FY 2026 Protection Fiscal Budgets
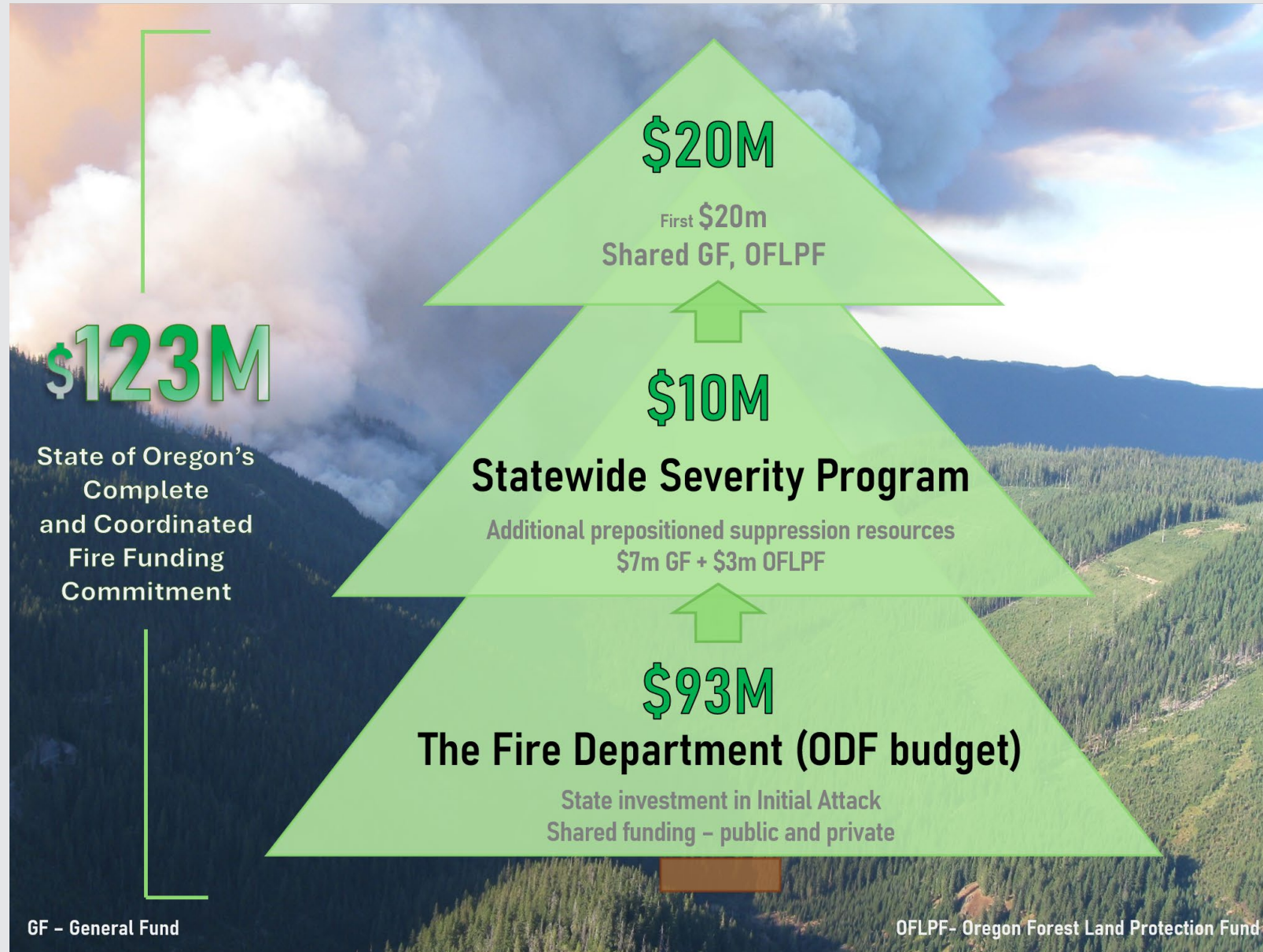
Board of Forestry

June 4, 2025

Michael Curran, Chief of Fire Protection
Ron Graham, Deputy Chief of Fire Operations
Levi Hopkins, Deputy Chief of Policy & Planning

Oregon's Fire Funding Framework: FY 26

$20M

First $20m
Shared GF, OFLPF

$123M

State of Oregon's Complete and Coordinated Fire Funding Commitment

$10M

Statewide Severity Program

Additional prepositioned suppression resources
$7m GF + $3m OFLPF

$93M

The Fire Department (ODF budget)

State investment in Initial Attack
Shared funding – public and private

GF – General Fund

OFLPF– Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund

The Base Level of Fire Protection

- 16.2 Million Acres (half of Oregon's Forestland)

- 12 Fire Protection Districts

- Initial and Extended Attack Capacity
    - 3 ODF Incident Management Teams(CIMT/Type 1)
    - Overhead-Fireline Supervision
    - Engines
    - District Contract Helicopters
    - IA Dozers
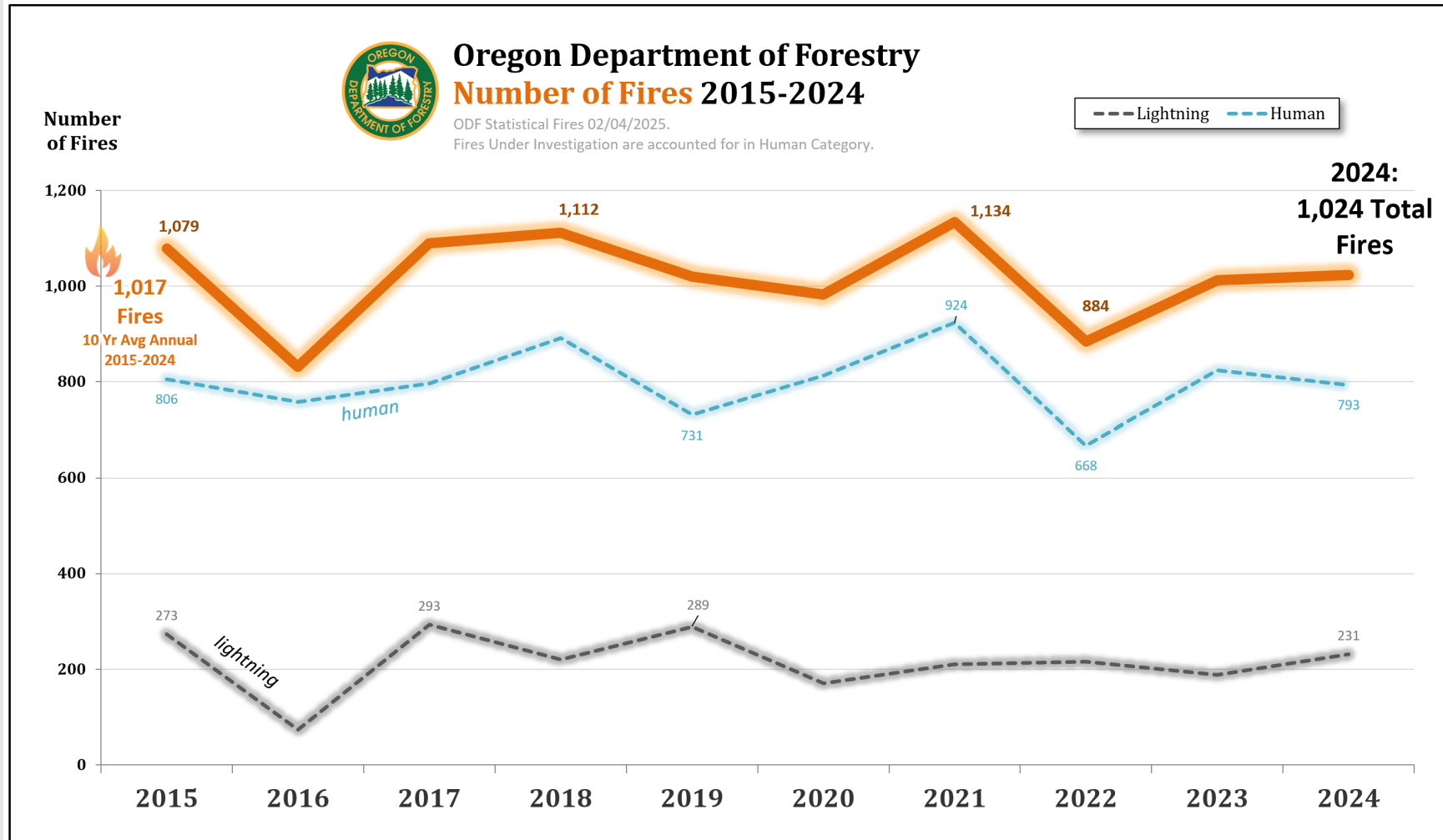   - Frontline Seasonal Firefighters
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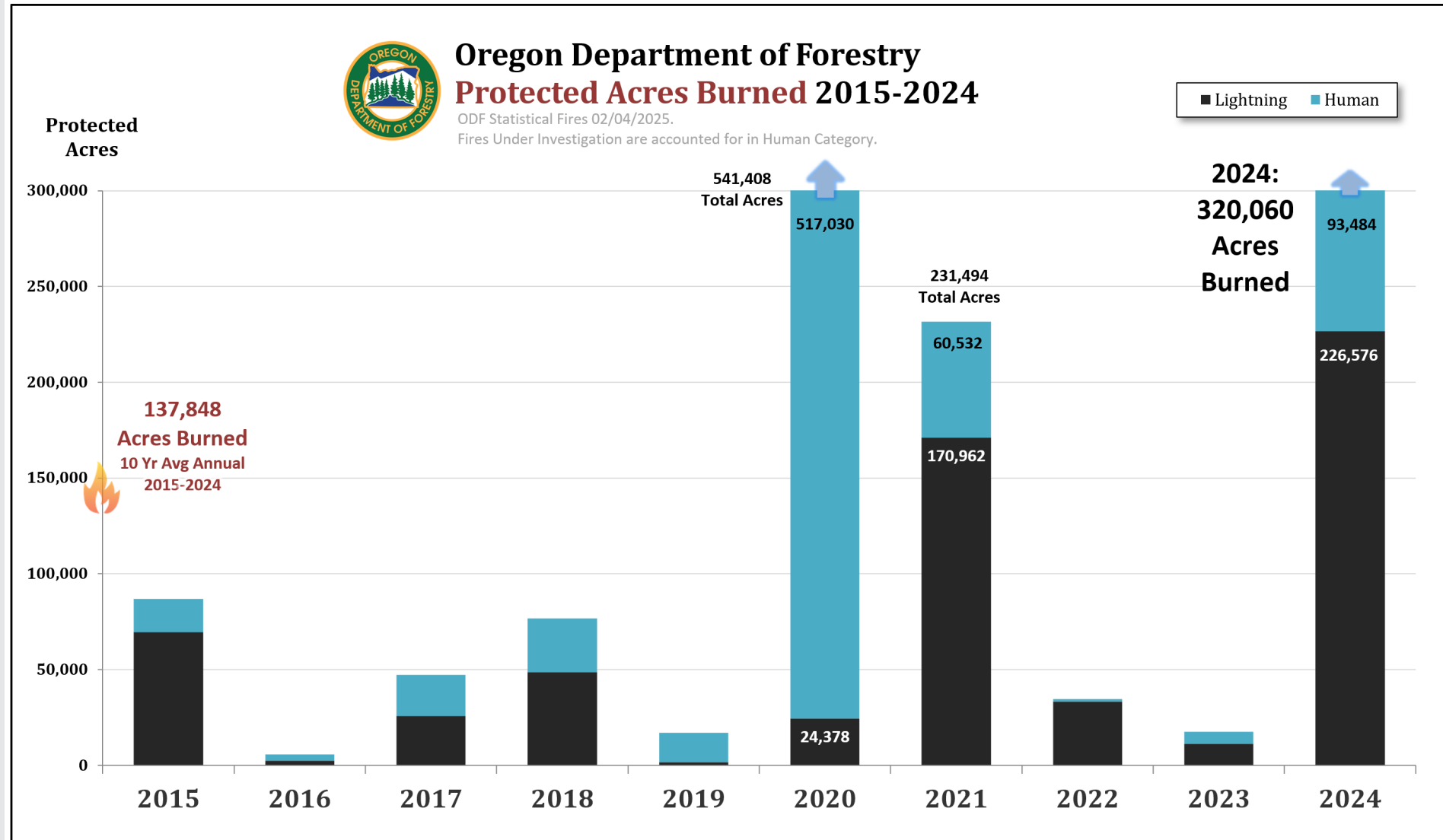
Budget Development Process "Base Level"

- Headquarters Services Fire Protection Budget

- Area Fire Protection Budget

- District's develop fiscal budget

- Review and guided by Associations / Boards

- Approved by the Board of Forestry

- Establishes the Level of Protection and associated costs (per-acre assessment)

- Legislative policy determines ratio (ORS 477.230)

ODF Recent Fire History: Number of Fires

Oregon Department of Forestry
Number of Fires 2015-2024

ODF Statistical Fires 02/04/2025.
Fires Under Investigation are accounted for in Human Category.

---- Lightning   ---- Human

Number of Fires

2024: 1,024 Total Fires

1,079
1,112
1,134
884

1,017 Fires
10 Yr Avg Annual 2015-2024

806
human
924
731
668
793

273
lightning
293
289
231

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

ODF Recent Fire History: Acres Burned

Oregon Department of Forestry
Protected Acres Burned 2015-2024
ODF Statistical Fires 02/04/2025.
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Legend: ■ Lightning ■ Human

Protected Acres

137,848 Acres Burned 10 Yr Avg Annual 2015-2024

541,408 Total Acres — 517,030 / 24,378 (2020)

231,494 Total Acres — 60,532 / 170,962 (2021)

2024: 320,060 Acres Burned — 93,484 / 226,576

ODF Fire Suppression Effectiveness

Keeping Fires Small Means Big Savings

ODF Fires data, Protection Finance and EFCC data 02/04/2025.
Showing Average of Gross Costs for Years at Each Performance Level (%).

Key Performance Measure: Percentage of Fires Caught at 10 Acres or Less
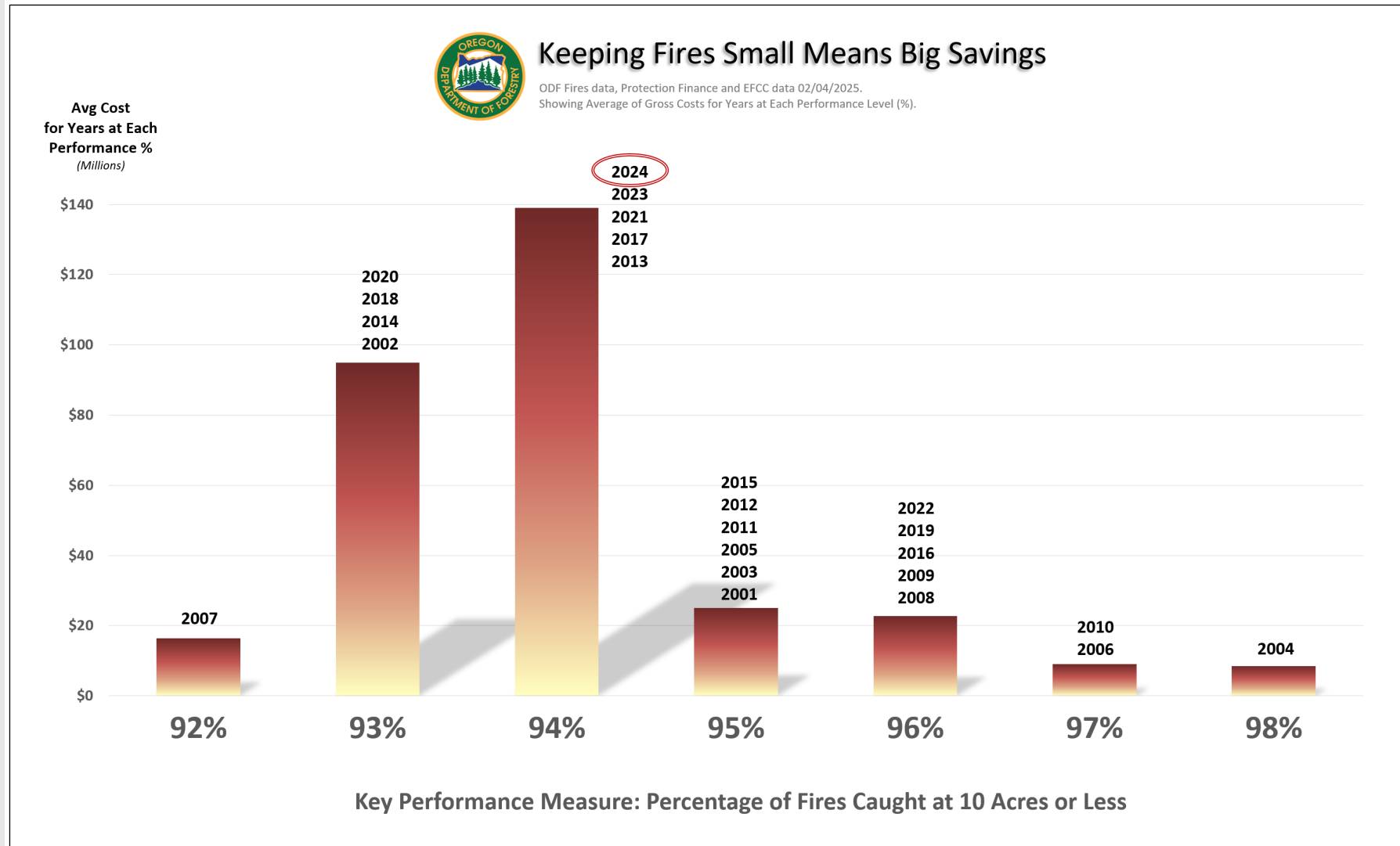
Spring 2025 Association Meetings

- Meetings were held and attended by Fire Protection Leadership (Deputy Director Williams, Chief Curran, Deputies Graham and Hopkins)

- Most Forest Protective Associations recommended approval of fiscal budgets
  - Not all were unanimous

- Eastern Oregon FPA, Klamath-Lake FPA, and Walker Range FPA did not recommend approval of fiscal budgets

- Letters to the State Forester (attachment #02)

Recommendations

The Department recommends the board approves the following:

1. All Fiscal Year 2026 forest protection district budgets and prorated acreage rates as presented in Attachment 1.

2. In the event the legislature adopts additional funding sources that may alter forest protection district budgets and prorated acreage rates that the Board directs the Department to adjust to integrate such revenues prior to sending the certified rates to each County Assessor's Office.

3. Adopt the proposed final order as written for Roy M. Beyer.

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