

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.:	D
Work Plan:	Fire Protection
Topic:	Annual Topic: Approval of Rangeland Fire Protection Association Budgets
Date of Presentation:	June 5, 2025
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain Board approval of the annual budgets of the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations currently operating in Eastern Oregon.

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

Rangeland fire protection associations (RFPA) are nonprofit, locally governed, and operated landowner associations organized to provide fire protection on rangeland areas of Eastern Oregon. These geographic areas are outside both forest protection districts and rural fire districts. State statutes ORS 477.315-325 provides for the formation of these associations under the authority of the Board and with assistance from the Department. After formation, ORS 477.325 requires that the Board review and approve the rangeland fire protection associations' annual operating budgets.

Collectively, RFPAs provide initial attack fire protection for 17.5 million acres in eastern Oregon, with 1208 volunteers and 867 pieces of firefighting equipment spread out across nine counties. In 2024 they responded to 232 fires within their associations and another 80 mutual assists to other agencies. A total of 747,822 acres burned within RFPA boundaries, far above the 2015-2023 average of 80,057 acres burned. In 2024, RFPAs also contributed 38,511 hours working on 39 extended attack incidents with incident management teams. And all this at an annual operating cost of \$700,000, comprised of membership dues, grants, donations and general fund reimbursement of liability insurance. Many people describe this as "neighbors helping neighbors" model. RFPA funds go toward administrating guidance, fire suppression training, facilitating access to federal grants and surplus firefighting equipment, as well as some administrative cost reimbursement. RFPA fire prevention and suppression help conserve habitat as well as safeguarding local economic resources.

The Board's approval will assist these associations of landowners in building partnerships, investing in their community, and providing their own local wildfire protection.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board approve the fiscal year 2026 budgets of the Ashwood-Antelope, Bakeoven-Shaniko, Blue Mountain, Brothers Hampton, Burnt River, Crane, Fields-Andrews, Frenchglen, Gateway, Greater Pine Valley, Grizzly, High Desert, Ironside, Jordan Valley, Juntura, Lone Pine, Lookout Glasgow, Lower Bridge, North Harney, Petersburg, Post Paulina, Silver Creek, Twickenham, Vale, Wagontire, Warner Valley, WC Ranches, and Wheeler County Rangeland Fire Protection Associations.

ATTACHMENTS

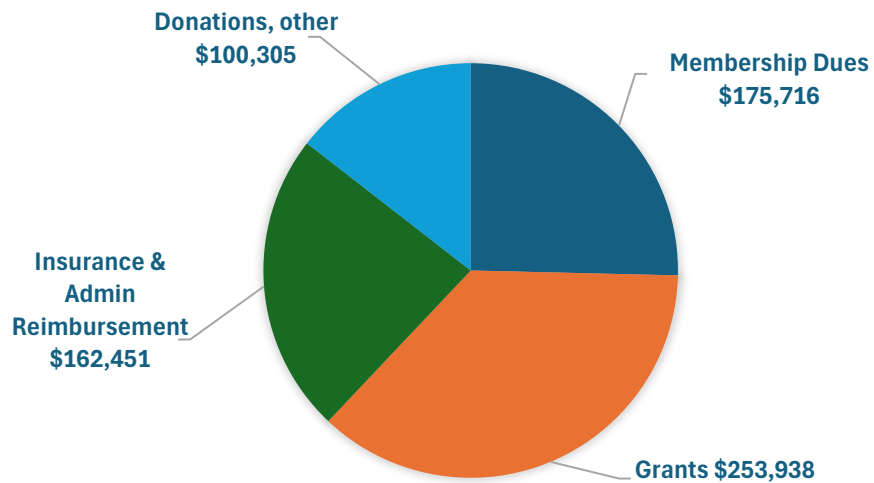
- 1) Fiscal Year 2026 Rangeland Fire Protection Associations Budgets
- 2) 2024 Annual Report Statistics
- 3) Total Acres Protected by Year List
- 4) Rangeland Fire Protection Associations 2024 Annual Newsletter

Rangeland Forest Protection Association Budget Summary
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

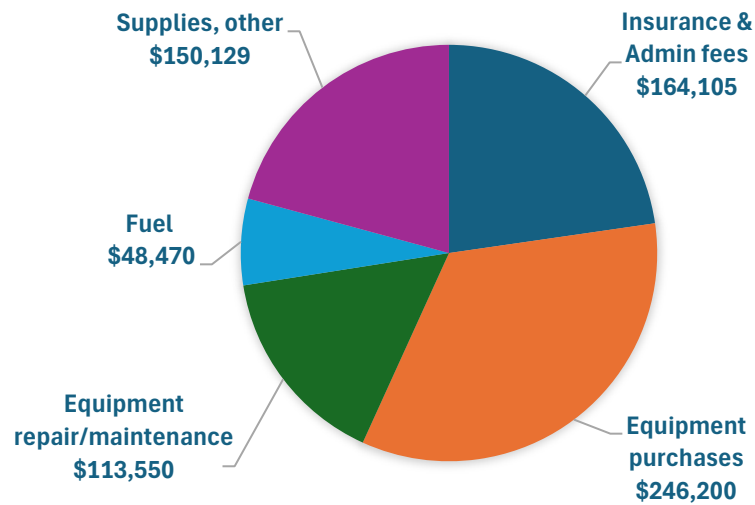
Fiscal Year 2026 Rangeland Fire Protection Association Budget Summary

	Income							Expenses										
RFPA	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	Reserve Account
Ashwood-Antelope	12,000	0	0	10,000	7,000	2,200	31,200	7,100	200	2,000	7,000	2,500	750	3,000	300	3,200	26,050	27,643
Bakeoven-Shaniko	9,000	5,000	0	10,000	3,400	0	27,400	3,400	200	8,700	7,000	1,400	6,000	500	200	0	27,400	288,017
Blue Mountain	1,400	3,500	0	0	4,200	0	9,100	4,000	500	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,500	10,000
Brothers-Hampton	2,000	300	0	13,830	5,890	2,000	24,020	5,500	90	8,700	1,500	1,500	180	2,500	124	550	20,644	6,083
Burnt River	8,000	0	0	30,000	5,820	0	43,820	5,800	0	80,000	10,000	2,500	2,500	3,500	500	0	104,800	129,780
Crane	30,000	2,500	2,000	20,000	20,000	0	74,500	13,000	1,500	40,000	17,500	10,000	5,000	5,000	3,000	0	95,000	20,000
Fields Andrews	4,000	1,640	0	0	5,498	0	11,138	5,690	100	200	2,500	139	0	0	54	0	8,683	
Frenchglen	6,000	0	0	15,000	3,625	500	25,125	3,000	625	15,500	3,000	1,000	500	200	250	1,050	25,125	14,969
Gateway	1,000	1,000	0	0	3,500	3,000	8,500	4,200	0	1,000	1,000	0	700	250	100	0	7,250	26,250
Greater Pine Valley	675	6,800	0	0	0		7,475	3,169	115	0	0	232	0	0	185	0	3,701	4,585
Grizzly	3,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	23,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	500	1,000	2,000	250	500	500	12,750	39,140
High Desert	17,000	10,000	0	1,000	9,000	0	37,000	9,200	90	2,000	4,000	5,000	4,000	2,500	550	4,500	31,840	11,000
Ironside	4,200	0	0	10,000	3,575	0	17,775	3,700	75	6,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	1,000	0	17,775	20,745
Jordan Valley	10,000	0	0	0	5,850	10,625	26,475	5,800	600	0	10,000	0	1,500	3,000	500	0	21,400	29,000
Juntura	5,500	500	0	5,000	3,600	0	14,600	5,500	200	1,000	1,250	500	3,600	350	100	0	12,500	41,490
Lookout-Glasgow	2,000	3,000	0	10,000	4,150	4,000	23,150	4,000	150	20,000	2,000	1,500	2,000	1,500	100	0	31,250	48,850
Lone Pine	6,000	0	0	30,500	3,252	0	39,752	2,982	300	20,500	8,200	500	0	0	260	1,800	34,542	3,819
Lower Bridge	10,000	0	0	30,000	6,000	5,000	51,000	5,000	750	500	1,000	2,500	500	600	500	31,500	42,850	19,916
North Harney	6,000	500	0	5,000	4,000	0	15,500	4,000	500	1,500	2,000	500	500	500	500	3,000	13,000	8,000
Petersburg	5,350	2,500	0	4,608	4,442	0	16,900	9,000	200	0	0	0	4,000	0	300	150	13,650	12,010
Post Paulina	1,000	5,000	0	0	6,500	0	12,500	6,200	70	1,500	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	250	600	14,120	40,680
Silver Creek	11,600	500	0	0	8,000	0	20,100	5,800	2,200	2,600	3,600	2,500	1,000	750	1,075	250	19,775	51,598
Twickenham	2,000	1,000	0	9,500	4,500	0	17,000	4,000	50	9,500	2,000	1,000	0	0	50	0	16,600	29,475
Vale	3,500	1,000	0	10,000	4,200	0	18,700	3,200	1,000	5,000	3,000	6,000	1,000	5,000	1,000	0	25,200	31,388
Wagontire	0	500	0	10,000	3,550	0	14,050	3,500	50	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	13,550	6,000
Warner Valley	12,091	3,740	0	0	10,399	0	26,230	10,399	700	500	5,000	1,200	500	1,000	600	1,200	21,099	0
WC Ranches	2,400	0	0	10,000	7,500	0	19,900	5,700	2,000	5,500	1,000	0	0	3,000	300	2,400	19,900	29,104
Wheeler County	0	10,000	12,000	9,500	5,000	0	36,500	5,000	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,000	0	3,500	36,500	45,000
	175,716	58,980	14,000	253,938	162,451	27,325	692,410	150,840	13,265	246,200	113,550	48,470	43,230	40,400	12,299	54,200	722,454	994,542

RFPA FY26 OPERATING BUDGET: \$692,410



RFPA FY26 EXPENSES \$722,454



2024 Annual Report Statistics																														
Rangeland Fire Protection Association	Total Acres 4/	Private Acres 3/	State, County, Acres 2/	Federal Acres 1/	Tribal Acres	Est.	No. 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	357,003	314,547	356	41,917	183	2009	13	3	3	722	724	1)	452	1,294	1,069	470	42	20	43	3	7	9	0	6	1	1	11	3	0	
Bakeoven-Shaniko	183,145	176,247	81	5,947	870	2019	2	6	34	61	61		1,684	2,156	3,010	106	18	18	20	6	9	28	3	17	3	2	10	3	8	
Blue Mountain	1,157,141	75,020	2,828	1,059,899	19,394	2013	6	5	0	0	301		502	482	3,563	0	11	25	25	8	2	5	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	
Brothers / Hampton	716,557	225,797	35,288	455,472	-	2006	5	5	3	1,694	6,523	2)	567	1,448	4,492	400	43	14	42	3	5	3	4	3	0	2	2	1	4	
Burnt River	273,581	169,336	3,702	100,543	-	2000	15	2	0	115,088	122,460	3) 4) 5)	7,966	575	860	0	62	16	19	2	1	8	0	3	1	1	7	2	2	
Crane	1,344,523	574,596	102,682	658,557	8,688	1998	27	2	3	6,875	18,935	6) 7)	1,078	3,650	5,905	0	300	20	40	23	12	7	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Fields / Andrews	1,009,243	161,806	1,077	846,360	-	1998	0	0	5	0	0		0	246	1,230	0	42	3	12	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Frenchglen	1,467,117	414,529	2,109	1,050,479	-	2013	1	0	0	12	1,850	8)	20	637	7,263	0	30	5	39	4	3	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Gateway	9,310	8,703	0	605	2	2010	0	1	1	238	238		160	124	503	238	12	15	10	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	3	2	
Greater Pine Valley	74,955	29,662	437	44,856	-	2016	2	0	0	682	3,390	9) 10)	203	203	0	0	27	2	25	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Grizzly	70,923	42,619	1	28,303	-	2023	0	2	3	0	0		20	650	450	0	16	20	5	2	1	3	1	10	0	0	2	2	2	
High Desert	2,014,038	393,047	63,343	1,557,490	158	2018	24	8	5	635	4,226	11) 12) 13)	469	120	1,400	0	97	5	40	4	18	2	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	2 trailer mounted pumps
Ironside	356,097	330,501	1,649	23,947	-	1964	6	0	0	108,543	118,601	4) 14) 15)	1,785	1,504	2,000	0	36	40	20	2	3	12	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	
Jordan Valley	2,496,084	292,992	178,676	2,024,416	-	2008	11	0	5	3,390	181,710	16) 17) 18) 19) 20) 21)	6,360	575	600	0	40	35	100	8	1	31	0	33	7	3	3	1	0	
Juntura	952,374	178,141	82,154	688,808	3,271	2007	10	1	12	1,087	11,408	22) 23) 24)	1,200	780	1,276	1	12	10	19	1	5	4	4	0	2	2	1	1	0	1 lowboy, 1 county owned tractor
Lone Pine	55,146	17,301	2,675	35,170	-	2013	1	1	0	954	1,209	25)	706	849	5,468	500	21	5	15	2	2	2	2	0	3	1	3	1	1	
Lookout Glasgow	267,235	168,166	561	98,508	-	2014	20	3	5	8,071	20,673	5) 9) 10) 26)	3,730	186	11,722	0	18	15	30	4	0	5	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	1 Lowboy, 3 Semi tank trailers
Lower Bridge	32,258	15,212	40	17,006	-	2022	6	4	20	0	2		180	1,243	855	149	39	13	28	4	6	3	2	3	6	0	3	0	7	11
North Harney	106,269	82,663	1,209	20,607	1,790	2022	2	13	8	70	97	6)	681	1,460	1,250	0	38	4	13	1	3	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	10	
Petersburg	75,763	72,311	866	2,108	478	2023	8	2	2	58	58		412	269	4,577	0	37	12	55	0	0	25	0	0	10	0	0	0	9	
Post / Paulina	640,268	351,909	22,898	265,461	-	2006	10	1	7	11,122	14,632	27) 28) 29) 30)	2,660	481	1,713	0	36	45	25	1	5	13	3	0	0	0	11	6	0	
Silver Creek	675,069	227,772	10,820	436,477	-	2001	7	1	1	0	5,990	31)	577	437	5,843	0	79	47	34	9	10	2	4	0	2	0	6	3	3	1 centrifugal pump
Twickenham	126,292	77,338	40	46,317	2,597	2001	3	6	7	4,181	4,181	32)	640	570	3,470	20	27	10	6	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2 Chainsaws
Vale	1,025,383	204,660	24,195	796,528	-	2008	27	1	6	47,233	137,809	4) 15) 33) 34) 35) 36)	3,459	500	1,000	0	23	18	23	2	0	12	0	28	5	1	4	2	6	
Wagontire	301,322	37,852	68,621	194,849	-	2015	2	1	2	1	98		250	2,340	1,080	0	3	18	5	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	
Warner Valley	1,311,703	162,789	77,098	1,071,776	40	2011	6	2	4	1,377	77,464	37)	379	376	800	30	114	13	22	0	8	5	2	6	8	1	4	2	0	
WC Ranches	49,243	41,506	1,948	5,789	-	2015	3	6	0	7,626	9,053	38)	5,254	2,820	5,581	0	11	14	17	2	5	1	0	5	0	2	5	2	1	1 skidder, 1 backhoe
Wheeler Co. F & Res	391,920	283,710	548	75,917	31,745	2016	15	4	15	6,110	6,129	32) 38) 39)	3,758	1,006	1,485	0	14	0	14	2	6	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	
17,539,962 5,130,732 685,902 11,654,112 69,216 232 80 151 325,830 747,822 39 45,150 26,981 78,465 1,914 1,248 462 746 100 123 192 39 124 75 21 90 40 63																														

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

2/ RFPAs protect DSL lands as a membership in the RFPA, also OPRD lands are protected under a protection agr

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

4/ Total acres updated in 2023 due to better mapping/GIS calculations and boundary changes. Only includes Or

1) Bennett 630 ac, Wasco County, 8/4/24

2) Pine 6,634 ac, Deschutes County, 10/7/24

3) Huntington 4,510 ac, Baker County, 7/10/24

4) Durkee 294,265 ac, Malheur & Baker Counties, 7/17/24

5) Thompson 31,557 ac, Baker Counties, 7/22/24

6) Telephone 54,005 ac, Harney County, 7/22/24

18) Hole in the Ground 98,977 ac, Malheur County 7/24/24

19) Gillespie Spring 2,556 ac, Malheur County, 7/24/24

20) Soldier Creek 11,061 ac, Malheur County, 8/5/24

21) Jump 25,741 ac, Idaho & Malheur County, 8/5/24

22) Grasshopper 2,665 ac, Malheur County, 7/24/24

23) Cedar Creek 1,546 ac, Malheur County, 7/24/24

35) River 2,799 ac, Malheur County, 7/10/24

36) Twin Springs 2,815 ac, Malheur County, 7/17/24

37) Warner Peak 77,463 ac, Lake County, 8/5/24

38) Lone Rock 137,222 ac, Guillian & Wheeler Counties, 7/1

39) Service 23,905 ac, Wheeler County, 9/6/24

IMT Fires	Total Acres	RFPA Acres	RFPAs Involved	Dates	Volunteer Hours	Vehicles	IMT
RFPAs engaged on 39 IMT Fires		695,009	24 RFPAs	6/26-10/8/2024	38,511	699	17 CIMT/Type 1 22 Type 3
Durkee	294,264	201,623		7/17-7/30	7,990	65	CIMT
		86,653	Burnt River	7/17-7/30	5,040	20	
		42,345	Ironside	7/17-7/26	1,262	19	
		72,625	Vale	7/20-7/24	1,500	20	
		0	Lookout-Glasgow MA	7/17-7/22	188	6	
Thompson	31,557	31,557		7/22-7/30	3,509	41	CIMT
		31,068	Burnt River	7/22-7/30	2,025	10	
		489	Lookout-Glasgow	7/22-7/28	1,484	31	
Powder/Timber Canyon	728	587	Lookout-Glasgow	7/22-7/24	301	21	CIMT
Cow Valley	133,490	114,064		7/11-7/17	1,807	29	CIMT
		73,529	Ironside	7/11-7/17	397	13	
		40,535	Vale	7/11-7/17	1,400	15	
		0	Burnt River MA	7/12-7/13	10	1	
Coyote	22,180	21,415		7/22-7/24	273	17	CIMT
		18,989	Lookout-Glasgow	7/22-7/24	265	16	
		2,426	Greater Pine Valley	07/22/2024	8	1	
Falls	151,683	1204		7/10-8/30	1,159	21	CIMT
		0	Crane MA	7/15-7/18	230	6	
		1,204	Lone Pine	7/10-8/30	694	12	
		0	N. Harney MA	7/13-7/21	235	3	
Telephone	54,005	11,952		7/22-7/25	490	12	CIMT
		11,855	Crane	7/23-7/25	240	9	
		97	North Harney	7/22-7/25	250	3	
Bowman Well	2,853	2,853	High Desert	9/6-9/15	60	4	CIMT
Wiley Flat	30,185	2		9/2-9/9	506	12	CIMT
		0	Brothers-Hampton MA	09/02/2024	426	5	
		2	Post-Paulina	9/2-9/9	80	7	
Crazy Creek	86,968	1,271		7/25-8/6	1,042	29	CIMT
		0	Brothers-Hampton MA	08/01/2024	52	1	
		1,271	Post-Paulina	7/25-8/6	990	28	
Warner Peak	77,463	77,463	Warner Valley	8/7-8/13	320	7	CIMT
Rail Ridge	176,661	10,482	Post-Paulina	9/2-9/7	1,055	30	CIMT

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RFPAs engaged on 39 IMT Fires		695,009	24 RFPAs	6/26-10/8/2024	38,511	699	17 CIMT/Type 1 22 Type 3
Lone Rock	137,222	11,657		7/13-7/25	6,773	50	CIMT
		9,050	WC Ranches	7/13-7/25	4,003	37	
		2,607	Wheeler County Fire & Rescue	07/15/2024	2,540	10	
		0	Twickenham MA	7/19-7/21	230	3	
Shoe Fly	26,817	7,562		9/2-9/5	716	14	ODF IMT
		4,145	Twickenham	9/2-9/5	128	3	
		0	WC Ranches MA	09/02/2024	218	3	
		3,417	Wheeler County Fire & Rescue	09/02/2024	370	8	
Service	23,905	5		9/6-9/9	1,338	18	ODF IMT
		5	Wheeler County Fire & Rescue	09/06/2024	355	9	
		0	Twickenham MA	9/6-9/9	196	2	
		0	WC Ranches MA	09/06/2024	787	7	
Kinzua	96	0	Twickenham MA	05-Sep	44	1	ODF IMT
Larch	18,286	0		7/9-7/11	867	23	ODF IMT
		0	Bakeoven-Shaniko MA	07/11/2024	707	13	
		0	Petersburg MA	07/09/2024	160	10	
Porcupine	6,491	6,491		8/5-8/8	296	19	Type 3
		6,491	Crane	8/5-8/8	276	18	
		0	N. Harney MA	08/05/2024	20	1	
Ritter	461	461		7/23-7/24	132	7	Type 3
		461	Crane	7/23-7/24	111	6	
		0	Juntura MA	24-Jul	21	1	
Solomon	1,850	1,850	Frenchglen	9/2-9/3	20	2	Type 3
Tucker	833	833	High Desert	06/26/2024	24	4	Type 3
Flat Top	36,362	485	High Desert	9/6-9/10	80	8	Type 3
Sage Hen	5,953	5,953		9/2-9/5	455	7	Type 3
		5,953	Silver Creek	9/2-9/5	455	7	
		0	Wagontire MA				
Bennett	630	630		08/04/2024	333	16	Type 3
		630	Ashwood-Antelope	08/04/2024	55	7	
		0	Bakeoven-Shaniko MA	08/04/2024	278	9	

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Oak Canyon	15,170	0	0 Bakeoven-Shaniko MA 0 Petersburg MA	09/02/2024 09/02/2024 09/02/2024	241 138 103	22 7 15	Type 3
Pine	6,634	6,521	Brothers-Hampton	10/7-10/8	50	3	Type 3
Camp Creek	1,581	0	0 Brothers-Hampton MA 0 Post-Paulina MA	7/23-7/26 07/23/2024 7/23-7/26	179 21 158	15 2 13	Type 3
Durgan	3,725	2,636	0 Brothers-Hampton MA 2,636 Post-Paulina	7/22-7/24 07/24/2024 7/22-7/24	235 6 229	18 1 17	Type 3
Huntington Fire	4,510	2,593	Burnt River	7/10-7/12	479	13	Type 3
Town Gulch	18,234	1453	489 Lookout-Glasgow 964 Greater Pine Valley	8/5-8/10 8/5-8/10 8/5-8/6	1,133 1,073 60	23 21 2	Type 3
Bonita	2,727	2,727	Ironside	7/11-7/13	91	9	Type 3
Hole in the Ground	98,977	98,977	98,977 Jordan Valley 0 Blue Mountain MA	07/24/2024 07/24/2024	3,378 3,350 28	36 35 1	Type 3
Soldier Creek	11,061	11,061	Jordan Valley	08/05/2024	1,400	40	Type 3
Jump	25,741	25,741	Jordan Valley	08/05/2024	560	15	Type 3
Grasshopper	2,665	2,665	Juntura	7/24-7/25	247	6	Type 3
Jones	7,105	6,721	Juntura	9/2-9/5	520	9	Type 3
Little Valley	17,900	17,900	Vale	6/26-6/27	230	10	Type 3
River	2,799	2,799	Vale	07/10/2024	100	10	Type 3
Twin Springs	2,815	2,815	Vale	07/17/2024	78	13	Type 3

Annual Totals

Row One

Year	No. of RFPA	Total Acres Protected	Private Acres ³	State Acres ²	Federal Acres ¹	No. of Fires	Mutual Assist Fires	Smoke Chases	State & Private Acres Burned	Total Acres Burned	Fires over 500 Acres	Fire Suppression Hours	Admin Hours	POV Mileage
2015	20	13,897,124	4,007,960	616,063	9,322,329	164			113,160	263,971	11	15,591	9,954	
2016	22	14,228,169	4,169,230	601,743	9,457,196	116	31		2,732	87,422	7	5,956	20,148	
2017	23	15,967,400	4,553,896	639,901	10,773,603	146	35	147	29,580	103,388	17	9,556	21,148	76,589
2018	23	16,556,081	4,855,598	639,982	11,060,501	168	52	57	25,579	76,380	17	8,692	21,075	82,000
2019	24	16,556,081	4,855,598	639,982	11,060,501	114	32	76	3,308	34,475	5	5,624	17,802	84,770
2020	24	16,556,081	4,855,598	639,982	11,060,501	142	37	78	19,005	79,516	14	8,068	17,264	62,050
2021	24	16,556,081	4,855,598	639,982	11,060,501	114	32	34	5,643	14,493	9	5,228	15,816	56,938
2022	26	17,703,201	5,276,687	646,767	11,778,940	131	41	67	30,449	53,790	6	5,194	19,061	57,662
2023	28	17,539,962	5,130,732	685,902	11,654,112	93	30	91	5,606	7,080	5	4,743	20,264	67,862
2024	28	17,539,962	5,130,732	685,902	11,654,112	232	80	151	325,830	747,822	39	45,150	26,981	78,465
10-Year Average						142	37	70	56,089	146,834	13	11,380	18,951	56,634

Row Two

Year	Member Properties (estimate)	Support Personnel	Trained Firefighters	TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	Fire Eng Type 4	Fire Eng Type 5 & 6	Slip-on Pickup	Slip-on Trailer	ATV UTV Tank	Tenders	Graders	Dozers	Tractor w/ Transport	Tractor w/ Disk
2015	641	252	283	535	95		112	6	57	45	11	43		
2016	558	449	340	789	61	71	116	24	70	50	26	98	41	
2017	671	516	512	1028	80	76	127	18	72	54	26	86	51	17
2018	1,007	400	648	1048	92	97	146	31	89	62	30	87	45	15
2019	988	406	684	1090	97	108	140	19	82	55	24	76	48	13
2020	996	443	655	1098	98	103	139	23	84	50	25	101	47	16
2021	1,185	412	639	1051	93	111	140	38	103	55	31	95	44	16
2022	1,129	403	802	1205	99	113	171	41	123	68	28	89	47	41
2023	1,286	375	798	1173	89	115	192	39	123	73	33	83	46	40
2024	1,248	462	746	1208	100	123	192	39	124	75	21	90	40	63

1. RFPAs do not protect federal acres, this is the acres of federal land within the RFPA boundary.

2. RFPAs protect DSL lands as a membership of the RFPA; OPRD lands are protected under a protection agreement with ODF

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



Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs), volunteer groups of landowners who protect their properties and neighboring lands from wildfires; play a vital role in safeguarding 17.5 million acres of rural private and public land, including 5.7 million acres that would otherwise lack fire protection.

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Post-Paulina RFPA preparing to engage in the Powell Fire, (which later became part of the Rail Ridge Fire), September 4, 2024.

Photo by Allen Teskey, Blue Mountain Ranch

Record Oregon Wildfires Test Rangeland Fire Protection Associations, Proving Their Worth in 2024



Burnt River RFPA engine and dozer working on the Durkee Fire. Burnt River, Vale, Ironside and Lookout-Glasgow RFPAs collectively contributed 65 pieces of equipment and 8,000 personnel hours to suppression efforts on the 294,265 acre Durkee Fire between July 17-30, 2024.

“Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) have displayed commendable efforts during this trying time helping protect their neighbors’ lives and livelihoods to the risk of their own.”

US Senator Merkley, US Senator Wyden, Congressmen in an August 1, 2024 letter to the US Department of Agriculture.

2024 marked a year of extreme fire behavior in Oregon, evidenced by a record 1.9 million acres burned and 6 megafires over 100,000 acres. Eastern Oregon bore the brunt of the destruction, with fires consuming 1.7 million acres where RFPAs operated amid the devastation. While the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the US Forest Service struggled with insufficient resources to manage the fires, RFPAs committed all their resources to protect their land, livelihoods, and communities. They demonstrated their value through multiple successful initial attacks when no agency resources were available. Their actions prevented tens to hundreds of thousands of additional acres from burning across major fires, including Little Valley, Cow Valley, Durkee, Town Gulch, Hole in the Ground, Falls, Telephone, Lone Rock, Crazy Creek, Shoe Fly, Rail Ridge and others.

RFPAs and cooperators conducted after-action reviews, which confirmed that investments in training, equipment, and relationships had succeeded. Though landowners suffered significant losses, RFPA efforts prevented even greater destruction. Cooperators also noted that additional funding for better equipment and maintenance, along with enhanced support coordinating with Incident Management Teams, could help RFPAs operate more safely and effectively in the future.

Support and Recognition for Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

The fires of 2024 exceeded most associations’ capacity, overwhelming their volunteer members, equipment and budgets. As firefighting operations stretched across weeks, associations depleted their funds. Members drew from their personal finances to maintain equipment and protect their property and communities. AgWest, Walmart, Roundhouse Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, Marathon Pipeline, Carson Oil, and numerous local businesses and community members offered timely and generous donations, which replenished exhausted bank accounts and boosted members’ morale and equipment safety. News media, fire agencies, and local, state, and federal officials recognized RFPAs’ contributions. State Representative Mark Owens has introduced HB 3349 and 3350 in the 2025 legislative session to increase Oregon’s support and funding for RFPAs.



Governor’s Wildfire Advisor Doug Grafe, ODF Rangeland Fire Program Coordinator Allison Rayburn and State Senator Lynn Findley present Warner Valley RFPA President John O’Keeffe with the 2024 Outstanding Neighbor Award.



Statewide Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) Coordinator Skip Morton makes field visit to Frenchglen, visits with RFPA president Gary Miller and his son, Levi about the value of FEPP equipment.

Grants Provide \$238,720 to Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

RFPAs rely heavily on Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants for their financial viability. These grants fund firefighting equipment, supplies, personal protective equipment, and safety maintenance. In 2024, rural fire departments and RFPAs could receive a maximum award of \$10,000, with 13 RFPAs receiving a total of \$123,720. The 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Volunteer Fire Capacity program offered an additional one-time opportunity, providing up to \$20,000 for slip-on tanks. Seven RFPAs secured \$115,000 from this supplemental funding.



A slip on tank that fits in truck bed. Filled with water it provides another water source for dousing fires.

RFPAs Bolstered by Equipment Allocation and Resourceful Repurposing of Other Equipment

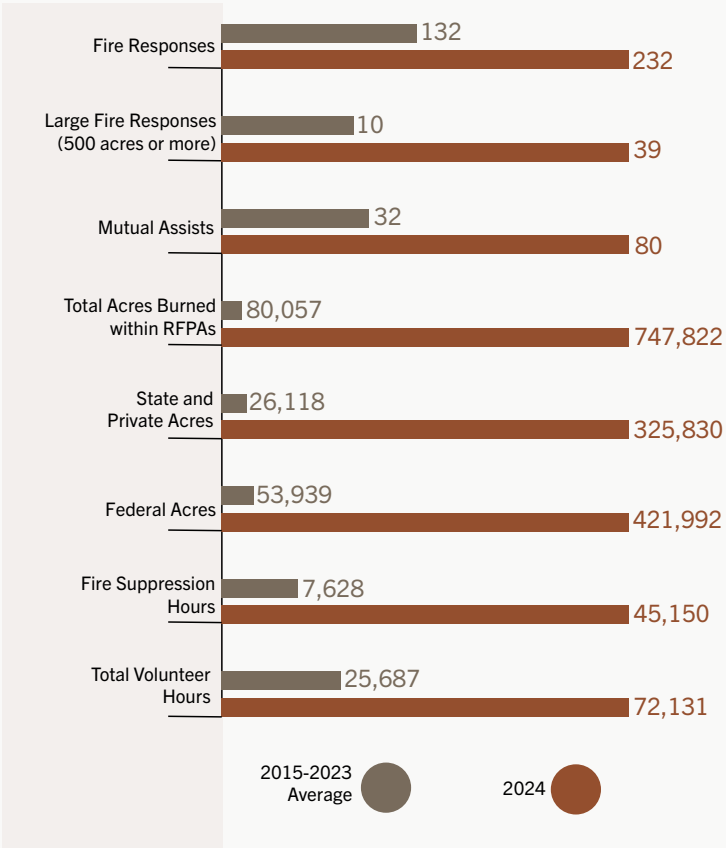
Despite managing a busy training season and a historic fire season, ODF Rangeland Fire Program personnel allocated 27 new pieces of rolling stock (i.e. dozers, tenders, engines), including two large bulldozers to RFPAs. The associations transformed military trucks and Humvees into capable off-road fire engines, including the cab-over truck shown in the background. They also acquired several federal surplus engines from the Forest Service and BLM. Salem Oregon Department of Forestry equipment screener, Charles (Skip) Morton, makes this surplus equipment possible through his tireless work. Morton identifies equipment, investigates its condition, and arranges shipping to deliver usable fire trucks to the Rangeland Associations.

The Coos Forest Protection Association and their local fire department cooperators demonstrated “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” by donating two water tenders, extending support from one corner of the state to the other. Vale RFPA put the donated Freightliner, shown in the photo foreground, to immediate use for several weeks straight on the Cow Valley and Durkee Fires.



One of two tenders Coos Forest Protective Association generously donated to RFPAs in 2024.

2024 RFPA Firefighting Contributions









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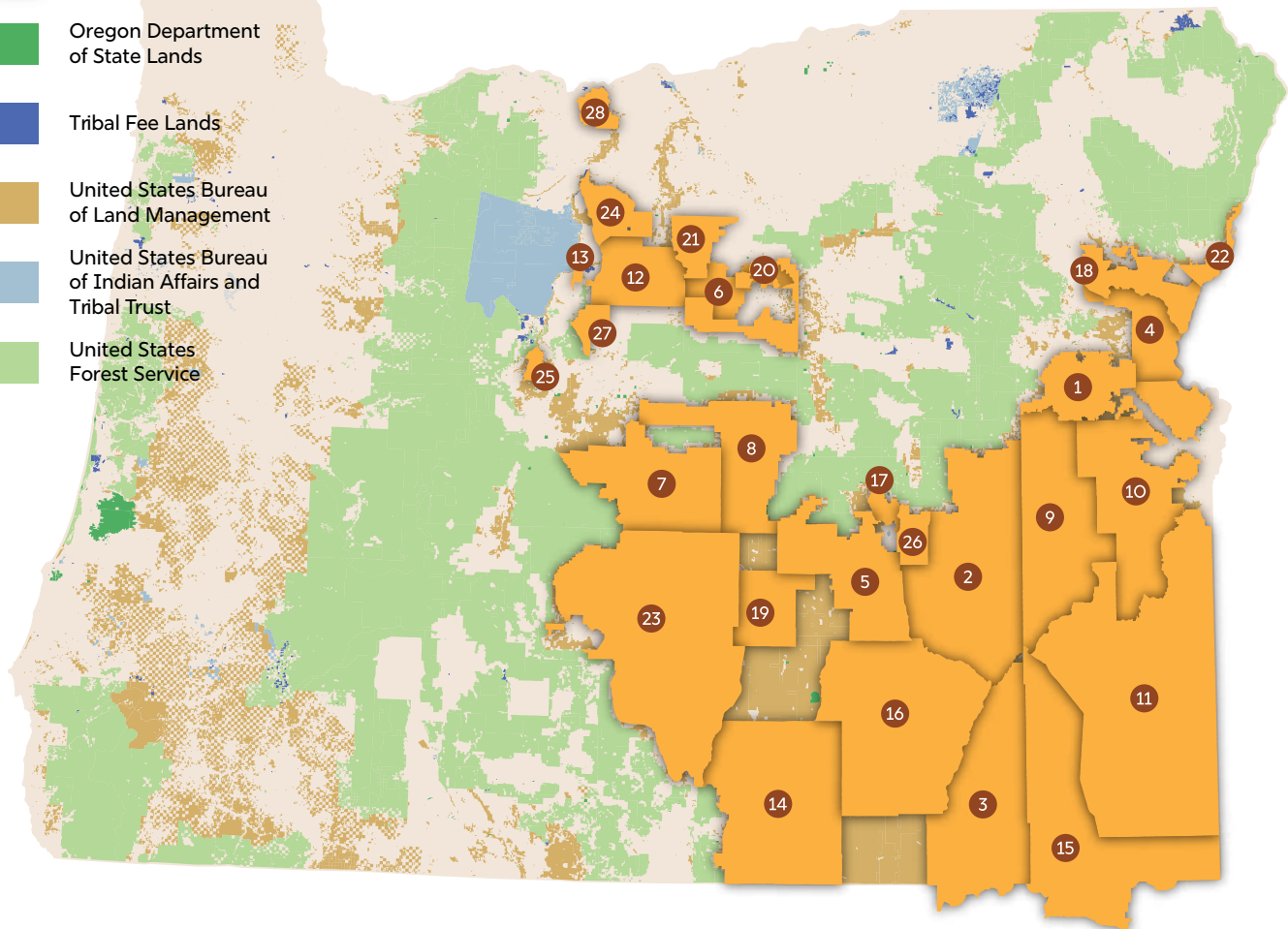
[Rangeland Fire Protection Associations \(RFPA\) Fire Season 2024](#)

Click the link above to watch and hear from Mark McBride (Vale RFPA), Jeff Burkhardt (Vale and Ironside RFPAs) and Levi Bunch (Burnt River RFPA) reflect on the 2024 fire season.

Oregon Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

28 RFPAs consist of 1,200 volunteer members across 9 counties in eastern Oregon. 800 are trained firefighters and 400 provide support.

-  Range Fire Protection Associations
-  Oregon Department of State Lands
-  Tribal Fee Lands
-  United States Bureau of Land Management
-  United States Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal Trust
-  United States Forest Service



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| 1. Ironside RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 1964 | 15. Blue Mountain RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2013 |
| 2. Crane RFPA, Harney Co. est. 1998 | 16. Frenchglen RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2013 |
| 3. Fields-Andrews RFPA, Harney Co. est. 1998 | 17. Lone Pine RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2013 |
| 4. Burnt River RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2000 | 18. Lookout-Glasgow RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2014 |
| 5. Silver Creek RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2001 | 19. Wagontire RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2015 |
| 6. Twickenham RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2001 | 20. WC Ranches RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2015 |
| 7. Brothers-Hampton RFPA, Crook, Deschutes Co. est. 2006 | 21. Wheeler County Fire & Rescue RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2016 |
| 8. Post-Paulina RFPA, Crook, Deschutes, & Harney Co. est. 2006 | 22. Greater Pine Valley RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2016 |
| 9. Juntura RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2007 | 23. High Desert RFPA, Lake Co. est. 2018 |
| 10. Vale RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2008 | 24. Bakeoven-Shaniko RFPA, Wasco Co. est. 2019 |
| 11. Jordan Valley RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2008 | 25. Lower Bridge RFPA, Deschutes & Jefferson Co. est. 2022 |
| 12. Ashwood-Antelope RFPA, Jefferson, Wasco Co. est. 2009 | 26. North Harney RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2022 |
| 13. Gateway RFPA, Jefferson Co. est. 2010 | 27. Grizzly RFPA, Jefferson Co. est. 2023 |
| 14. Warner Valley RFPA, Lake Co. est. 2011 | 28. Petersburg RFPA, Wasco Co. est. 2023 |

Oregon Department of Forestry supports Rangeland Fire Protection Associations through administrative guidance and cost reimbursement, fire suppression training, facilitating access to federal grants and surplus fire fighting equipment.



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