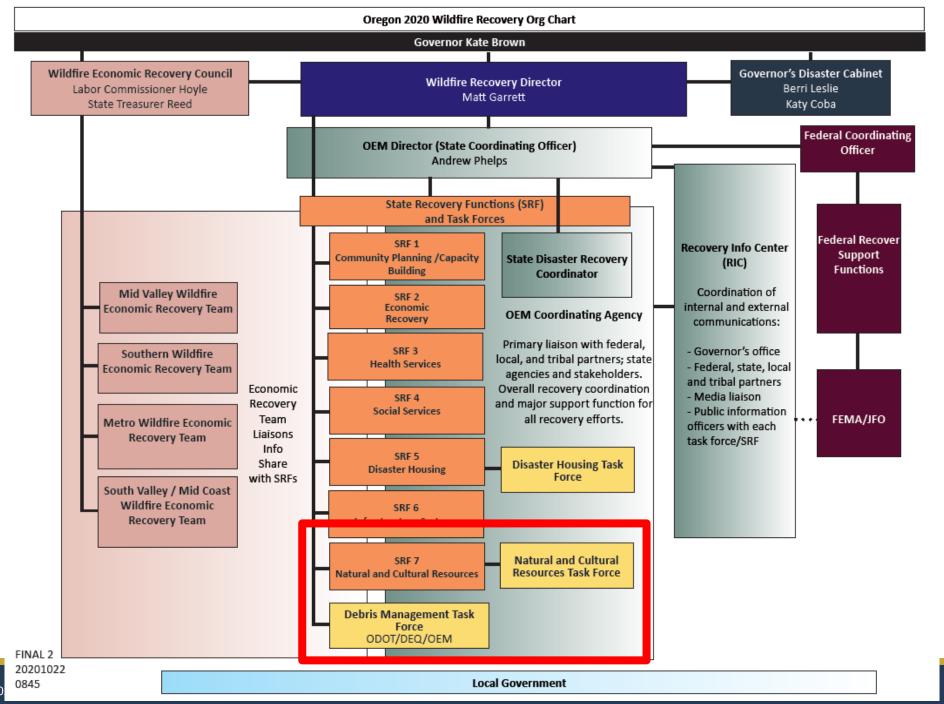
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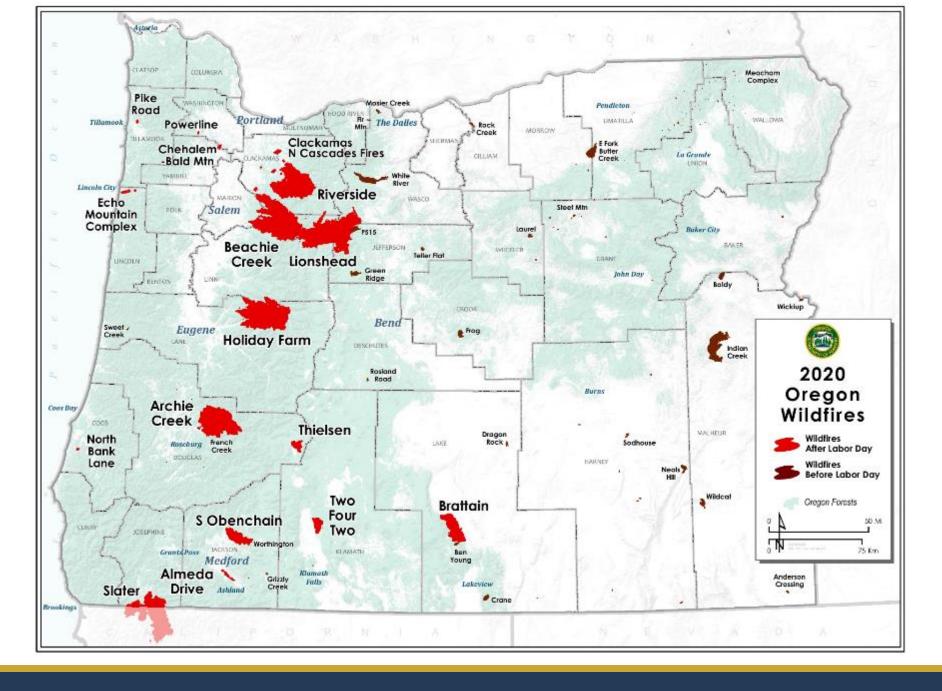
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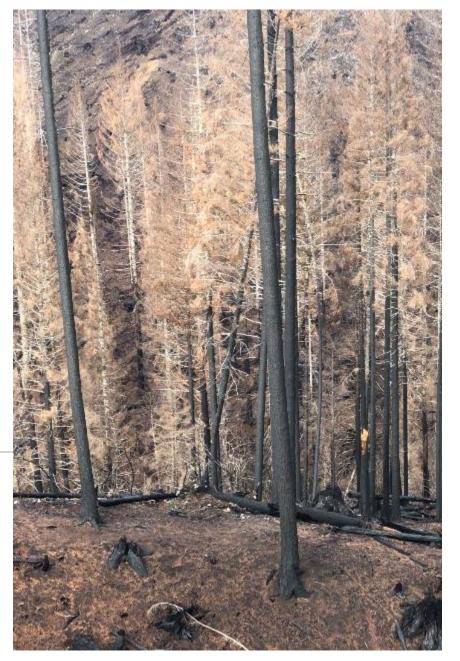
















Watershed Impacts

Potential Threats to Water Quality

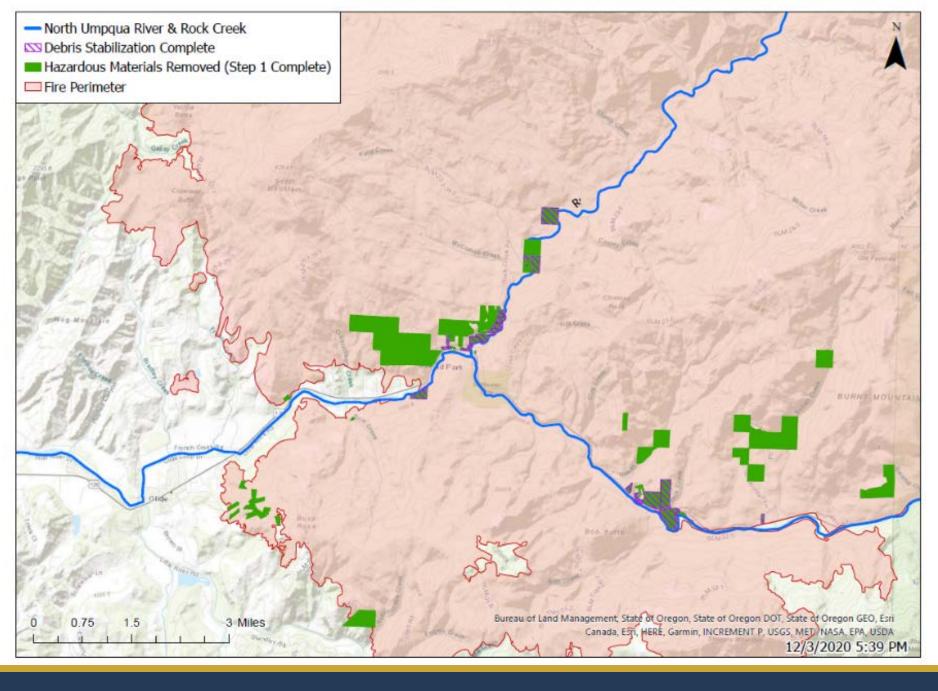
- Sediment—surface erosion & mass wasting
 - Interferes with treatment, shelters pathogens, fills intake pools
 - Abrades fish gills, smothers spawning beds
- Natural organic matter—organic carbon & nutrients
 - Fouls treatment systems, precursor to disinfection by-products, contributes to harmful algal blooms
 - Increases biochemical oxygen demand, reducing oxygen content in water
- Flow changes—floods, bed & bank erosion, summer flow changes (?)
 - Threatens infrastructure, mobilizes sediment, less shallow aquifer recharge (?)
 - May impact sensitive fish habitat, reducing holding areas or cold water refugia
- Temperature increases due to reduced shade; may also increase chance of harmful algal blooms

Early Recovery Actions

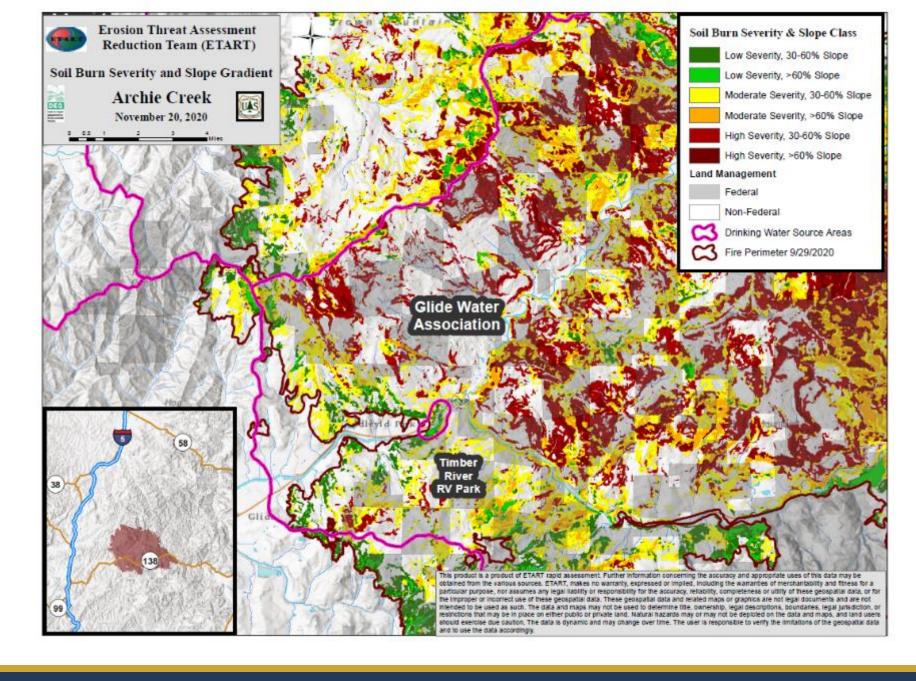
Several measures implemented:

- Phase 1 Debris Removal: Household Hazardous Waste Removal
 - Debris Task Force and EPA Contractors
- ➤ High Priority Stabilization
 - Pulling back debris and materials from banks, targeted based on local prioritization
 - Debris Task Force and EPA contractors
- Phase 2 Debris Removal: Ash and debris removal
 - Contracts being let soon under Debris Task Force
- High-Level Assessments
 - ETART, BAER, ESR

Hazardous Waste Removal Status: Archie Creek



Assessments – Example of Soil Burn Severity Map

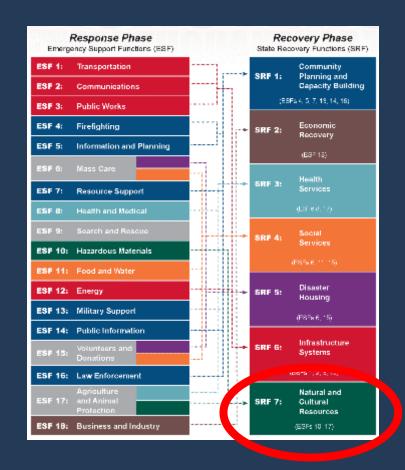




NCRR Task Force Organization

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Emergency Management Functions



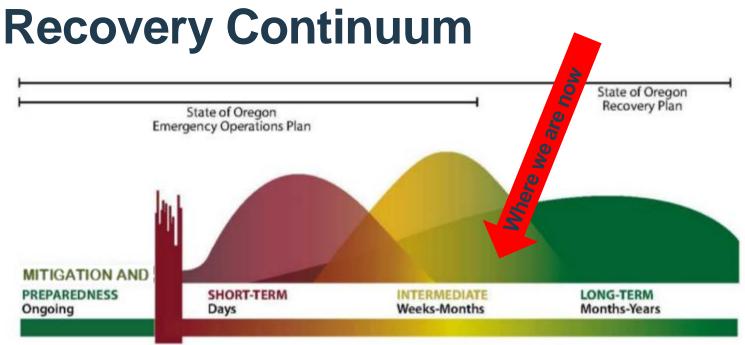
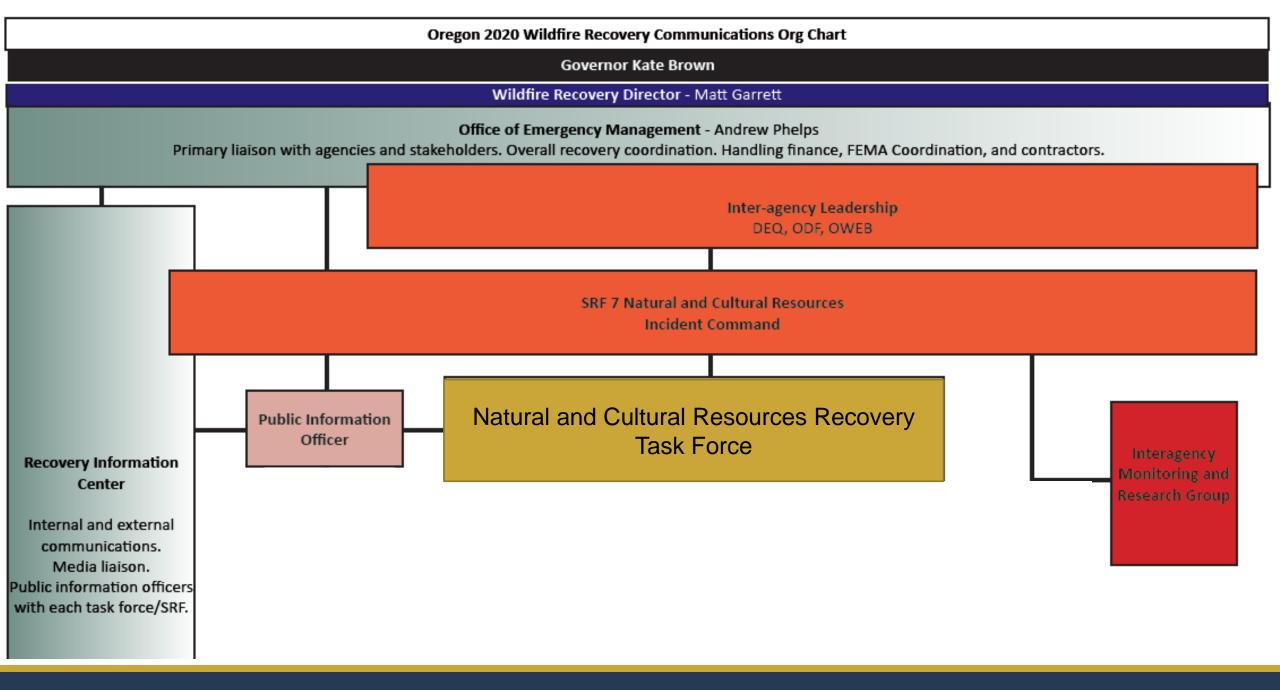
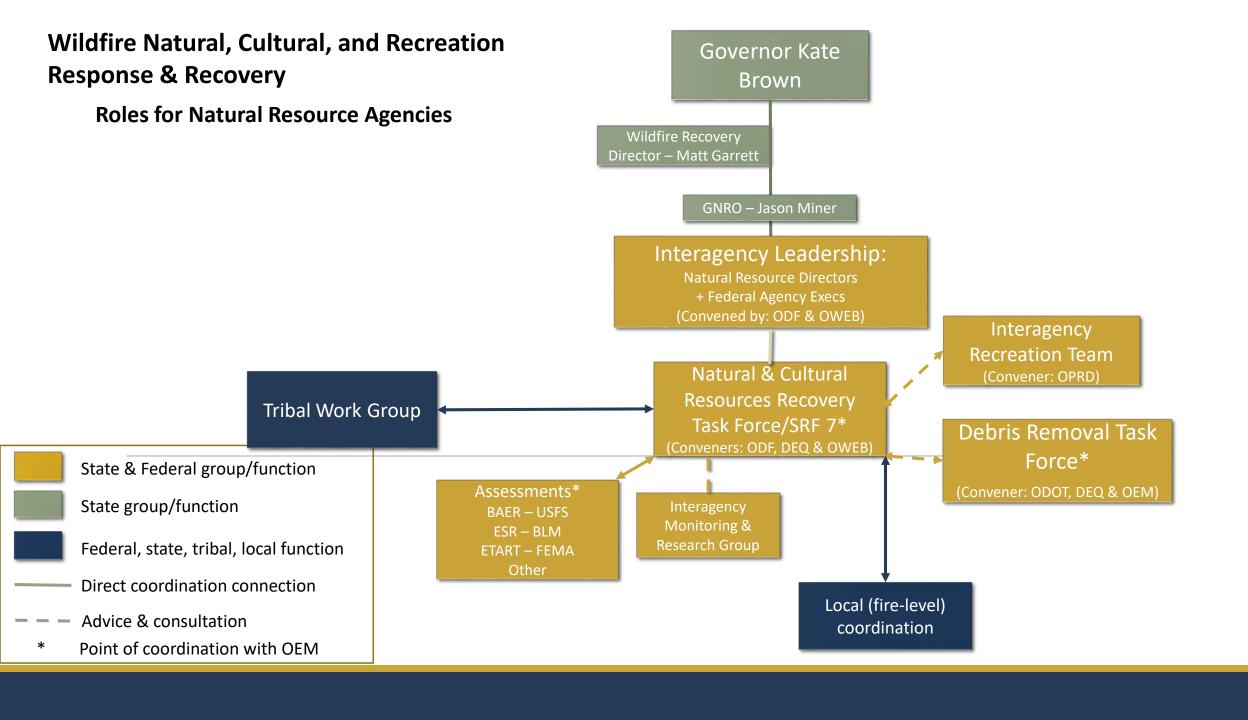


Figure 2-1 Recovery Continuum from State of Oregon Emergency Action Plan

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Transition from Emergency Response to Recovery



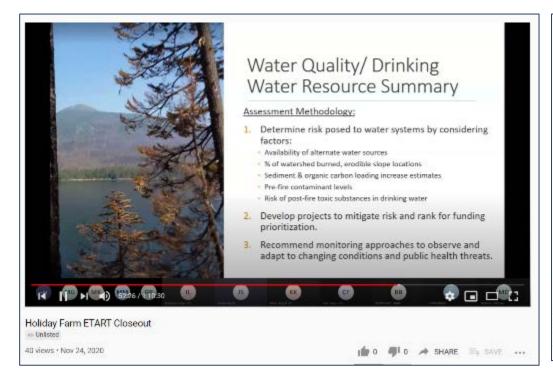


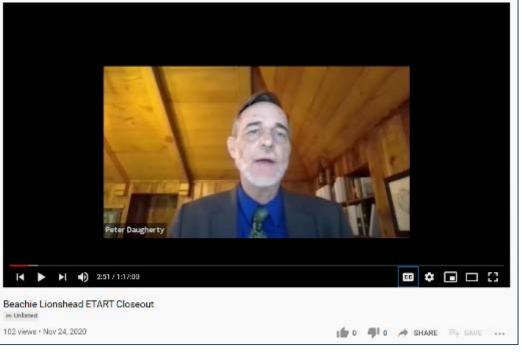
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NCRRTF Sub-Groups and Related Efforts

- Assessments
- Tribal Partnerships and Cultural Resources
- Public Information & Communication
- Funding Opportunities
- Outdoor Recreation

Assessments





Tribal and Local Coordination

Tribal Coordination

- Participate on NCRRTF
- Engage in Tribal Work Group

Local Coordination is an evolving process

Leadership Recovery Priorities

- Invest in near-term recovery needs to address areas of high erosion potential particularly associated with potential debris torrents and public safety
- Ensure drinking water sources are prioritized for recovery and restoration
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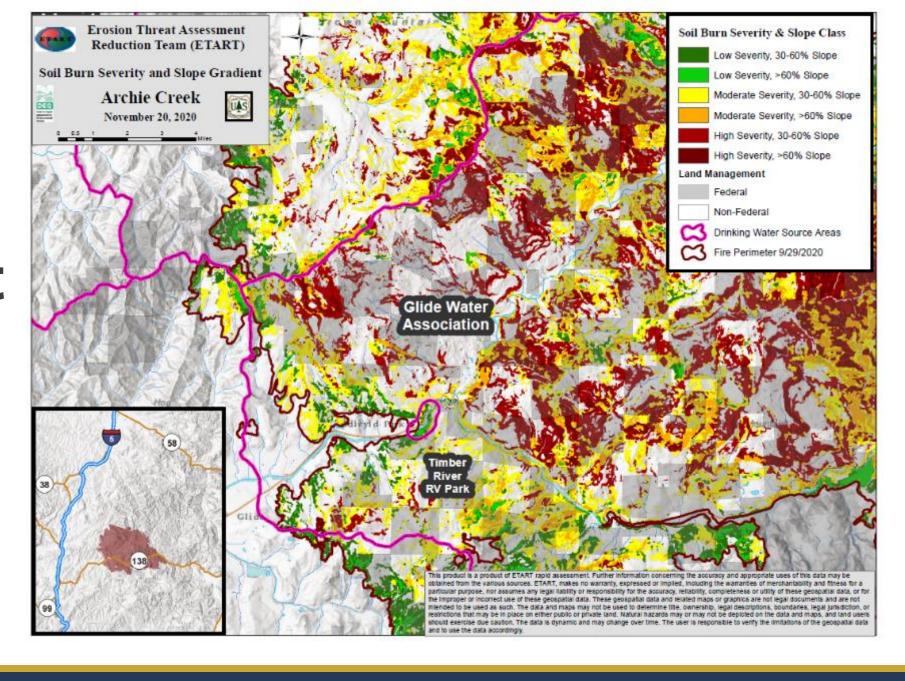
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Burn Severity Assessment Map

City of Glide:

Drinking Water Source Area Burn Severity



Water Impact Assessment

Erosion Threat Assessment/Reduction Team (ETART) Water Quality/Drinking Water Evaluation:

- ➤ Team included Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, National Weather Service, & the Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - Significant assistance from Oregon Health Authority
- ➤ Used a combination of watershed condition & treatment engineering factors to rank the risk to public water systems.

Source/Drinking Water Impacts

Public Water System Assessment & Ranking

- ➤ Watershed Vulnerability Factors
- ➤Interaction of Burn Severity & Slope Gradient
- ➤ Debris Flow Hazard Frequency within the Source Area (USGS estimates)
- ➤ Percent of Drinking Water Source Area within the fire perimeter
- ➤ Land Ownership-related Resource Protection Regulations

		Slope Category		
		>60%	30-60%	<30%
Burn Severity	Н	Н	Н	M
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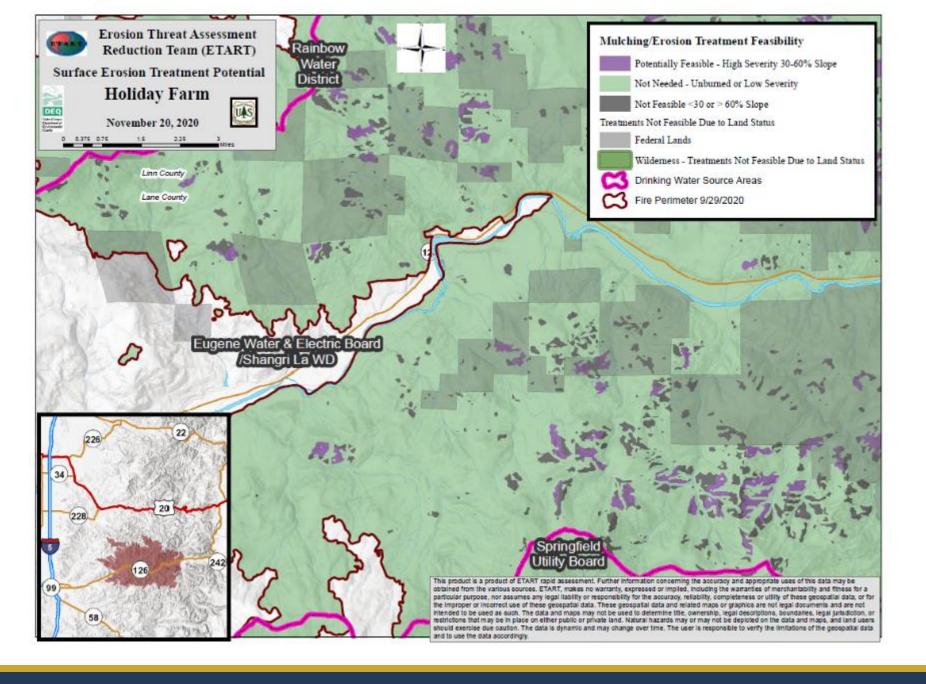
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Examples of PWSs with high potential risk:

- ➤ Detroit Water System, Gates, Lyons-Mehama Water District, Stayton (Beachie Creek, Lionshead)
- ➤ Panther Creek Water District (Echo Mountain Complex)
- ➤ City of Estacada (Riverside)
- ➤ City of Molalla (Beachie Creek, Riverside)
- ➤ Glide Water Association, City of Roseburg (Archie Creek)



Source/ Drinking Water Impacts



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