UPDATE: Oregon Wildfire Recovery and Cleanup Response

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Joint Committee on Transportation



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 and 10 tours 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-onone 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.

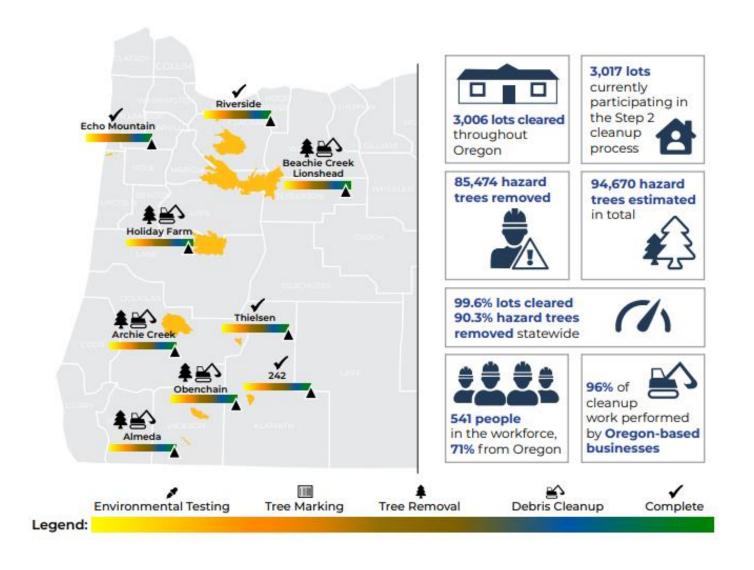
September 2021:

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As work wraps up, September 15 **deadline** for debris cleanup program set.

Nov/Dec 2021:

Nearly all debris removal work (99.6%) and most hazard tree work (90%+) complete, ahead of schedule. Close-out work, FEMA reimbursement process, and After Action Review kick off in New Year 2022.



As of 1/7/22



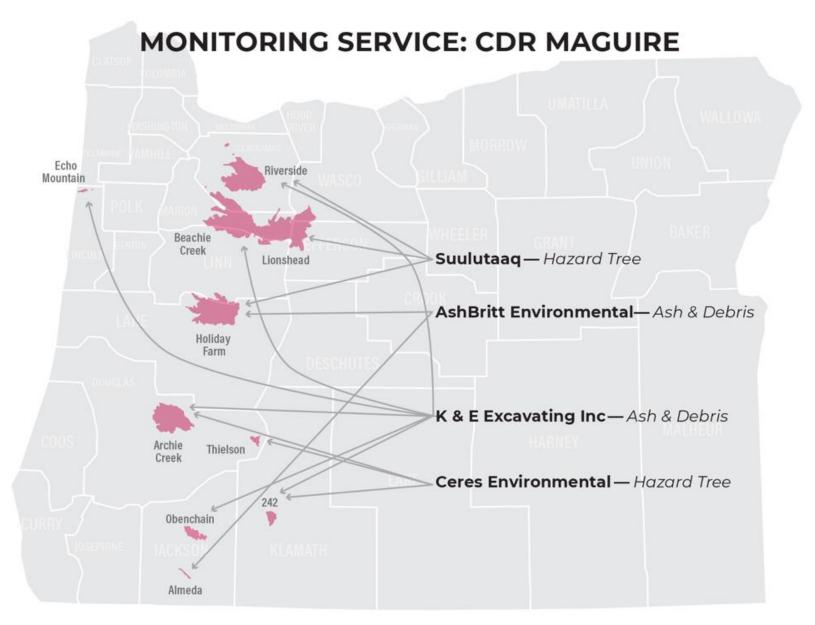
99.6% 91% 160K

home sites cleared

hazard trees removed

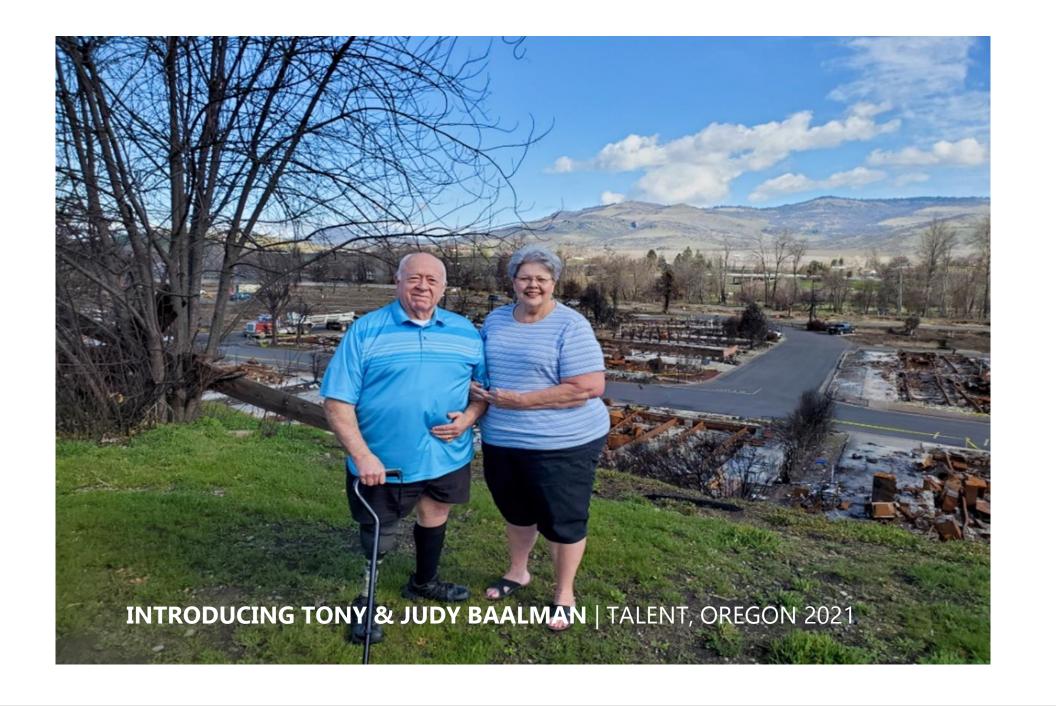
tons of debris removed



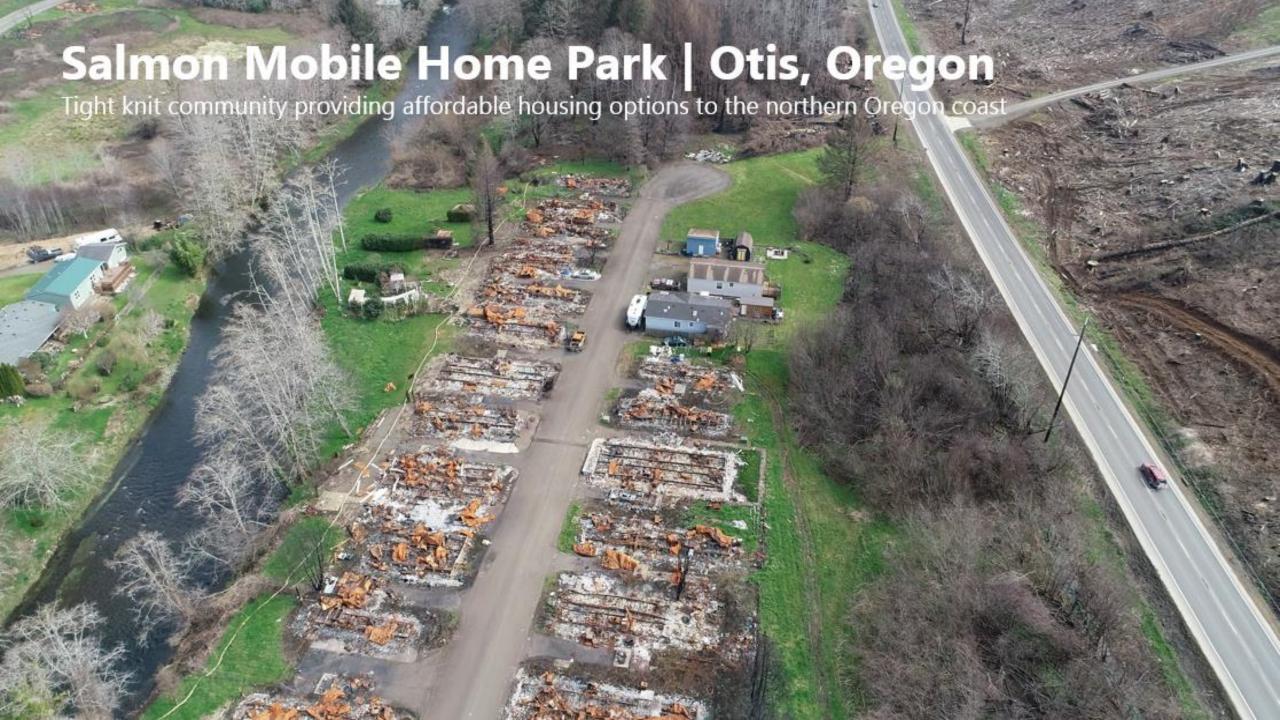




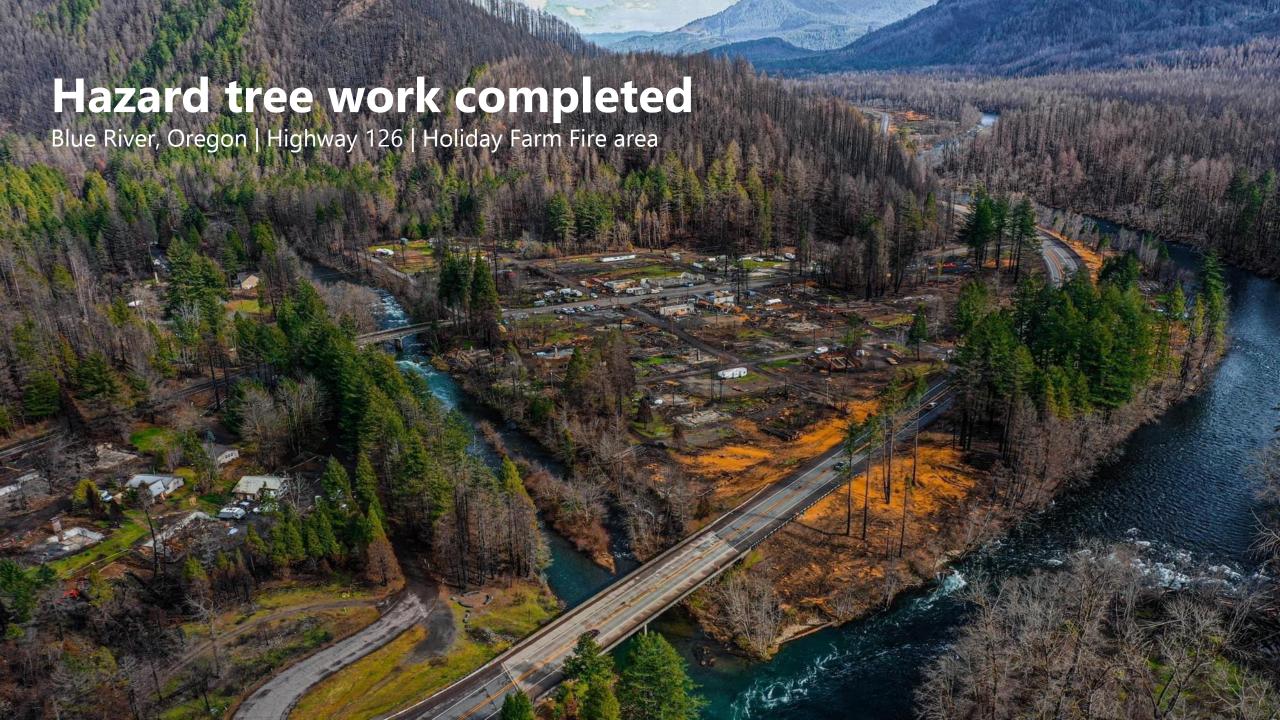


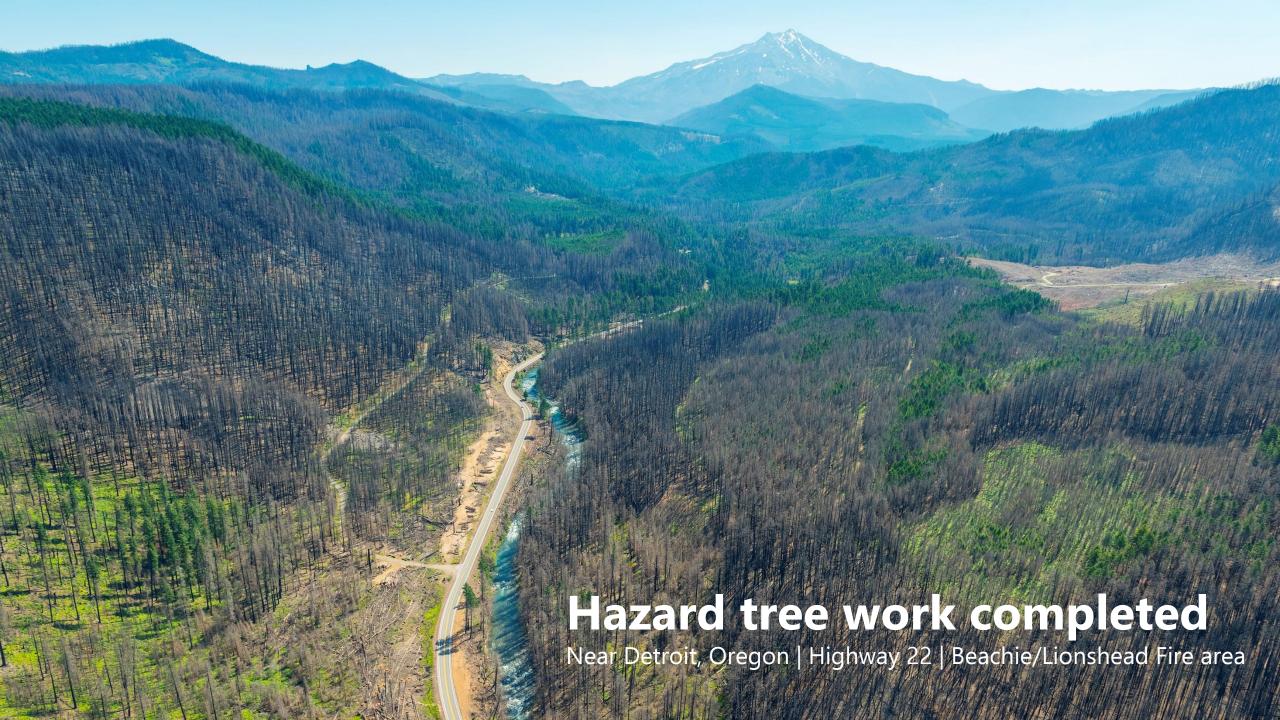














Lessons learned + success factors

- -POLICY DECISIONS
- -CONTRACT/CREW MANAGEMENT
- -OPERATIONS
- -BUDGET
- -PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS
- -PUBLIC & LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT
- -OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY
- -LOOKING AHEAD

