



# Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Resource Agreements



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# Background



ODF secures a complement of trained firefighting resource vendors via pre-season Incident Resource Agreements (IRAs).

Having these pre-season agreements in place enables ODF districts to ensure that an additional level of resources is accessible when federal resources may be deployed elsewhere.

IRAs provide avenues for independent vendors, Oregon landowners and rural fire departments to assist with the firefighting efforts in their communities, and around the state, by participating in ODF district fire activity beyond their own lands.

Beginning with the 2021 fire season, over 70 Type 2 firefighting crew contractors were secured via IRAs. Additionally, the administration and management of all statewide IRA resources is now being provided centrally by the PCSU.



## **Shift to a Centralized vs Field IRA program delivers benefits to ODF**

- Reduce district workload through on-boarding and pre-inspections of IRA resources,
- Maintain consistent standards across the various resource types across the state,
- Provide additional opportunities for vendors and local cooperators by facilitating utilization of resources across all ODF districts at a statewide level, expanding the geographic work area of those vendors who wish to be considered for statewide deployment,
- Enhanced monitoring to ensure adherence with compliance standards and policies to reduce liability to ODF,
- Provide additional collaboration and field support for the administration of IRAS as needed, including, not limited to fire season and fire incidents.

# 2021 IRA Statistics



<u>Resource Type</u>	<u>Total on IRAs</u>
Water Handling	
Engines	161
Tenders	302
Heavy Equipment	
Dozers/Excavators	775
Crews	
10/20 Person	331
Fallers	
Singles/Modules	208
Medical	
EMT/Med Units/Ambulances	14
Other	1607
<b>TOTAL 2021 IRA RESOURCES</b>	<b>3398</b>

# 2021 IRA Crew Statistics



No. of Crews	331
Deployments	140
No. of Assignments	266
• ODF	115
• Federal/Other	151
Total Crew Days	3227
Average Days/Crew	23.5
Average Assignments/Crew	6

## Updates for 2022



An IRA committee, made up of ODF district reps meets regularly with the PCSU to provide field guidance to help shape the program and to participate in the ongoing efforts of wildland firefighting resource sustainability.

- 12/31/21 - 2021 IRA expires – correspondence out to current contractors end of Dec
- Templates are being reviewed and updated as needed for clarity/consistency
- Next agreement period will be 3 years (2022 thru December 31, 2024), consistent with VIPR and WDNR agreement periods, with annual open application periods.
- State of Oregon Executive Order 21-29/federal COVID vaccination requirements in effect at the time of application and through the agreement period may require certain contractors to complete and submit COVID vaccination compliance forms prior to execution of an IRA.
- Application period starts on February 01, 2022, and runs through July 15, 2022 (extension may be considered)
- User-friendly application process via fillable PDF on website

## 2022 Updates Contd.



- All IRA resources will be statused in IROC to facilitate availability tracking, stats, etc.
- PCSU has moved to Operations, facilitating coordination with ODF dispatch offices
- Executed agreements will be made available to the public on our website
- Resources listed on VIPR/National Agreements will not be listed on IRAs
- Type 2 crew contractors will be asked to identify CRWB for each crew to avoid duplication of crews on ODF and national agreements
- Type 2 crew application will include camp crew option
- Local resources that are not in the wildland firefighting industry and do not meet the criteria for an IRA will be reviewed for consideration of being hired under an Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) by the ODF incident host district, during emergencies, if needed. EERA resources will be replaced with pre-season vendors and/or agency personnel as soon as possible beyond initial attack.

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