

Work Plan:	Protection Division
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DIVISION NARRATIVE

Purpose & Objective

The Protection from Fire Division is the oldest (since 1911) and largest (397 FTE) program of the Department of Forestry. The authorizing statute for the Division is ORS 477.005 stating, “The preservation of the forests and the conservation of the forest resources through the prevention and suppression of forest fires hereby are declared to be the public policy of the State of Oregon.” The program’s mission is to protect Oregon forestlands from fire, through a complete and coordinated system with our cooperators, including fire prevention, suppression, investigation and cost collection. The overarching programmatic goal is to minimize acres burned, the cost of suppression and the value of loss to resources through aggressive wildland fire initial attack, secondary only to the protection of human life.

The Protection division developed a concise summary of achievements from 2020, new issues that have arisen in relation to the work plan and division, and changes to work plans.

Achievements

Preparation of biennial budget request and policy option packages in line with the recommendations of the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response

Current Issues and Focus

Continued analysis of recommendations from the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response continue to guide development of policy option packages and budgets presented to the Board.

Changes to Work Plan

No changes are anticipated to the Fire Protection Work Plan beyond the addition of a fire season report in November 2020 and a Smoke Management annual update slated for March each year.

Fire Protection Division Work Plan	2020					2021						2022				
	Apr	Jun	Jul	Sep	Nov	Jan	Mar	Apr	Jun	Jul	Sep	Nov	Jan	Mar		
Issue: Annual and Ongoing Topics																
<i>Milestones</i>																
❖ Approve Forest Protection District and Rangeland Protection Association Annual Budgets		D							D							
❖ Review Letters from FPA's to State Forester		i							i							
❖ Fire Season Reports		i	i	i	i				i	i	i					
❖ Smoke Management Annual Update							i							i		
❖ Appointment for Emergency Fire Cost Committee (As Needed)																
❖ Approve Forest Protection Association Agreements (As Needed)																
❖ Rangeland Protection Association Formation (As Needed)																
Issue: Evolving Topic																
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❖ Governor's Council on Wildfire Response																
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