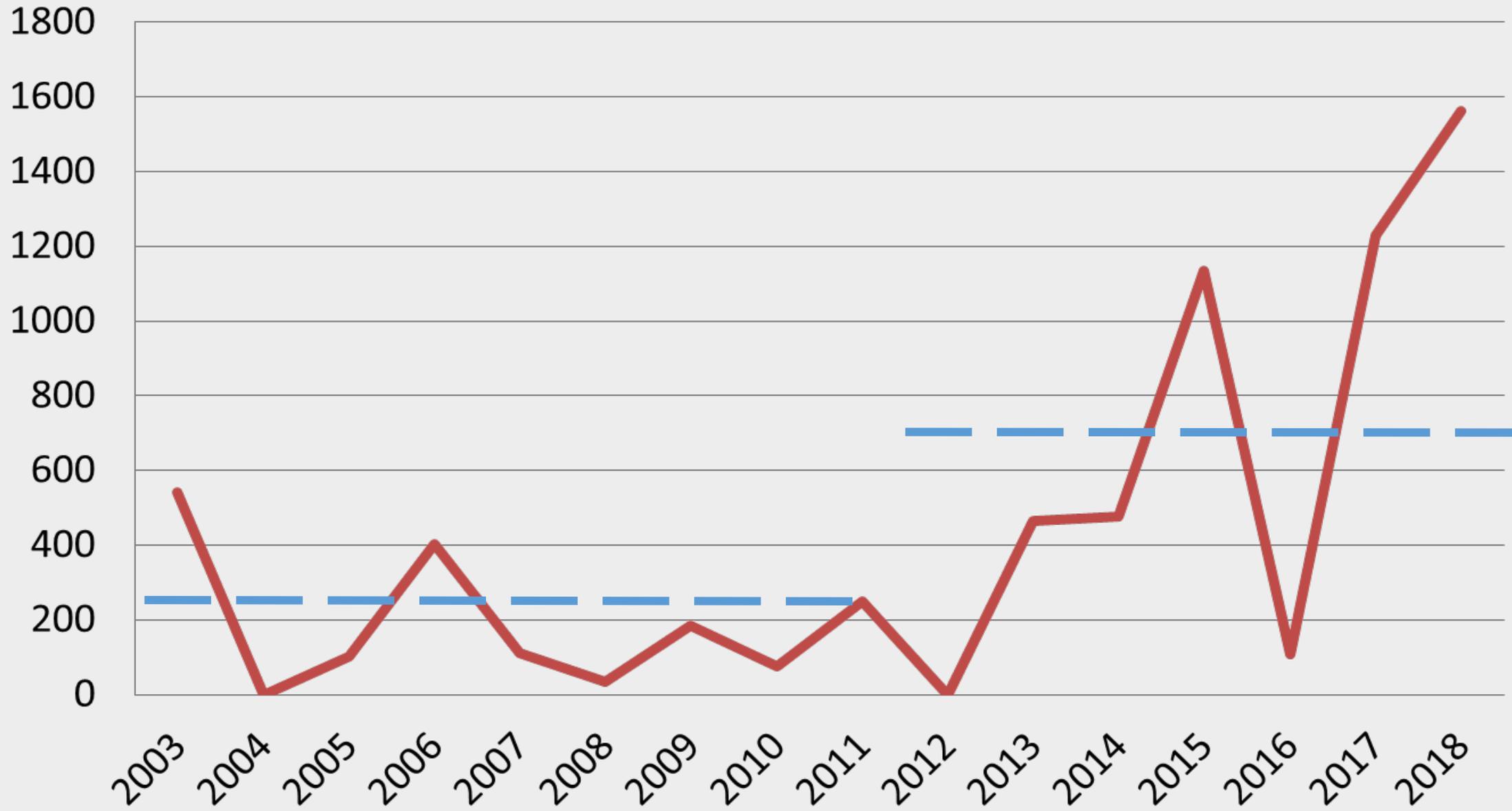
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Fire Protection Hours All ODF Employees



OSFM Hours Mobilized to Fire Incidents



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