

GOVERNOR'S WILDFIRE RESPONSE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 6, 2019





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Executive Order 19-01

- Evaluate systems for sufficiency and sustainability.
- Make recommendations.

- Recommendations – 2019
- State Legislature – 2020, 2021 Sessions
- Federal – Oregon Delegation, Western Governors Association



STATEWIDE ISSUE AFFECTING EVERY OREGONIAN

Main Council

- Firefighters
- Forestry
- Farming
- Medicaid
- Power
- City of Ashland Fire, Forestry
- City of Bend Mayor
- Baker County Commissioner
- Property Insurance
- Small Business
- Timber Industry
- Land Use
- Roofers
- Port of Portland
- Tenants' Rights
- Warm Springs Tribe



STATEWIDE ISSUE AFFECTING EVERY OREGONIAN

Ex Officio

- State Legislators (4)
- Federal Delegation Offices
- State Forester
- State Fire Marshal
- Board of Forestry
- OSU Forestry
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Oregon Health Authority
- Department of Transportation
- Travel Oregon
- Insurance Commissioner
- Outdoor Recreation
- Department of Agriculture
- DLCD



NATIONAL COHESIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Fire-Adapted Communities

Resilient Landscapes

Wildfire Response



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Main Council Meetings	9
Committee Meetings	20+
Reports	5
Recommendations	50+



2019 TIMELINE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct-Dec
Executive Order		<p>Meeting 1 Council Purpose</p> <p>Wildfire Ecology</p> <p>Wildfire Implications: Environment Society Economy</p>	<p>Meeting 2 Council Strategy</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Committee Work Plans: <i>Suppression Mitigation</i></p> <p>Council Input: Outcomes & Priorities</p>		<p>Meeting 3 Committee Work Plan: <i>Adaptation / Recovery</i></p> <p>Committee Updates: <i>Suppression Mitigation</i></p> <p>Preliminary Findings: <i>Suppression</i></p> <p>Meeting 4 Finalize State Objectives</p>		<p>Meeting 5 Preliminary Drafts: <i>Suppression; Adaptation/ Recovery</i></p>	<p>Meeting 6 Committee Reports: <i>Suppression, Health, Comm Rec, Mitigation</i></p> <p>Council Report Kickoff</p> <p>Meeting 7 Committee Report: <i>Land Use</i></p> <p>Other: <i>New Initiatives</i></p> <p><i>Governor Brown</i></p>	<p>Meeting 8 <i>Draft 1 Council Report</i></p> <p>Meeting 9 Final Council Report</p> <p>Nov 18-22 Legislative Days</p> <p>Next Phase Strategic-Financial Plan, Organization</p>



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EXECUTIVE ORDER 19-01:

SUFFICIENT & SUSTAINABLE?



Systems Built for Another Era

Before Many Contributors to Today's Wildfire

- Climate Change
- Population Growth
- Fuel Accumulation



Systems Built for Another Era

Before Many Opportunities Evolved

- Fire Ecology Science
- Sustainable Forestry Practices
- Technology
- Forest Collaboratives
- Better Building Materials
- Learning to Live With Wildfire



Systems Built for Another Era

Before Many Needs Evolved

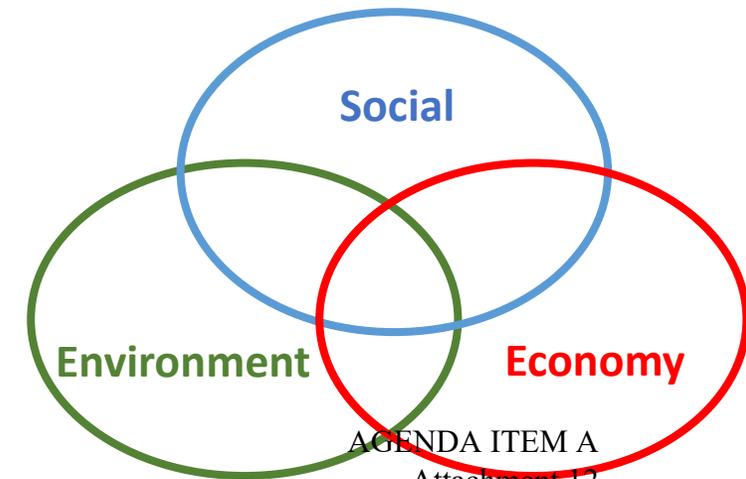
- Rural Revitalization
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Ecosystem Restoration



Systems Built for Another Era

Before Threats to Social, Ecological, Economic Values

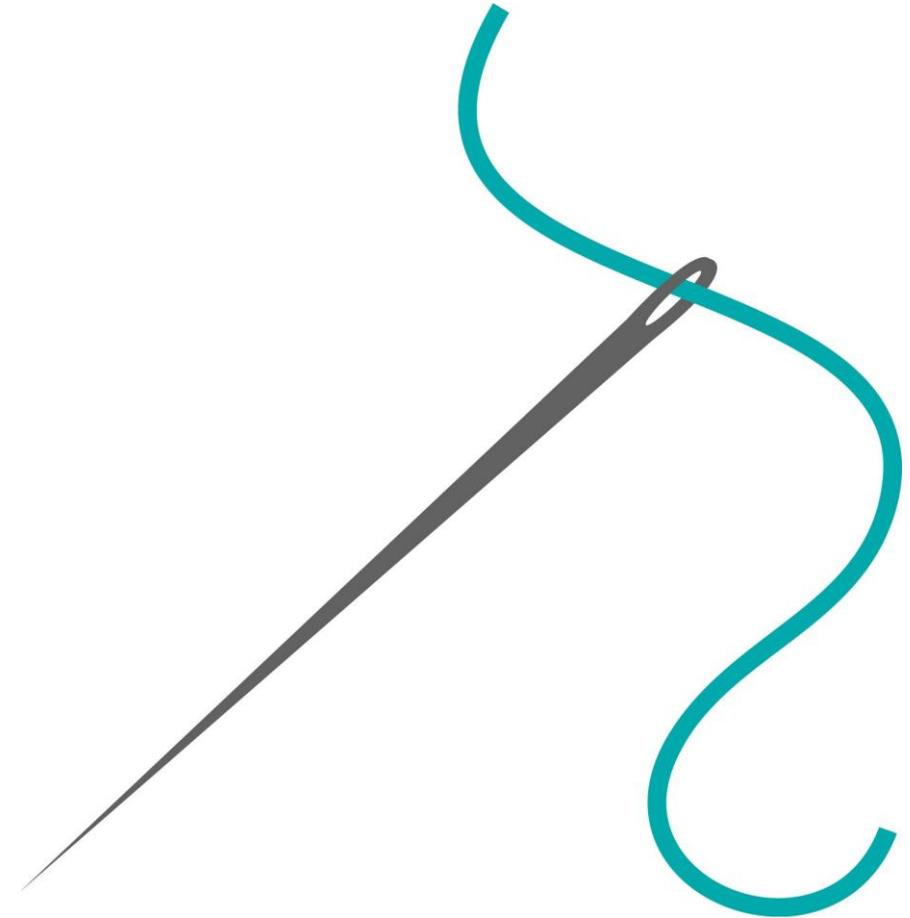
- Firefighter, Public Safety
- Health Risks: Smoke, Water
- Social Justice
- Ecological Damage
- Direct Financial Costs
- Economic Loss
- **True Costs: 2-50x Suppression Costs**





FINDING THE RIGHT STRATEGY

- *Live with wildfire*
- *Save human lives, human health*
- *Protect homes and buildings*
- *Promote social justice*
- *Restore ecosystems*
- *Remove excess fuels*
- *Create green jobs*
- *Revitalize rural communities*





FINDING THE RIGHT STRATEGY

- 1. Maintain What is Working**
- 2. Make Moderate Course Corrections Where Needed**
- 3. Make Significant Course Corrections Where Needed**



MAINTAIN WHAT IS WORKING

- 1. Property Insurance Access & Affordability***
- 2. "Militia" System***
- 3. Rangeland Fire Protection Associations***
- 4. BLM Fire Contract***
- 5. Lloyd's of London Insurance Policy***



MODERATE COURSE CORRECTIONS

- 1. Public Engagement***
- 2. Health Systems***
- 3. Disaster Recovery***
- 4. Property Insurance Incentives***
- 5. Governance, Budgeting for Wildfire***
- 6. Suppression Collaboration Venue
(Harney County Model)***
- 7. Un-protected, Under-protected Lands***
- 8. Federal Suppression Capacity***
- 9. State-Federal Interagency Collaboration***
- 10. Workforce Development***
- 11. Wildfire Research***



SIGNIFICANT COURSE CORRECTIONS

- 1. Utilities***
- 2. Land Use***
- 3. Fuel Treatments***
- 4. Suppression Capacity***
- 5. Suppression Cash Management***
- 6. Overall Funding Capacity***



FRAMING DEBATE

Subject	Primary Issues
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Outages
Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Role vs Local Role (Counties, Cities)
Fuel Treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Investment vs Timber Revenues • State Investment / Staffing on Federal Lands • Managed Wildfire vs Mechanical Thinning • County Payments • All Lands, Cross Boundaries
Suppression Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Public Nuisance” vs More Fire Needed
Suppression Cash Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing with respect to Wildfire Recommendations
Overall Funding Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildfire vs Other Public Services • Landowners vs General Fund • Role of Timber • Attracting Federal Funds • New Sources (e.g., Carbon Auction)
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-Term Solution



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POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR ODF

- Suppression Cash Management
- GNA Staffing
- Overall Role in Statewide, All Lands Fuel Treatments
- Role in Land Use, Defensible Space
- Growth into Unprotected, Under-Protected Areas
- Public Engagement
- Governance, Budgeting for Cohesive Strategy
- Other?



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NEXT STEPS

When	What
Nov 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meeting
Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Report
Nov 18 Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Days
Fall / Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization• Strategic-Financial Plan
February Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Legislative Process
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD
2021 Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD