



Oregon's Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

Protecting over 16 million acres of range and critical Sage Grouse habitat in Oregon

The RFPAs operate as independent associations of landowners that provide their own local wildfire protection. ODF supports the associations through administrative guidance, some administrative cost reimbursement, fire suppression training and facilitating access to federal grants and surplus firefighting equipment. RFPA fire prevention and suppression helps in conserving grouse habitat as well as safeguarding livestock forage crucial to the local economy.

Expansion of the Rangeland Program

In July 2018, the Boxcar range fire started east of Maupin. Local ranchers tried to suppress the fire along with the BLM. In southern Wasco County, adjacent RFPAs assisted in the fire suppression effort as well. Brent Meisinger (BLM RFPA Liaison) was on scene and talked to the affected ranchers on the unprotected land about the possibility of forming a RFPA. The Board of Forestry approved the formation of Bakeoven-Shaniko RFPA eight months later, making it the 24th Oregon RFPA. In January 2019 the Board of Forestry also approved the expansion of Silver Creek RFPA, this expansion added 351,000 acres, doubling the size of their protection area. Additionally, the Blue Mountain RFPA is working with Humboldt County to expand into Nevada.

2018 RFPA Stats

- 648 firefighters trained
- 400 support untrained
- 335 fire engines
- 120 ATV/UTV & tanks in trailers
- 62 water tenders
- 117 dozers & road graders
- 45 tractors with transports
- 560 radios

Fire Season Stats

2016	116 fires	87,422 acres
2017	146 fires	103,388 acres
2018	168 fires	76,380 acres



The Ashwood-Antelope RFPA at the Boxcar fire near Bakeoven

A Successful Fire Season

The Rangeland Associations measure success by suppressing fires that no one hears about in the news. By this account, 2018 would be considered a successful season.

There were 168 fires reported by the RFPAs in the desert last summer. In explosive fuel conditions and with extreme large fire potential, most of these range fires were caught at initial attack.

Of the 168 fires reported by the RFPAs, only 17 exceeded 500 acres. Only three recorded fires were over 3000 acres. The largest fire was Jennie's Peak in Wheeler County totaling just over 49,900 acres.

Although burned acres were down, this is a significant rise in fire starts compared to the 2016 & 2017 fire seasons.



Effectiveness On Early and Late Season Fires

The RFPAs continue to be an asset on early spring and fall fires when the BLM summer crews are not staffed. In late May, the Scooby Fire located in the Fields-Andrews RFPA in Harney County was sparked by a downed powerline after heavy winds hit the area. The RFPA sprung into action and suppressed the fire at 15 acres. This quick response is indicative of RFPA effectiveness in keeping fires small.



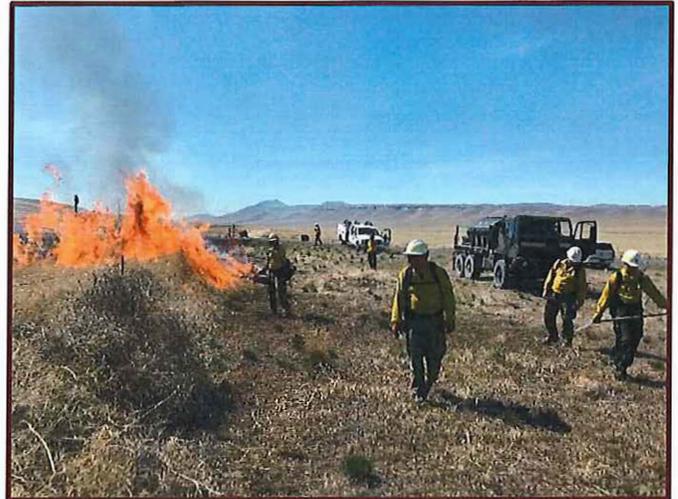
Scooby Fire - Fields-Andrews RFPA - Spring 2018

Continued Training and Improvement

The RFPAs continue to increase requests for basic fire suppression, refresher, and advanced fire training. The BLM/USF&W have created modified curriculum specific to RFPA tactics for structure protection, wildland fireline and burnout operations. As the RFPAs continue to sharpen their radio and communication skills, refresher training has focused on radio usage as well as other practical skills such as engine protection, and fire shelter deployment.



Malheur Refuge Advanced RFPA firefighter class



Blue Mountain RFPA prescribed burn

Prescribed Burning

The RFPAs continue their use of fire practices as a tool for fire prevention, fuels management and rangeland enhancement to protect working lands and critical sage grouse habitat.

Activities this year include a joint springtime Blue Mountain RFPA and Vale BLM burn out of tumbleweeds stacked up on the fences along Hwy 95 in a fire prevention and fuels management effort.

Additionally, in early September, twenty-eight members of The Ashwood-Antelope RFPA conducted a 400 acre prescribed burn east of Hwy 97 helping the landowner to achieve their rangeland enhancement goals. In 2018, Rangeland Associations across Oregon successfully treated 9,060 acres using prescribed burning.

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Fiscal Year 2020 Rangeland Fire Protection Association Budget Summary

Association	INCOME							EXPENSES										RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE
	Membership Fees	Donations	Fund Raising	Grants	Reimbursed Expenses	Other	TOTAL INCOME	Insurance	CPA & Non-Profit Filings	Equipment Purchases	Equipment Repair/ Maintenance	Fuel	Supplies For Fire Suppression	Communications Equipment & Repair	Office Expenses (Supplies, Postage, etc.)	Other	TOTAL EXPENSES	
Ashwood-Antelope	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$7,250	\$0	\$25,250	\$6,250	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$500	\$0	\$21,750	\$17,587
Bakeoven-Shaniko	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$23,000	\$2,750	\$250	\$11,250	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$100	\$2,500	\$150	\$0	\$23,000	\$5,759
Blue Mountain	\$1,400	\$950	\$0	\$10,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$16,600	\$3,700	\$550	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,250	\$9,200
Brothers-Hampton	\$900	\$500	\$800	\$5,000	\$4,850	\$2,400	\$14,450	\$4,200	\$50	\$700	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$300	\$500	\$200	\$3,700	\$13,150	\$4,450
Burnt River	\$4,740	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,240	\$0	\$19,980	\$4,350	\$365	\$10,000	\$1,700	\$1,200	\$200	\$50	\$240	\$579	\$18,684	\$21,000
Crane	\$27,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$500	\$50,500	\$13,000	\$350	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$2,150	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$50,500	\$25,000
Fields Andrews	\$5,100	\$0	\$0	\$2,600	\$4,330	\$0	\$12,030	\$4,260	\$70	\$500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$2,600	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$12,180	\$16,075
Frenchglen	\$2,500	\$500	\$0	\$8,000	\$3,700	\$3,500	\$18,200	\$3,200	\$500	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$300	\$200	\$14,200	\$16,940
Gateway	\$800	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$3,800	\$288	\$5,388	\$3,750	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,499	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$5,344	\$23,284
Greater Pine Valley	\$450	\$3,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$2,275	\$0	\$16,225	\$2,225	\$50	\$0	\$6,500	\$1,200	\$1,480	\$0	\$100	\$3,000	\$14,555	\$1,564
High Desert	\$11,000	\$9,200	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,050	\$0	\$35,250	\$5,000	\$50	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$4,400	\$4,300	\$1,130	\$320	\$0	\$33,200	\$12,300
Ironside	\$2,450	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$15,450	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$400	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$100	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,300
Jordan Valley	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,447	\$8,525	\$19,972	\$5,247	\$200	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,947	\$5,000
Juntura	\$6,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$4,700	\$0	\$17,200	\$4,500	\$200	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$200	\$2,000	\$16,400	\$11,000
Lookout-Glasgow	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,750	\$0	\$17,750	\$3,500	\$250	\$10,000	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,500	\$5,000
Lone Pine	\$4,000	\$1,525	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,080	\$0	\$18,605	\$2,850	\$225	\$200	\$7,932	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$975	\$12,932	\$5,000
Post Paulina	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$5,353	\$4,500	\$11,353	\$5,500	\$50	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$300	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$13,100	\$26,647
Silver Creek	\$10,000	\$500	\$0	\$10,000	\$6,200	\$396	\$27,096	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$4,500	\$200	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$5,601	\$25,801	\$2,049
Twickenham	\$2,650	\$600	\$0	\$3,000	\$4,504	\$0	\$10,754	\$3,954	\$550	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$9,604	\$5,627
Vale	\$2,600	\$500	\$0	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$15,100	\$1,950	\$50	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$500	\$300	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,602
Wagontire	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$10,600	\$12,772
Warner Valley	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$4,900	\$0	\$22,900	\$4,725	\$60	\$0	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$50	\$2,500	\$21,835	\$7,737
WC Ranches	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$6,300	\$0	\$17,600	\$4,700	\$1,600	\$7,250	\$750	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$300	\$0	\$17,600	\$12,748
Wheeler	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$5,100	\$3,000	\$19,100	\$5,000	\$100	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$200	\$1,500	\$14,300	\$23,986

2018 Annual Report Statistics

Rangeland Fire Protection Association	Total Acres	Private Acres 3/	State Acres 2/	Federal Acres 1/	Est.	2018 # of Fires	Mutual Assist Fires	Smoke Chases	State & Private Acres Burned	Total Acres Burned	*Large Fires over 500 ac	Fire Suppress. Hours	Admin Hours	POV Mileage	Prescribe Fire Acres	Mem Properties (estimate)	Support Personnel	Trained Firefighters	Fire Eng Type 4	Fire Eng Type 5&6	Slip-ons Pickup	Slip on Trailers	ATV/UT V tanks	Tenders	Graders	Dozers	Tractor w/ Transport	Tractor w/ Disk	Other
Ashwood-Antelope	362,952	320,754	155	42,044	2009	21	7	2	1,232	1,232	12	1,665	940		457	33	29	15	8	8	17		2	2		2	2		
Bakeoven-Shaniko	183,102	176,683	81	6,338	2019														3	1	12	12	12		2	2	4		Airplane
Blue Mountain	1,157,908	75,059	2,896	1,079,953	2013	3	3	0	0	75		280	519	3,840	0	7	10	32	8	2	6		6						
Brothers / Hampton	998,928	257,785	34,826	706,318	2006	8	4	8	34	46		202	1,016	5,552		36	23	39	2	5	1	4	1		1	2	1		
Burnt River	295,124	185,152	3,054	106,918	2000	11	0	0	551	496		457	576	4,185		64	24	21	2	0	10		7	1	1	7	1		
Crane	1,415,068	601,120	102,748	711,200	1998	15	1	1	81	5,731	15,16,17	506	1,277	9,516	10	266	35	40	28	14	7	3	3	5	3	10	1		
Fields / Andrews	970,347	159,304	485	810,559	1998	7	1	8	2,010	3,110	1,2	400	847	5,889	2,500	49	5	44	3	5			5	3	4	5	3		
Frenchglen	664,126	275,210	979	387,937	2013	1	1	0	0	583	9	70	606	7,008	0	24	5	13	2	3	2	1		1		1	1		
Gateway	9,306	8,701	0	604	2010	6	1	0	500	600		305	452	1,588	500	16	18	10	2	2		2			1	3			
Greater Pine Valley	75,503	30,009	0	45,494	2016	3	0	0	845	965	8	172	497	950	0	6	2	33	2	5	4	2		4	1	1	1		
High Desert	1,739,231	384,666	38,158	1,316,407	2018	28	1	6	612	662	13	55	2,140	1,500	0	90	10	64	5	4	2	1		5	0	6	3		
Ironside	355,967	330,383	1,648	23,936	1964	1	3	0	100	470		36	800	0	0	43	5	30	0	1	15		2	2	2	7	2	3	3 loaders
Jordan Valley	2,495,409	292,999	178,507	2,023,903	2008	8	8	3	808	9,546	4,5,6,7	1,565	700	3,010	0	50	20	100	6	4	30		25	7	4	2	1		Airplane
Juntura	952,048	181,351	82,137	688,561	2007	8	1	6	236	3,688	11	350	1,233	3,372	200	7	12	11	0	6	2		5	1	2	2	1		
Lone Pine	55,312	25,426	3,673	26,213	2013	0	0	2	0	0		60	1,099	3,607	50	15	5	15	2	2	3		2			5	3		Skidder
Lookout Glasgow	246,331	153,478	1	92,852	2014	5	1	0	4	4		67	380	445	0		0	31	3		2			1		1	1		
Post / Paulina	639,580	351,749	22,566	265,265	2006	3	2	2	40	44	3	500	875	2,400	2,135	40	65	25	1	7	12	4	10	1	3	8	6		
Silver Creek	728,270	231,712	5,461	491,097	2001	4	2	2	8	9		108	1,849	8,195		70	62	39	7	9	1	3		2		2	3		
Twickenham	124,301	75,499	40	48,762	2001	4	1	0	10,313	17,334	10	112	220	1,369	700	42	5	8	2	3	3		1						
Vale	1,023,221	204,570	22,347	796,305	2008	9	0	5	51	587		240	858	1,760	0	26	14	26	1	1	11		14		2	5		7	Airplane
Wagontire	301,268	37,844	68,610	194,814	2015	0	0	2	0	0		0	726	1,200	0	3	18	8		3			2	3		3	3	2	
Warner Valley	1,319,875	169,153	69,116	1,081,606	2011	2	2	3	10	510	9	80	767	3,491	2,500	107	19	21	2	3	5	1	1	8	1	5	2		
WC Ranches	49,193	41,489	1,947	5,757	2015	3	5	4	619	709	14	446	1,938	9,383	8	13	11	9	1	4	1		2	2	2	7			excavator Skidder
Wheeler Co. F & Res	393,710	285,503	548	107,659	2016	18	8	3	7,525	29,979	10	1,016	760	3,740	0	0	3	14	2	5			1	3	3	4	1		
						168	52	57	25,579	76,380		8,692	21,075	82,000	9,060	1,007	400	648	92	97	146	31	89	62	30	87	45	15	

1/ RFPAs do not protect Federal acres, this list is just the federal land within the RFPAs Bdry.

2/ RFPAs protect DSL lands as a membership in the RFPAs, also OPRD lands are protected under a protection agreement with ODF

3/ RFPAs protect all private lands regardless of membership in the Assn as per agreement with the Board of Forestry

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- 1) Microwave 2,166 ac Harney County
- 2) Domingo Pass 500 ac Harney County
- 3) Cemetery 1980 ac Crook County
- 4) Jackies Butte 2230 ac Malheur Co.
- 5) Big Grassy 5313 ac Malheur Co.
- 6) Pole Creek 752 ac Malheur Co.

- 7) Coyote Creek 617 ac Malheur Co.
- 8) Long Branch 800 ac Baker County
- 9) Buffalo Fire 583 ac Lake & Harney County
- 10) Jennies Peak 49,800 ac Wheeler Co.
- 11) Currey Canyon 3200 ac Malheur Co.
- 12) Cow Canyon 519 ac Wasco County

- 13) Summer Lake 512 ac Lake County
- 14) Solitude 708 ac Wheeler Co
- 15) Voltage 1350 ac Harney County
- 16) Warm Incident 2000 ac Harney Co.
- 17) Lawen Rd 2300 ac Harney Co.

