

# FY 2026 Protection Fiscal Budgets

Board of Forestry

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# Budget Development Process

- 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)

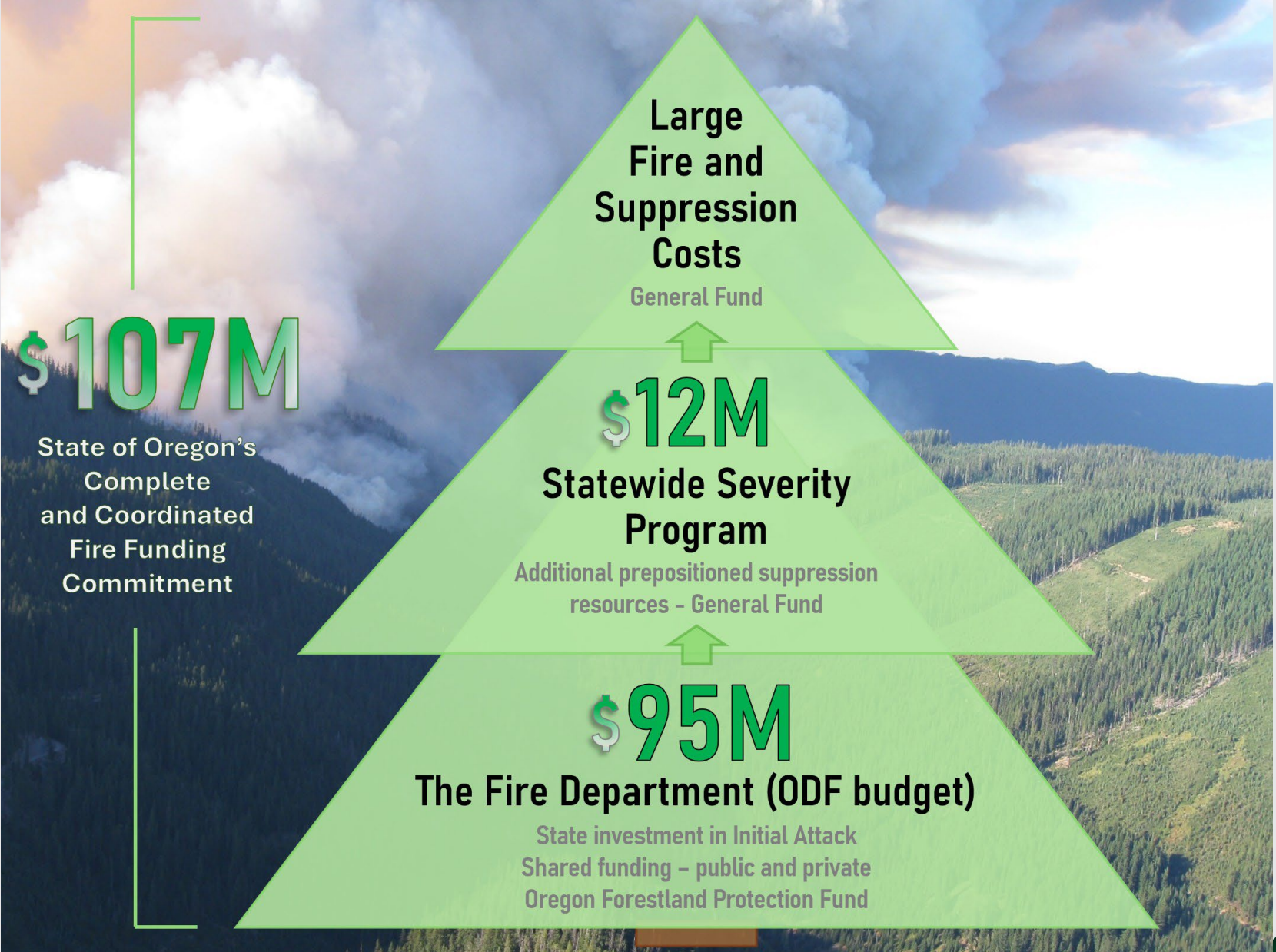


# The Base Level of Fire Protection

- 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
  - Detection Aircraft



# Oregon's Fire Funding Framework



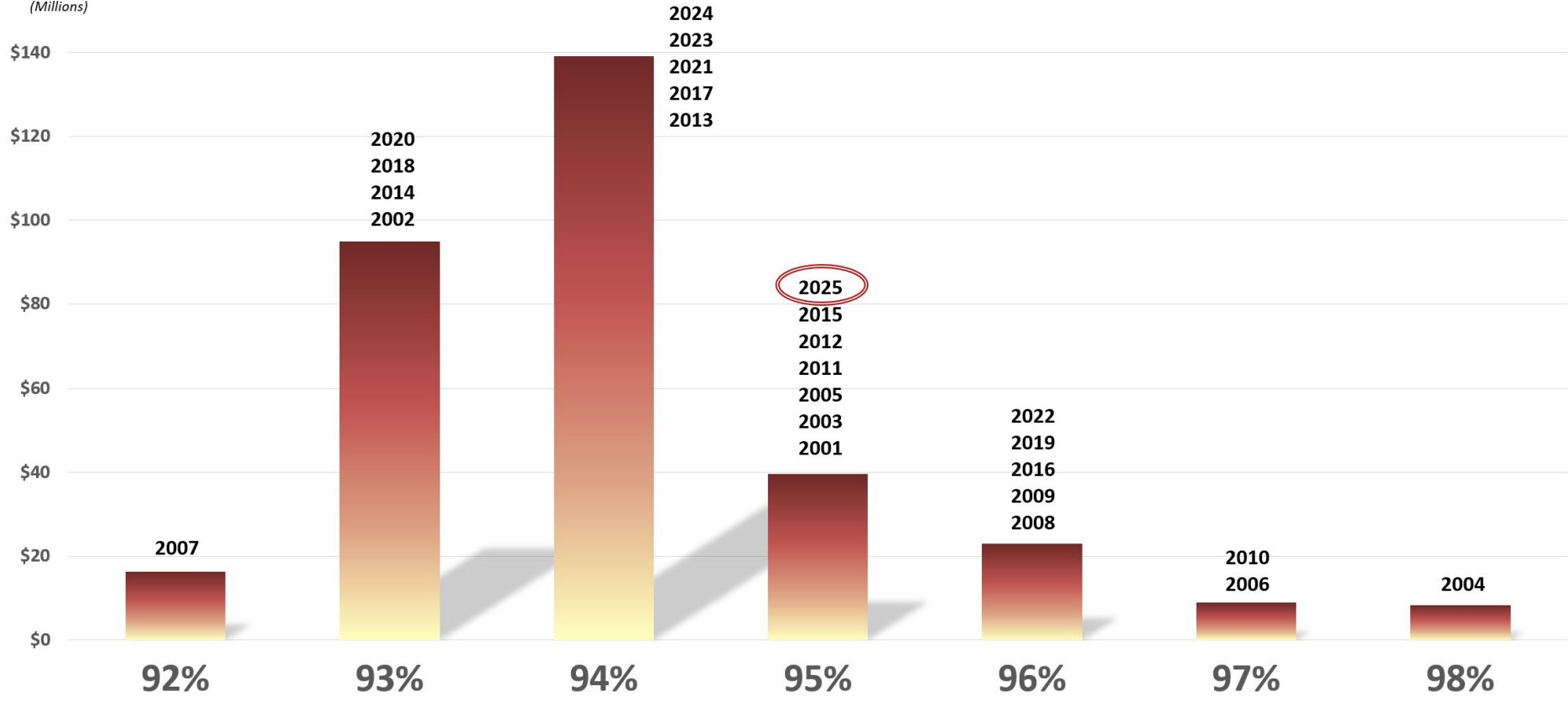
# ODF Fire Suppression Effectiveness



## Keeping Fires Small Means Big Savings

ODF Fires data, Protection Finance data 10/03/2025.  
Showing Average of Gross Costs for Years at Each Performance Level (%).

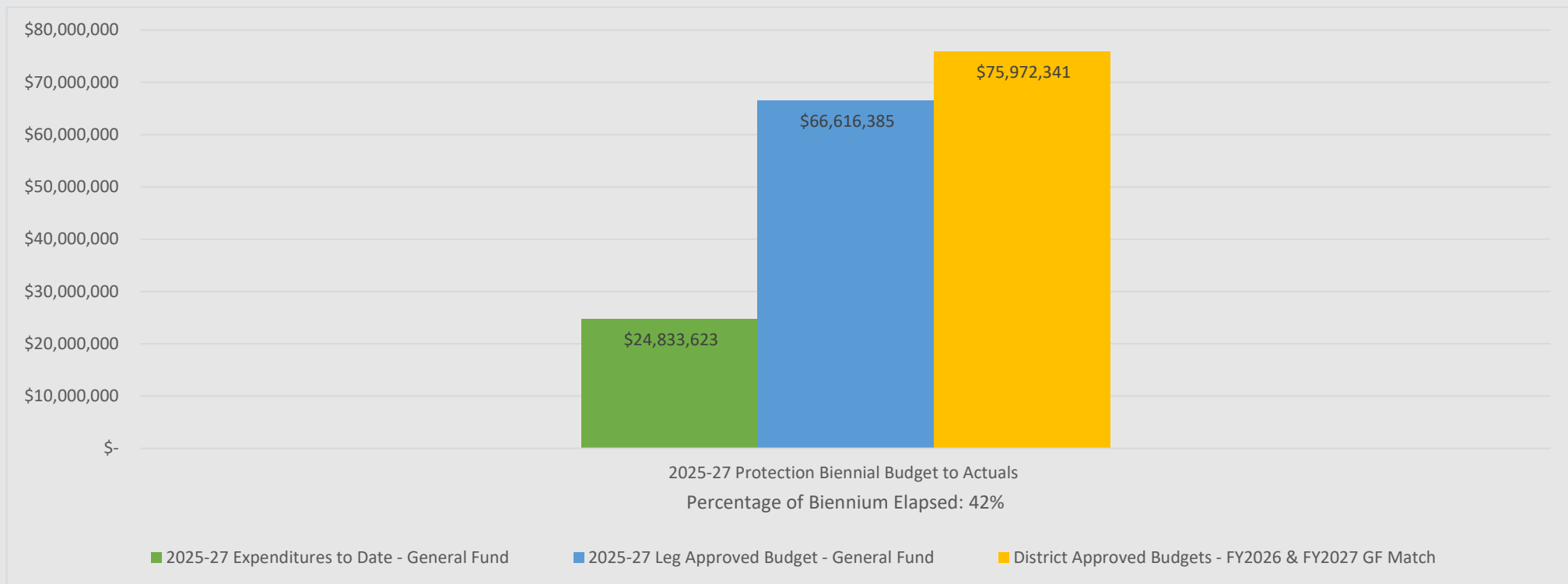
**Avg Cost  
for Years at Each  
Performance %**  
*(Millions)*



Key Performance Measure: Percentage of Fires Caught at 10 Acres or Less



# 2025-27 Protection Readiness General Fund Budget to Actuals



# Spring 2026 Association Meetings

- Meetings were held and attended by Fire Protection Leadership (Deputy Director Williams, Chief Curran, Deputy Chief Hopkins)
- HB3940 provided rate relief as expected for some districts while others still had rates increase
- Protection budgets still burdensome and complicated with the multiple types of funding streams
- Budget workgroups moving forward to address the concerns



# Recommendations

The Department recommends the board approves the following:

1. All Fiscal Year 2027 forest protection district budgets and prorated acreage rates as presented in Attachment 1.



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