UPDATE: Oregon Wildfire Recovery and Cleanup Response

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ODOT Wildfire Recovery Timeline

April 2021:

Four months into the operation and ahead of schedule, crews reach halfway point for total debris removed statewide.

June 2021:

Legislative session ends.
ODOT provides more than 30 presentations during the 2021 session.

Independent arborist gives hazard tree removal operation an A grade.

August 2021:

Wildfire crews stop grass fire near Idanha and unearth time capsule for the community of Vida.

October 2021:

Secretary of State review completed and released. Review acknowledges a very challenging job done well, thanks ODOT and points to future planning efforts.











March-April 2021:

In response to increasing questions about hazard tree removal, Task Force provides opportunities for one-on-one discussions with field arborists to answer property owner and community questions.



July 2021:

Task Force replaces prime contractor in northern Oregon area (Riverside, Beachie Creek/ Lionshead Fire areas) to meet completion deadlines.

September 2021:

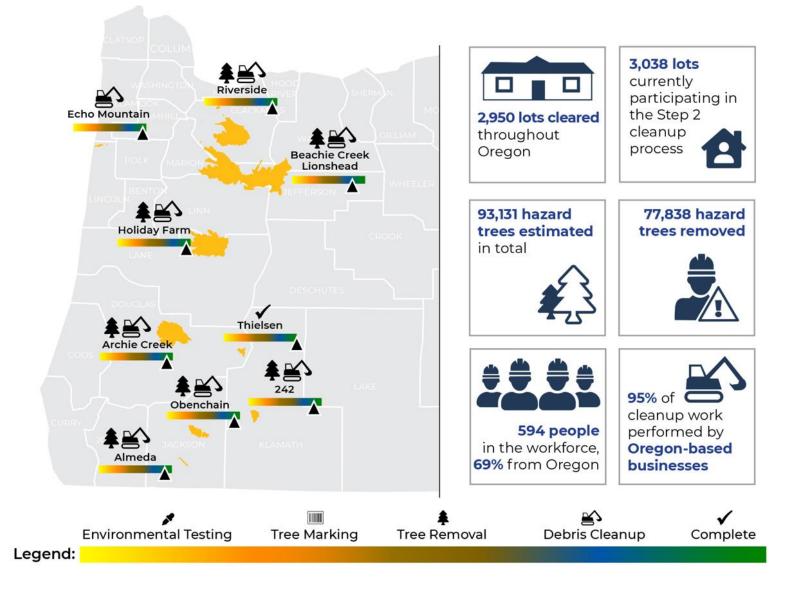
As work wraps up,

September 15

deadline for debris
cleanup program set.

November 2021:

Nearly all debris removal work (95%+) and most hazard tree work (75%+) complete, ahead of schedule. Diligent Highway 224 reopening work continues.







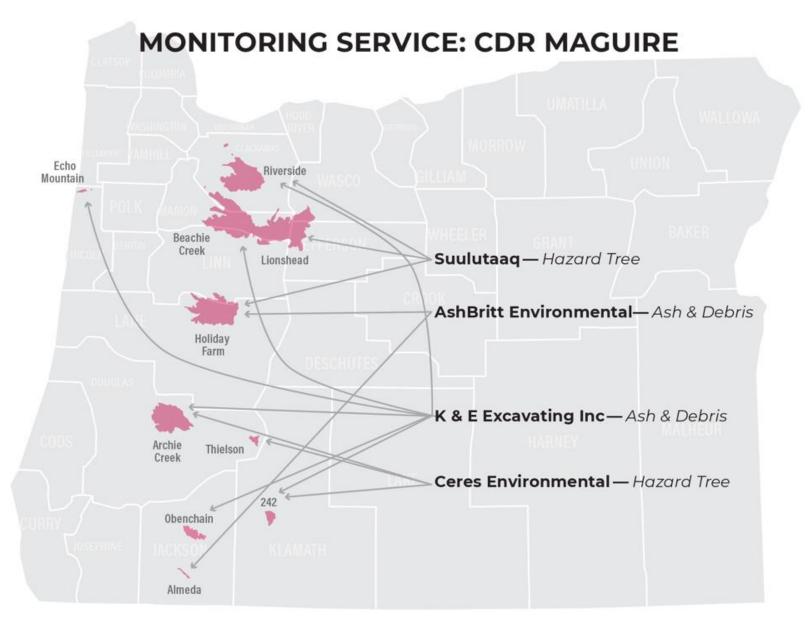
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home sites cleared

hazard trees removed

tons of debris removed











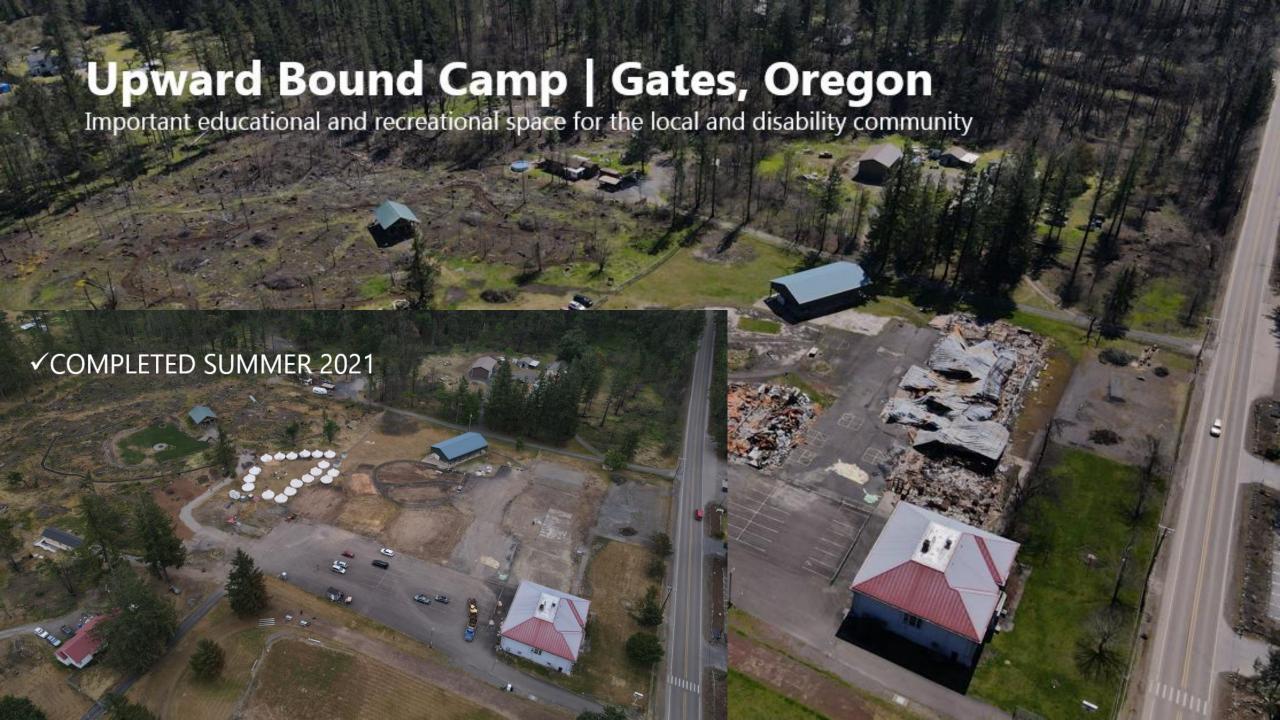
Ahead of schedule of the initial 18-month timeline

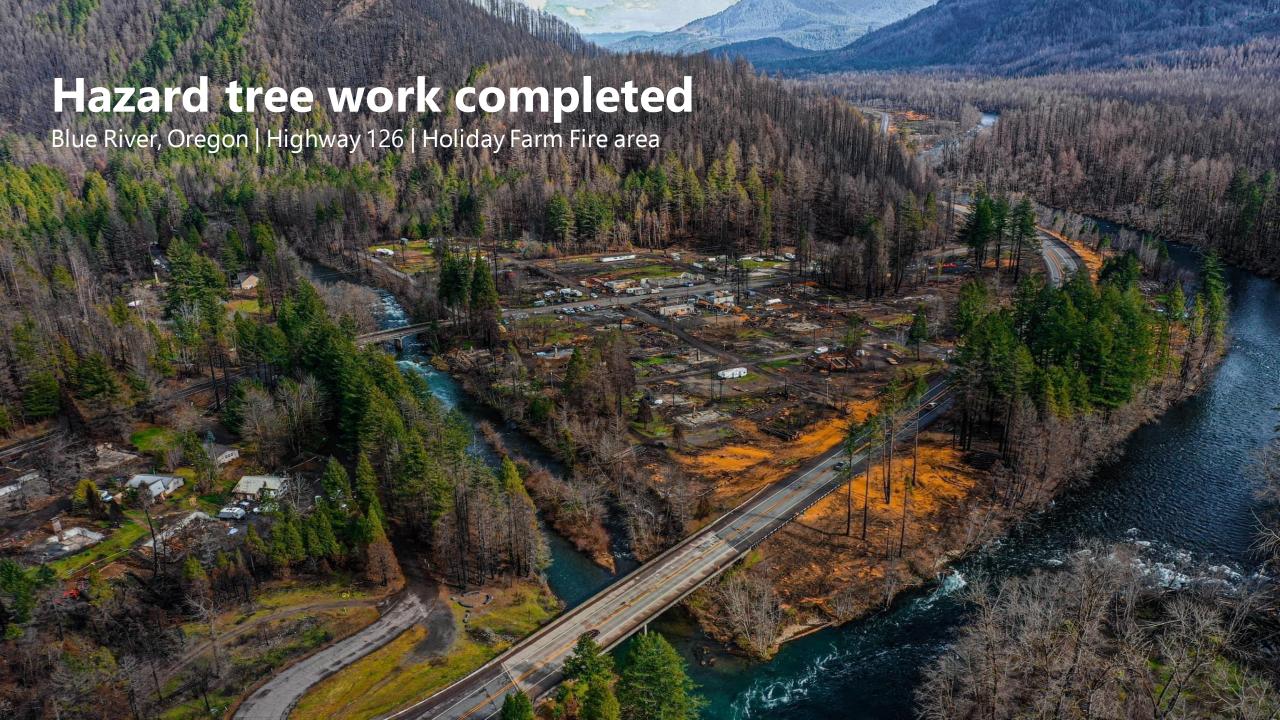
- -Helping pace: close coordination with wildfire management agencies this summer so that work continued during fire season—minimal shutdowns were experienced but pace was required to slow.
- -Ash & Debris removal expected to be completed by end of year. Final closeout activities currently underway. Work on remaining properties consists of final close-out or "punch list" items.
- -More than a hundred miles of highway reopened. Diligent work continues on re-opening Highway 224—including working with the impacted jurisdictions.
- -Pre-disaster planning, After Action Review discussions, and contracting scheduled to be complete by Spring 2022.















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