



Presentation to the Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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Senate Bill 762: Prescribed Fire, Protected Areas, Fuel Reduction Grant Programs and Strategic Plan

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Prescribed Fire

(Sections 25–27: Requirements)

- Requires the ODF to:
 - initiate rulemaking to establish Certified Burn Manager program;
 - consult with the Oregon Prescribed Fire Council; and,
 - provide a progress report to the Legislative Assembly by December 2021.
- Rules must allow:
 - prescribed fire across ownership boundaries;
 - person to obtain a permit and comply with conditions; and,
 - obtain consent from relevant landowners.
- Rulemaking must be completed by November 2022.



Prescribed Fire (Timeline)

Aug. 18

First RAC meeting.

Sep. → Ongoing

RAC established a charter and drafting work continues monthly.

Mid - 2022

ODF plans to present draft rules to Board & request public hearings.

Nov. 2022

ODF complete rulemaking.



Protected Areas

(Sections 28–29, all-lands requirements)

- ODF to adopt rules establishing baseline levels of wildfire protection across all areas of the state.
- ODF may provide financial assistance to:
 - form or modify wildfire protection jurisdictions;
 - develop wildfire protection facilities, equipment; and,
 - invest in training and other resources.
- Requires counties to ensure all lands within the jurisdiction have baseline level or higher wildfire protection by January 2026.
- Timeline:
 - ODF plans to establish RAC in late-2022.

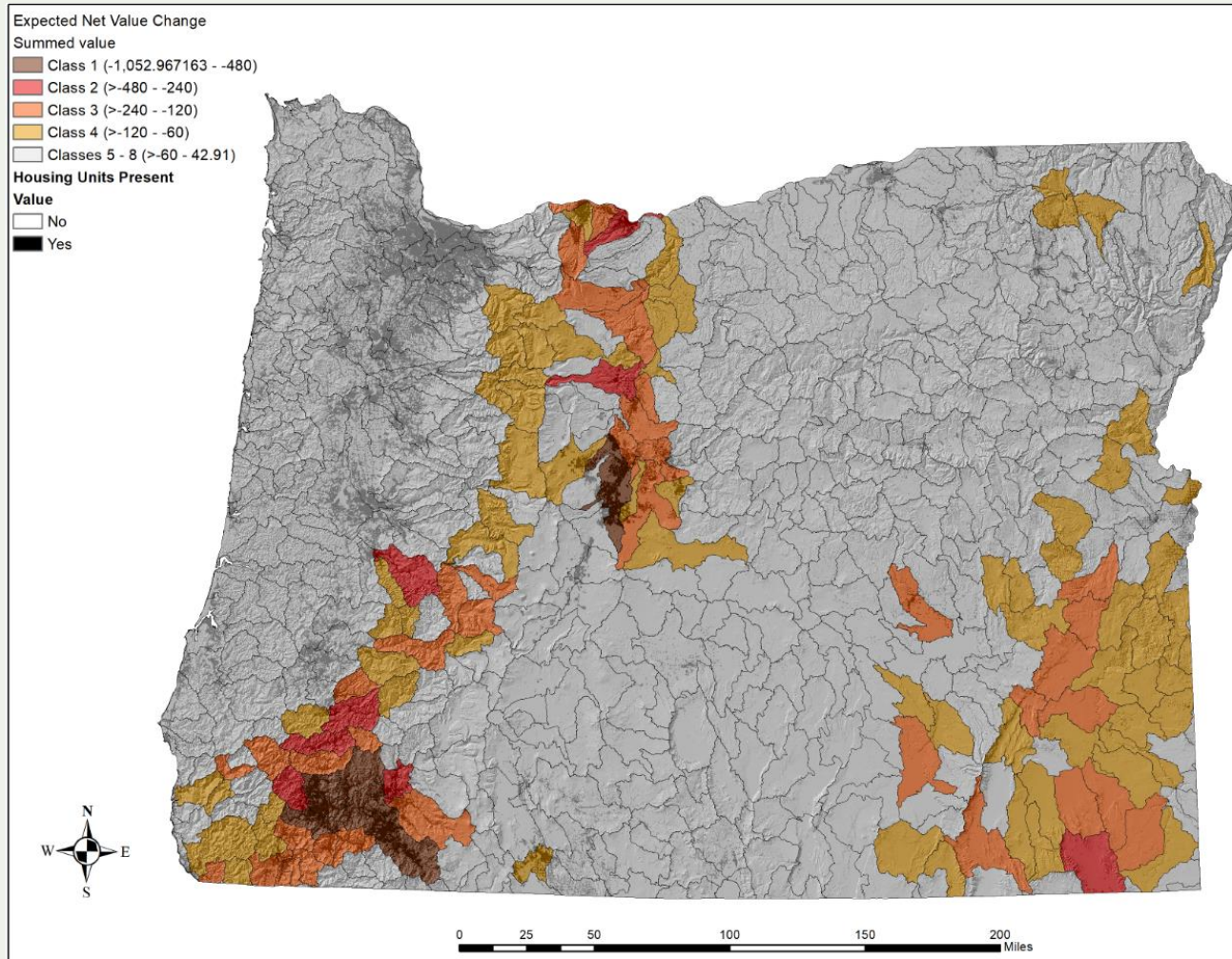


Forestland and Rangeland Restoration and Resiliency Investment Program (Section 18)

- \$20 million for landscape-scale all-lands restoration.
- Convened work group to:
 - Recommend criteria
 - Identify strategic landscapes
- 21–23 Biennium—projects must be completed by June 30, 2023.



Strategic Landscapes



FRRRIP timeline

- Nov. 2021 Request for proposals issued
- Jan. 7, 2022 Project proposals due
- Jan.–Feb., 2022 Awards announced
- Mar.–Apr., 2022 Grant agreements in place
- Oct. 2022 Interim project report
- Jun. 30, 2023 Project closeout



Small Forestland Grant Program

(Section 24)

- Small Forestland Owner defined as:
 - Ownerships up to 160 acres west of the Cascade Crest.
 - 640 acres east of the Cascade Crest.
- Prioritize high-risk areas.
- Address multiple resource concerns.
- Reduce the risk of high severity wildfire.
- Funds expended by June 30, 2023.



Small Forestland Grant Program

- Small Parcels (approx. \$750,000)
 - ODF internal competitive to issue landowner rebates
- Firewise USA™ Grants (approx. \$750,000)
 - Open competitive to Firewise USA™ Communities or project sponsors
- Small Forestland Grant (approx. \$3.5 million)
 - \$300K max project award.
 - Open competitive to eligible project sponsors.
 - At least 75% of project costs must support fuel reduction on small forestland properties.



Small Forestland Grant Program (Timeline)

- Nov. 18, 2021 Call for Projects released
- Jan. 21, 2022 Project Proposals due
- Feb. 2, 2022 Awards announced
- Mar.–Apr. 2022 Grant agreements in place
- Oct. 2022 Interim project report
- Jun. 15, 2023 Project closeout



20-Year Strategic Plan

- Statewide blueprint for federal, state, and private investments.
- Integration with internal and external strategic planning efforts.
- Opportunity to solidify a vision for an all-lands restoration and assistance program.
- Onboarding new resource to begin work.
- Anticipate framework and timeline by beginning of January 2022.





Questions?