



Commission Wildfire Mitigation Implementation

**Senate Interim Committee
on Natural Resources and Wildfire
Recovery**

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Wildfire Mitigation Planning Timeline

2021	2022		2022 Fire Season		2023	
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
§ 2: Oregon Wildfire Electric Collaborative	OWEC Workshops			OWEC Workshops		
§ 3: Wildfire Protection Plans						
Phase I Rulemaking – AR 648	PUC Review of 2022 Utility Plans				PUC Review of 2023 Utility Plans	
Phase 2 Rulemaking – AR 638 including PSPS						
		2022 COU WPP				
§ 3(8) Cost Recovery Mechanisms	Utility Cost Recovery					

§ 2: OWEC Workshops: Five workshops held to date: (1) Identifying & Monitoring Wildfire Risk from Seasonal to Long-term Time Frames; (2) Utility De-Energization and Public Safety Power Shutoffs; (3) Adapting Vegetation Management to Changing Ecosystems; (4) Fire Season Forecast, Risk Modeling, and Situational Awareness Tools; (5) 2021 Wildfire Season Debrief. See [Oregon Wildfire Electric Collaborative](#). Workshops to continue in 2022.

§ 3: Wildfire Protection Plans: First IOU reports due by Dec 31, 2021. PUC opened Phase I rulemaking ([AR 648](#)) for initial plans; rulemaking to be completed by Dec 2021. PUC will review IOUs wildfire plans during first half of 2022. PUC also opened broader permanent rulemaking ([AR 638](#)) on utility wildfire mitigation and prevention; to be completed in Spring 2022 – including permanent PSPS rules for '22 fire season. By June 30, 2022, COUs will file copies of risk-based wildfire protection plans approved by respective governing authorities.

§ 3(8): Tariffs: PUC to engage in a variety of forums with utilities and stakeholders to determine proper ratemaking mechanism under [ORS 757.210 to 757.220](#) for IOUs to recover all reasonable operating costs and prudent investments made to develop, implement or operate a wildfire protection plan.

