



# **2020 Wildfire Season Review**



**House Natural Resources  
Committee  
December 15, 2020**

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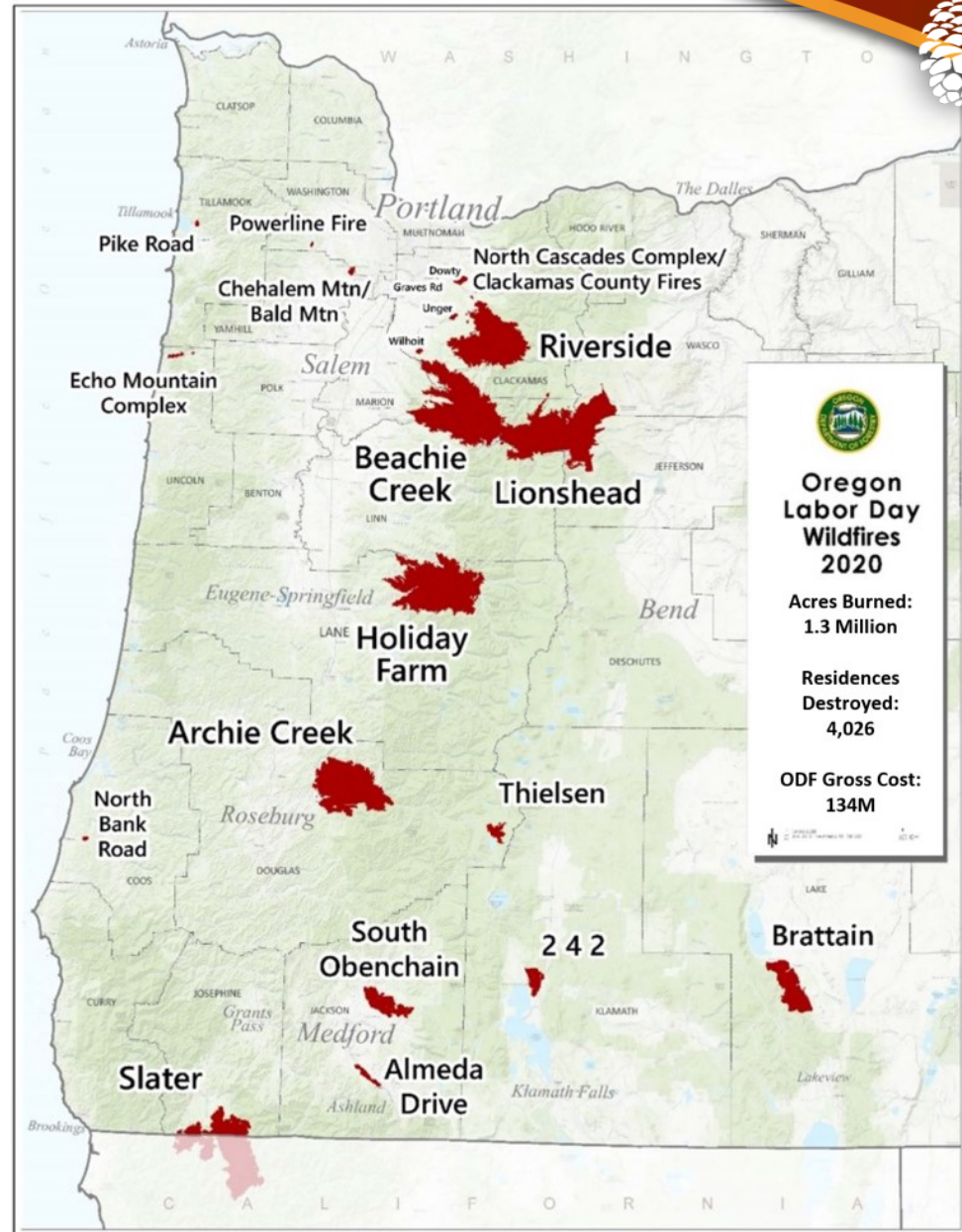
Tanker drop over  
Almeda Fire, 2020



# Oregon Labor Day Wildfires 2020

## Fire Briefing Map

Post Sept. 7



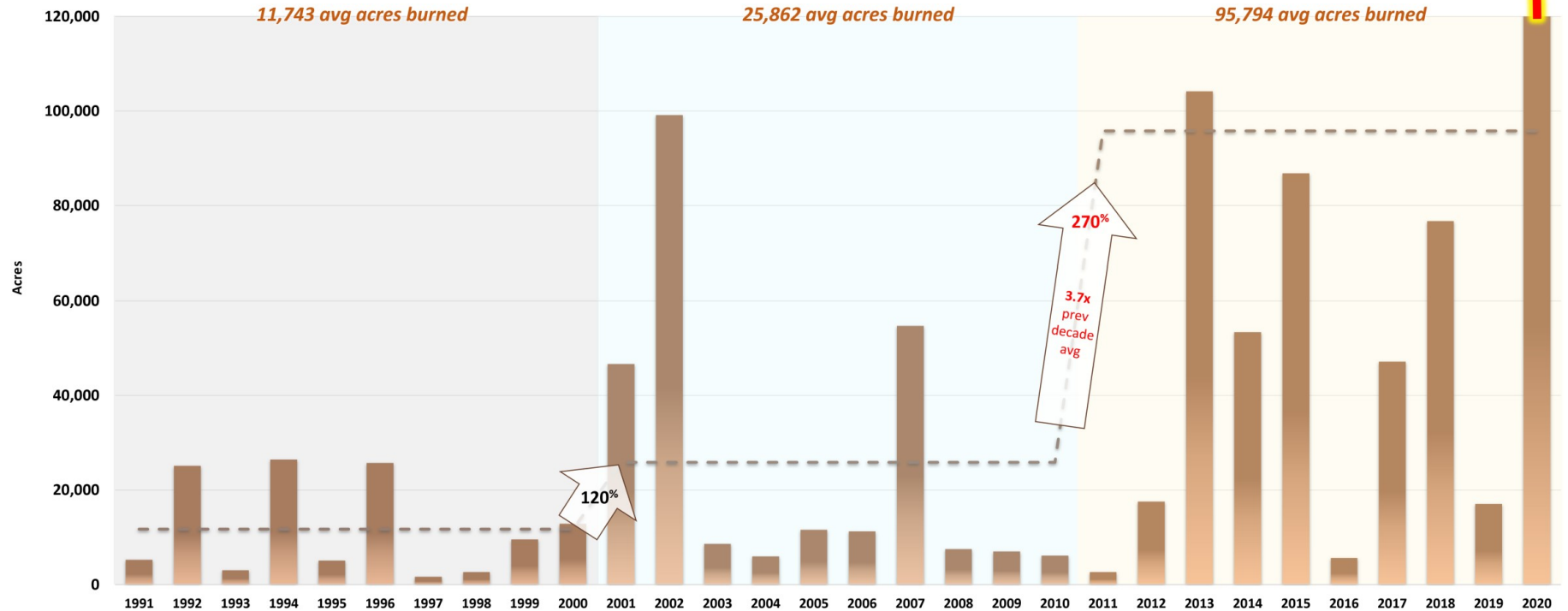
# ODF Protected Lands

## Average Acres Burned by Decade



ODF Protected Lands - Average Acres Burned by Decade

12/07/2020 ODF and reconciled large fire and IRWIN data with NWCC.



All 2020 data is considered draft until end of calendar year and all incident data has been assessed and recorded.

# Gross Costs YTD

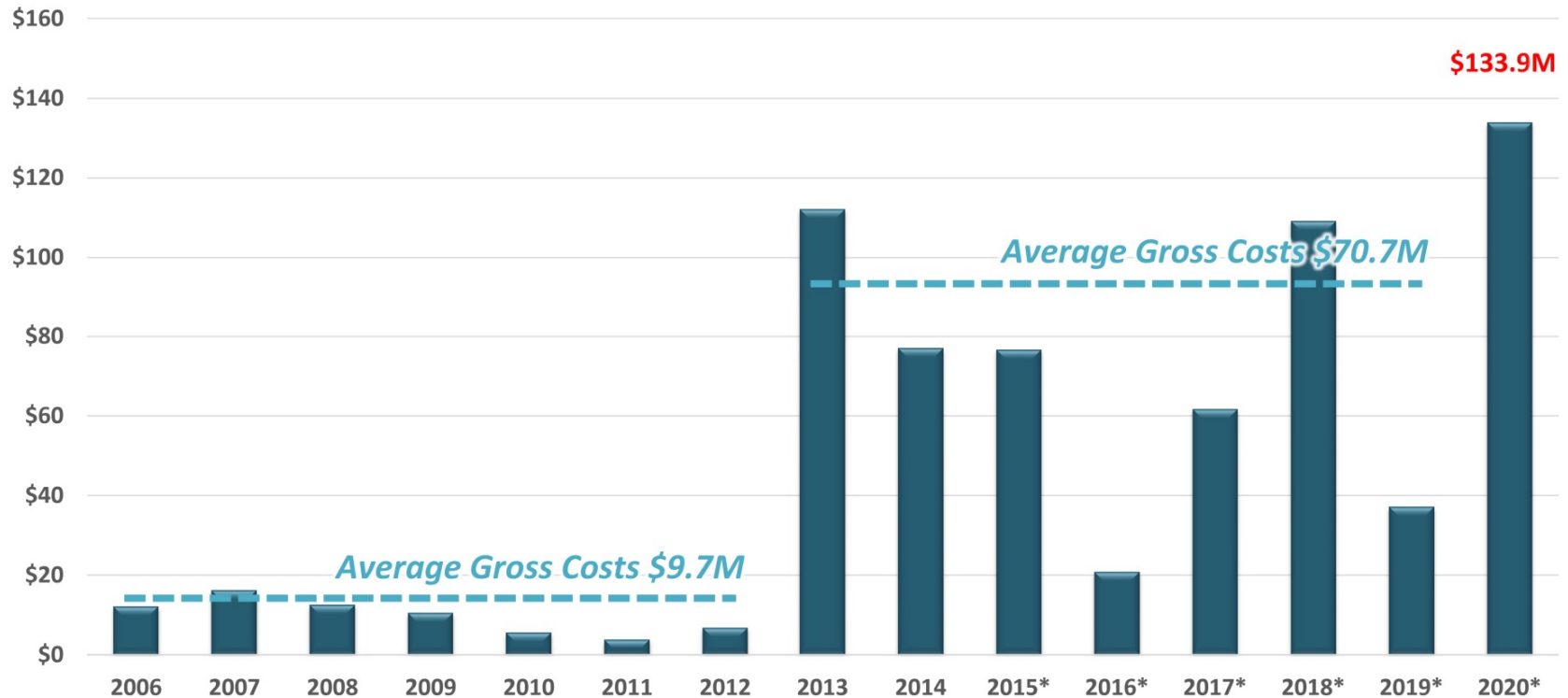


## ODF Large Fire Costs

ODF Protection Finance and EFCC Data Dec 3, 2020.

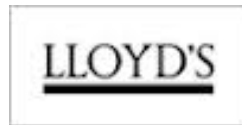
Values are gross costs by calendar year including non-jurisdictional fires for 2013-2020.

Gross  
Costs  
(Millions)



\*includes draft claims figures

# Oregon's Complete & Coordinated Fire Protection System

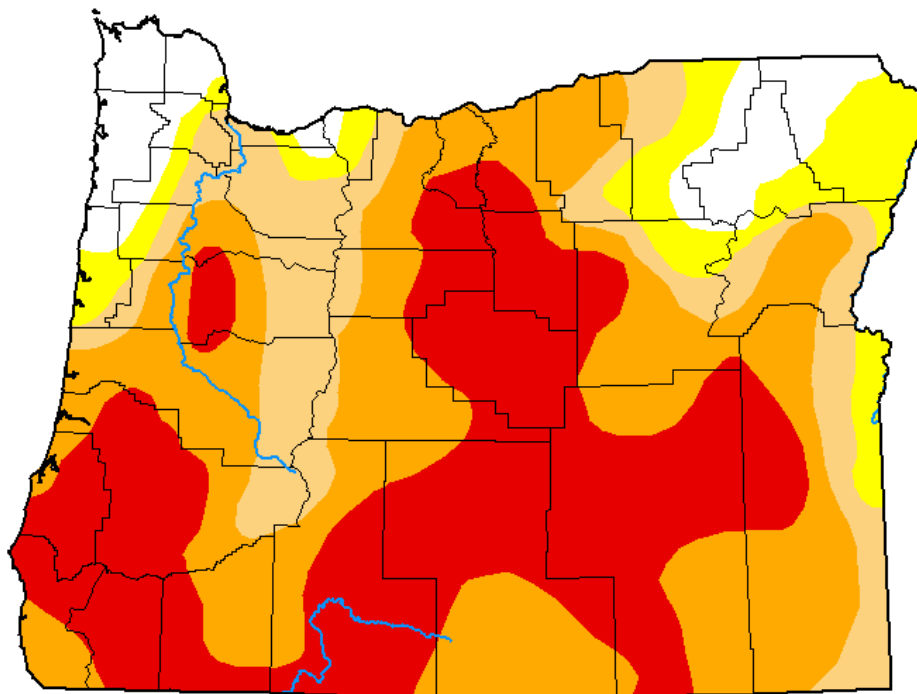


# Drought Monitor



## U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

**December 1, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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# 2020 Lessons Learned



- **Initial Attack** remains our priority – but continues to be more difficult to be successful given increasing complexity of fire seasons.
- **Fire Line Leadership** capacity.
- **Severity Program (Aviation)** advancements.
- **Structural Funding Fix** – large fire financing.
- **Governor's Wildfire Council** – recommendations
  - Anchored to the National Cohesive Strategy
  - Response, Fire Adapted Community, Resilient Landscapes