

# OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## Senate Interim Committee on Wildfire Reduction and Recovery - June 5, 2020



Protecting citizens,  
their property,  
and the environment  
from  
fire and hazardous materials

# Office of State Fire Marshal's role in Fire Season

- The Office of State Fire Marshal has the responsibility of protecting communities from Wildland **URBAN** Interface Fires.
  - Conflagration Act - 476.510
  - All 36 Counties-Communities
- How is protection of Oregon communities accomplished in fire season?
  - 3 – Type 2 Incident Management Teams (130 Fire service Personnel)
  - Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
    - 314 Fire Departments
    - 13,000 Firefighters
    - 70% are volunteers



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## OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM



### 1. Local Response

Initial attack by AHJ or nearby agencies



### 2. Local Mutual Aid

Local agency agreements used to bring in partners from neighboring jurisdictions



### 3. Expanded Mutual Aid

Local agency agreements which may be county-wide or inter-county used to bolster capability



### 4. Statewide Mutual Aid

Conflagration or other state-level response by resources mobilized by State Fire Marshal



### 5. Interstate Mutual Aid

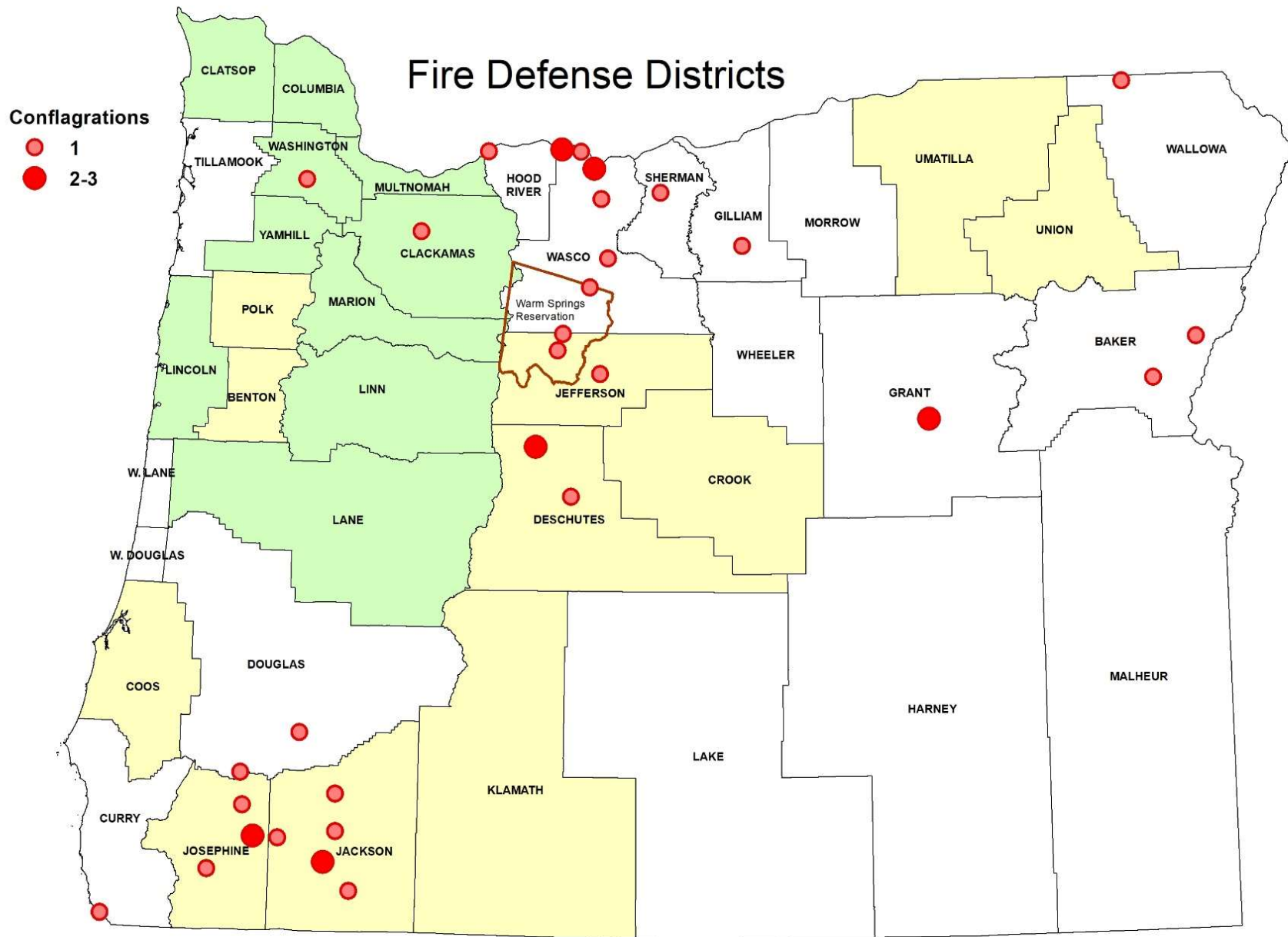
State-level agreements allowing resources from other states to respond

# Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System-Capacity

- **Capacity – Readiness Review**
  - **Survey the Fire Service**
    - Mutual aid plans in place
    - Capacity to respond
    - Training
    - Equipment
- **Pre Fire Season Relationships – Washington & California**
  - Process for Ordering
  - Mobilization Plans



# Conflagration Response





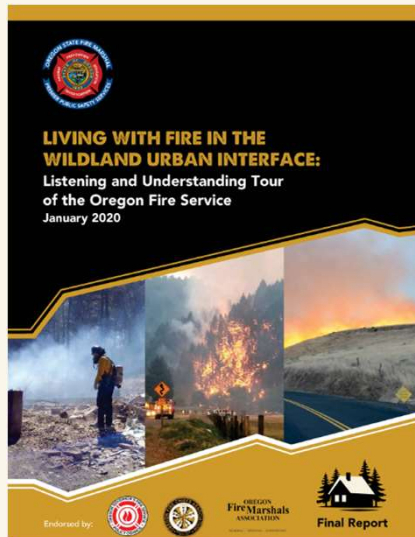
# Needs - On going work

- **State Fire Marshal Conflagration Response Costs - 8 Million Annually**
  - Conflagrations totaled 30 million last biennium
  - 500K biennial budget
  
- **Governor's Wildfire Council – SB 1536**
  - Recommendations to modernize and build capacity for the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
  - Create a Defensible Space Program



# Needs - On going work

## ➤ Oregon Fire Service Listening & Understanding Tour



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— STEVE WARDEN,  
GRAND RONDE  
TRIBAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGER

“ WE ALL HAVE GREAT IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO DO WUI PREVENTION BETTER, BUT IT'S ABOUT HAVING HORSEPOWER TO PULL THAT OFF. ”

— KELLY NILES,  
COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE  
& RESCUE BOARD  
MEMBER

### EMERGING THEMES IN WUI FIRE PREVENTION:

Three major themes outlining local fire service needs were identified. All three themes relate to capacity and the need for additional assistance to create and implement an Oregon solution to the wildland fire challenge.

- Personnel Capacity
- Resource Capacity
- Funding Capacity



# Fighting Fire During Covid-19



## MAC Subcommittee Project Template

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<b>Sub Committee Purpose</b>	Committee members will work with the Oregon Health Authority to create a policy to on how the Oregon Department of Forestry and Office of State Fire Marshal will operate fire camps during this fire season.  This policy will focus on how the agencies will plan for the impact of COVID on firefighters in fire camp. This policy will be an appendix to the Pacific Northwest Coordinating Group 2020 Fire Season Plan. Committee work will frame agency specific plans.  Safety protocols to include  Exposure, screening & monitoring protocols

### ➤ Covid-19 Planning Efforts

#### ➤ Pacific NW Plan-Completed

- Plans for logistical setup in camp
  - Safety of Firefighters in priority
  - PPE, Sanitation, Services, Support
  - Different response modules

#### ➤ Department of Forestry and State Fire Marshal Planning Efforts

- Operationalize plans
- Partnership with OHA
  - Screen, Test, Isolation & Quarantine





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## QUESTIONS?