



# **Presentation to the House Interim Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**

**June 1, 2022**

# Senate Bill 762—ODF

- Landscape Resiliency Program (\$20 million).
- Small Forestland Grant Program (\$5 million).
- Certified Burn Manager program.
- Wildland-urban interface (WUI) rulemaking.
- Statewide wildfire risk map development.

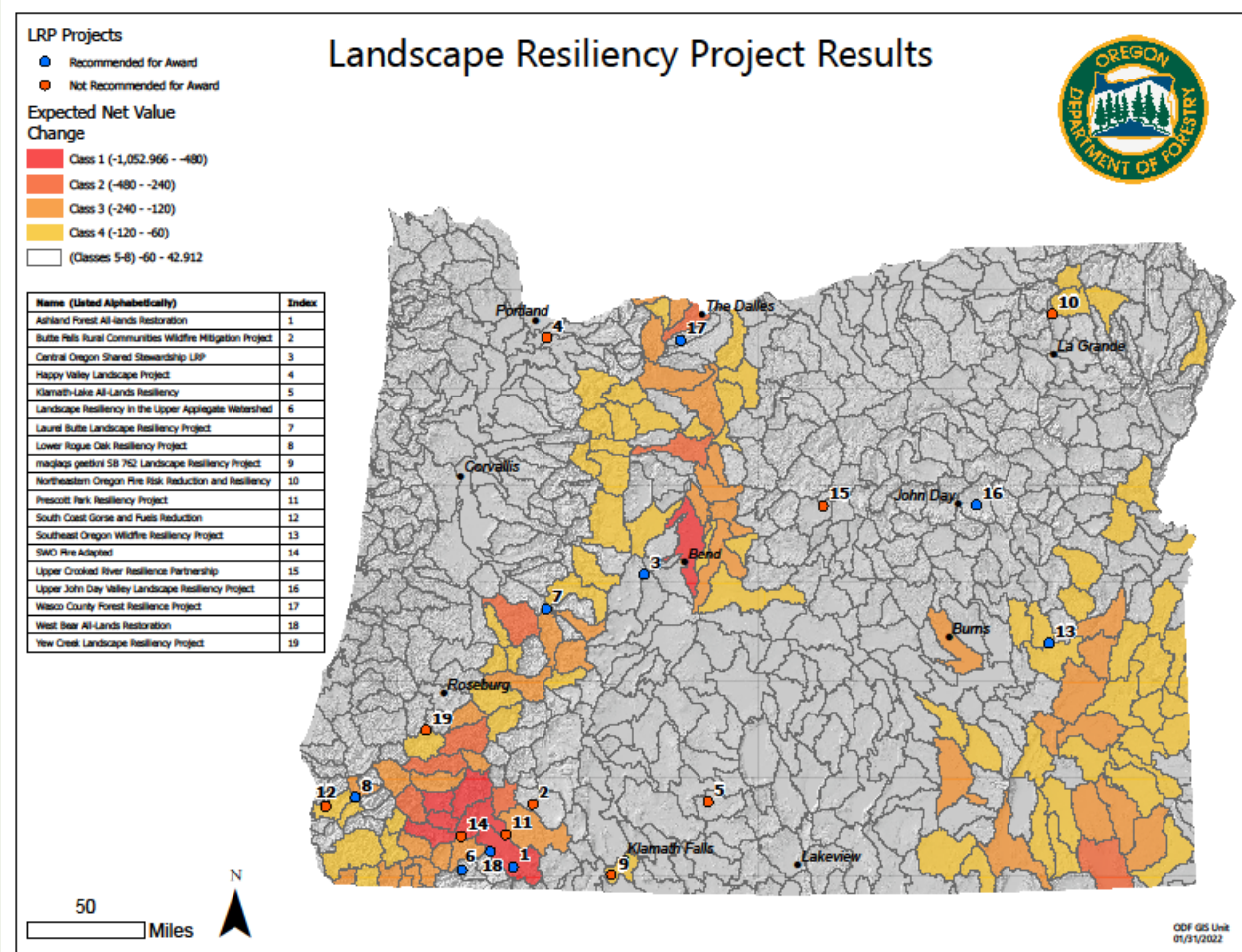


# Landscape Resiliency Program

- Section 18 of Senate Bill 762—\$20 million GF grant program.
- Landscape-scale, cross-boundary projects.
- Diverse workgroup developed criteria and scored applications.
- 19 proposals received requesting nearly \$37 million.
- Nine projects awarded \$20 million to treat over 156,000 acres with over \$15 million in matching funds.
- Prioritized lands in highest risk classes.
- Work already began, must be completed June 30, 2023.



# Awarded projects map



# Small Forestland Grant Program

- Section 24 of Senate Bill 762—\$5 million GF grant program.
- Small forestland owners, Firewise communities
- 33 proposals received requesting nearly \$5.4 million. Firewise received 85 submissions requesting \$2.7 million.
- 23 projects awarded \$4.2 million to serve 600 landowners treating over 4,000 acres. 18 Firewise communities awarded \$800,000 to treat 2,000 acres.
- Work already began, must be completed June 30, 2023.
- Interagency Agreement with HECC supporting Youth Corps projects.







# Certified burn manager

- Rulemaking advisory committee met from August 2021–May 2022.
- Nine-member committee met for 20 hours to provide input on draft rules.
- Draft rules will be presented to the Board of Forestry July 20, 2022.
- Public comment period to follow.



# WUI and risk mapping rules

- Rulemaking advisory committee met from July 2021 to February 2022.
- 26-member committee met for nearly 60 hours to provide input on draft rules.
- Board of Forestry approved rules for public comment March 9.
- Public hearings held April 19–21. Public comment period ended May 9, 2022.
- Board of Forestry will review final rules package with public comment June 8, 2022.





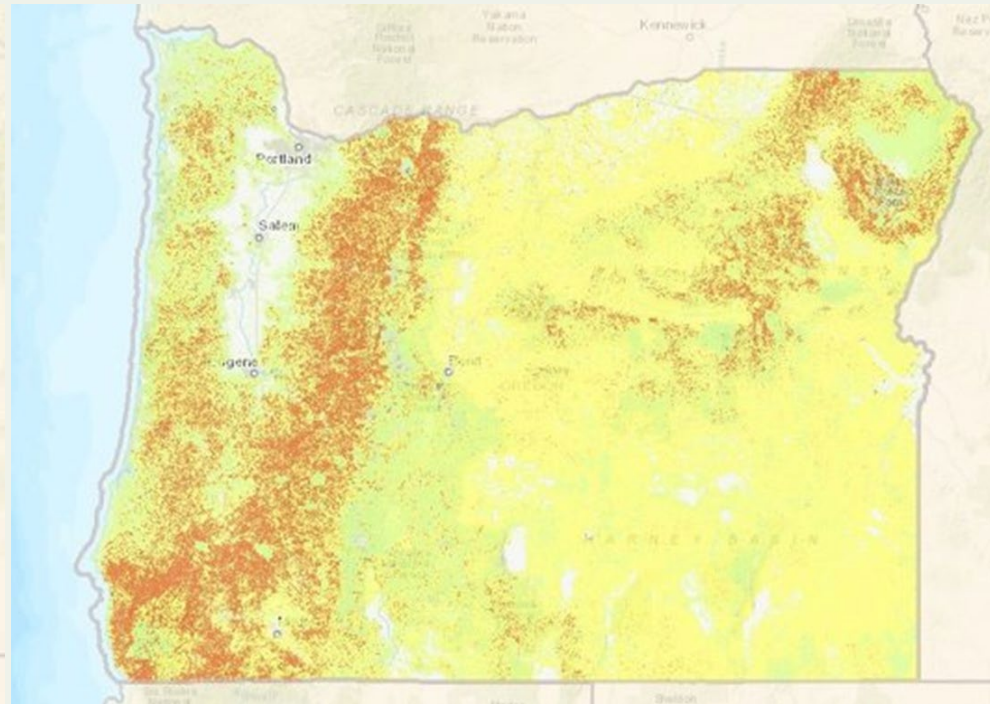
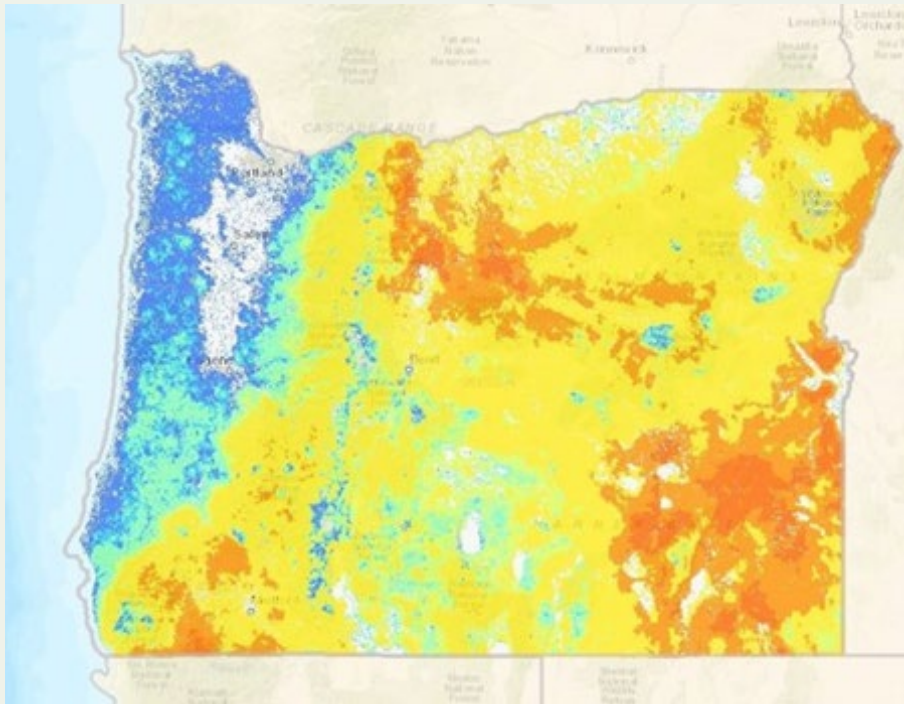
# WUI and risk mapping rules

- Define wildland-urban interface within 100 days.
- Establish boundary criteria establishing the WUI.
- Map wildfire risk for over 1.8 million tax lots.
- OSU produces map based on rules by June 30.
- Notify property owners in two highest risk classes.
- Property owners may appeal their designation of risk class and adjust map accordingly.
- OSU to also include map of socially and economically vulnerable communities.



# Burn probability

# Wildfire intensity



# WUI Timeline





**Questions?**



# OSFM 762

# Progress Report

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# Welcome

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Overview of OSFM & Senate Bill  
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New 762 Initiatives

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Listening and Understanding  
Sessions

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Proposed Grants and Investments





# Senate Bill 762

## OSFM's Responsibilities

- **Section 8**
  - Creation and adoption of the Defensible Space Code
  - Creation of the Community Risk Reduction Program
- **Section 9:** Community Risk Reduction Fund
- **Section 30:** Modernize and bolstering response



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# Fire Adapted Oregon

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## WHAT IS FIRE ADAPTED OREGON?

- Prepare communities for wildfire and reduce its impacts.
- Provide support and education for local communities
- Develop and support Oregon specific codes related to wildfire preparedness.
- Create local preparedness solution through education, outreach and hands on work

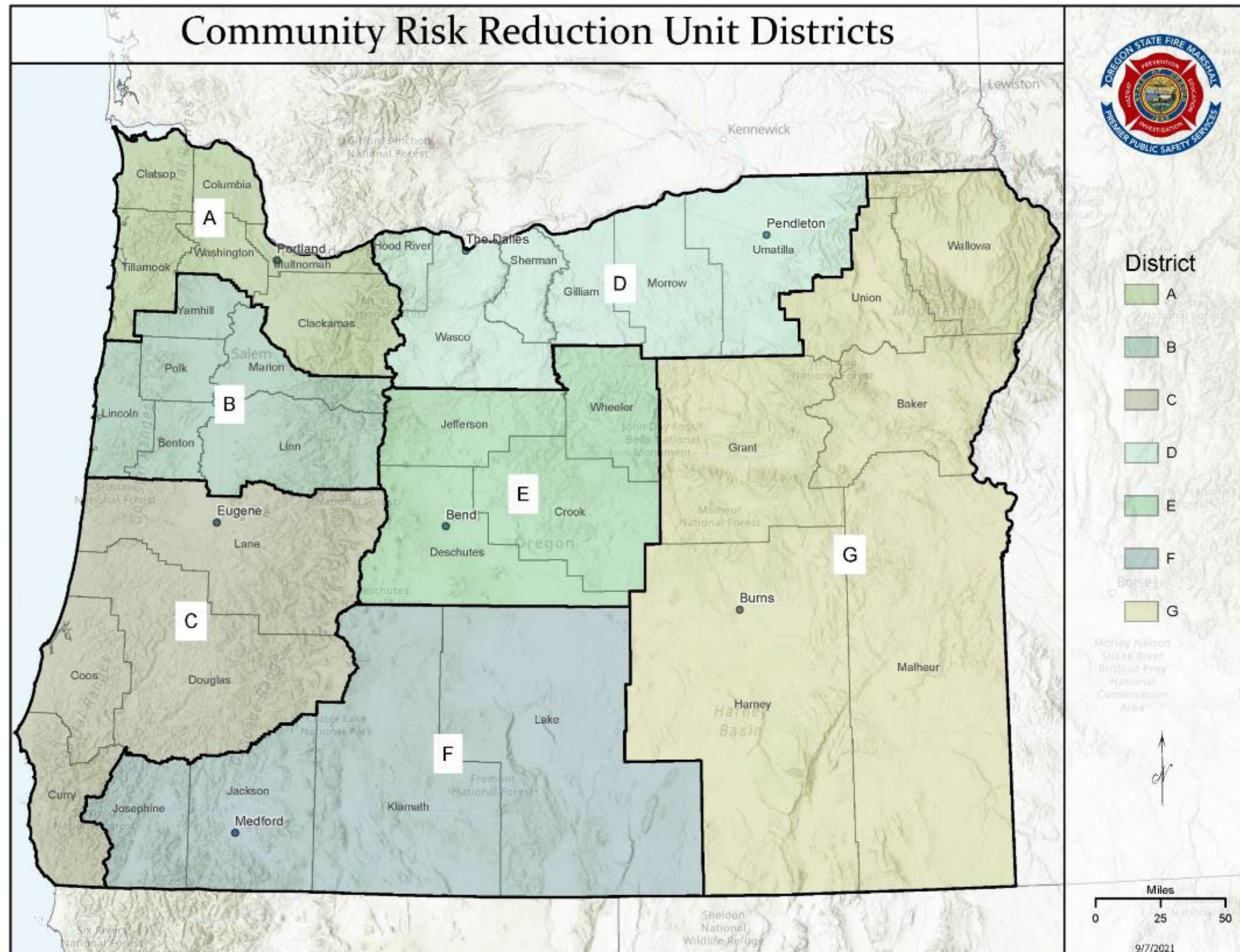


**FIRE ADAPTED**  
**OREGON**  
PREVENTING FIRES AND PROTECTING PEOPLE





# Community Risk Reduction Unit



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# Community Risk Reduction Fund

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- Established the Community Risk Reduction Fund in the Treasury.
  - Purpose of carrying out community risk reduction & local government financial assistance
- Program will emphasize and prioritize the following:
  - Education and methods of prevention
  - Enforcement of defensible space requirements
  - Response planning
  - Community preparedness for wildfires



# Defensible Space Code Timeline

## SEP. '21 - DEC. '21

- Develop/Update stakeholder interest list
- Engage in RAC Processes.

## JAN. '22

- Develop a “framework” Defensible Space Code based on 762 language (603, 604, Best Management Practices, etc.)

## JAN. '22 - MAY '22

- OSFM begins Defensible Space Code Adoption and Development with constituents and partners in regular meetings

## MAY '22 - JUL. '22

- Defensible Space Committee will make Oregon Defensible Space Code recommendations to the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board (OFCAB)

## JUL. '22 - AUG. '22

- OFCAB will review Defensible Space recommendations and send to the State Fire Marshal

## Aug. '22 - DEC. '22

- Final Notice of Proposed rulemaking & Hearing Notice
- Host Public Meeting

**Tentative Code Adoption Date: December 2022**





# Defensible Space Code

- Robust educational campaign and regional partnerships
  - Meetings parallel to Code Committee Work completed by Fall 2022
- Rule Making to begin in the fall
- Framework of ICC 603 and 604
- To date OSFM has hosted three (3) defensible space code committee meetings
  - Next meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>
- On schedule to meet Dec 2022 deadline for adoption



## 2022 OREGON DEFENSIBLE SPACE CODE

Based on the 2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code®





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# Response Ready Oregon

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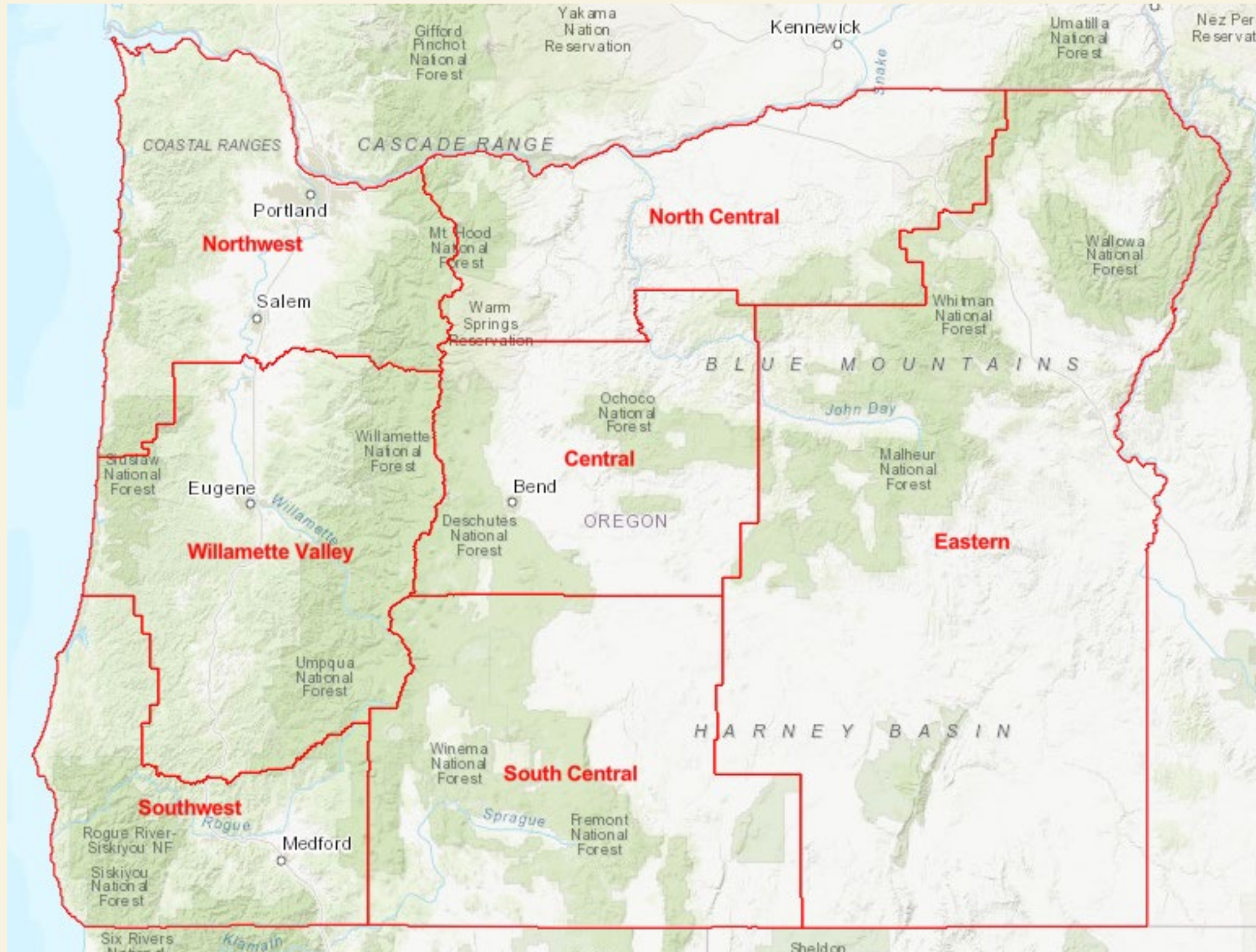
## WHAT IS RESPONSE READY OREGON?

- Reduce risk through effective and modern response.
- Proactive response tools to keep fires small and out of communities.
- Improved coordination through partnerships built by regional support.
- Modernize and bolster response tools in the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System.
- Collaboration with response partners to ensure our response system works across boundaries to address the current wildfire risk.
- Modernizing wildfire response through strategic investments in Oregon's Fire Service.





# Response Ready Oregon



- Further modernize and enhance the response system
- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) at the local level.
- OSFM's administration of OFMAS and OSFM's Incident Management Teams
- Improvement effectiveness and timeliness of mobilizations
- Bolstering response apparatus and capacity
- Pre-positioning and immediate response tools



# Pre-Conflagration Response Tools

- New response tools used in 2021, ready for 2022
- **Pre-Positioning:**
  - Sending resources to location around the state ahead of forecasted fire weather events, resources draw down, and known events that would increase risk.
- **Immediate response:**
  - Ability to mobilize resources outside of a conflagration declaration to surge capacity to minimize fire impacts to communities, local counties, and fire agencies.
  - Utilizing aerial assets





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# Listening and Understanding Sessions

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- Soliciting feedback over 11 months from fire service, associations, partner agencies, and members of the public.
- Hosted three listening and understanding sessions in March
  - Community Risk Reduction
  - Wildfire Response
  - Focused on the Oregon fire service
- Gathered feedback to plan local and regional investment programs
- Sustainable, long-term investments in these programs will be needed
- Demands on the fire service and risk to communities continues to increase.
- OSFM will invest locally and regionally with tailored funding and program solutions.

## EMERGING THEMES

Key themes emerged for OSFM to consider when implementing new programs, prioritizing community investments, and providing wildfire response. Participants acknowledged and communicated the need for durable, long-term investments in the wildfire preparedness and response system. Focuses from the listening and understanding sessions included:

- Provide funding to support sustained community education projects.
- Assist local fire service agencies with staff capacity.
- Support community preparedness activities through funding and appropriate support staff for those programs.
- Provide local wildland caches, equipment, and capital projects.
- Distribute funding and equipment equitably across Oregon.
- Ensure programs are available to a wide base of recipients.
- Utilize a streamlined grant process to ensure availability and access for all grant applicants.

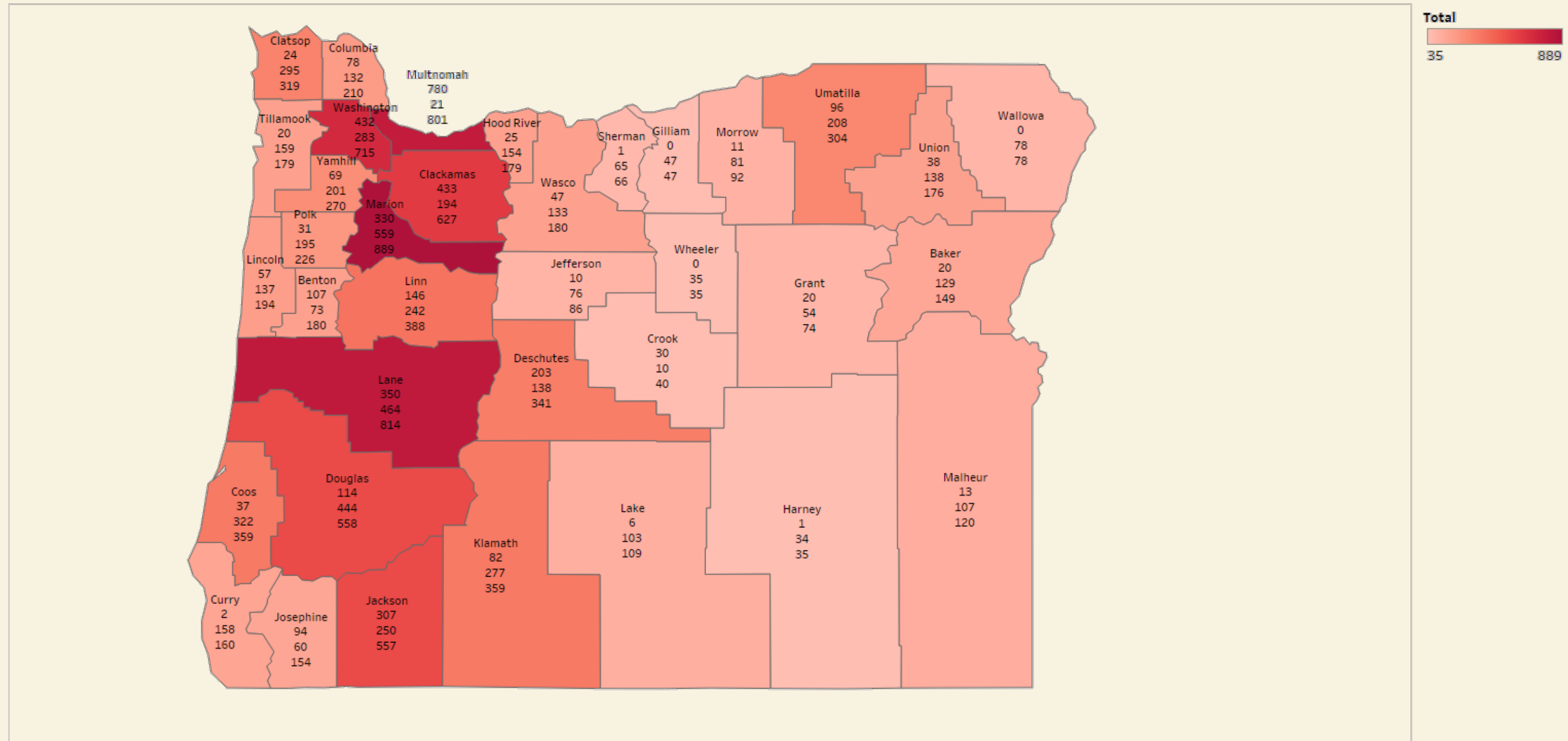


# Key Influencers

## OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Count of Career, Volunteer, and Total Structural Firefighters Reported Per County.

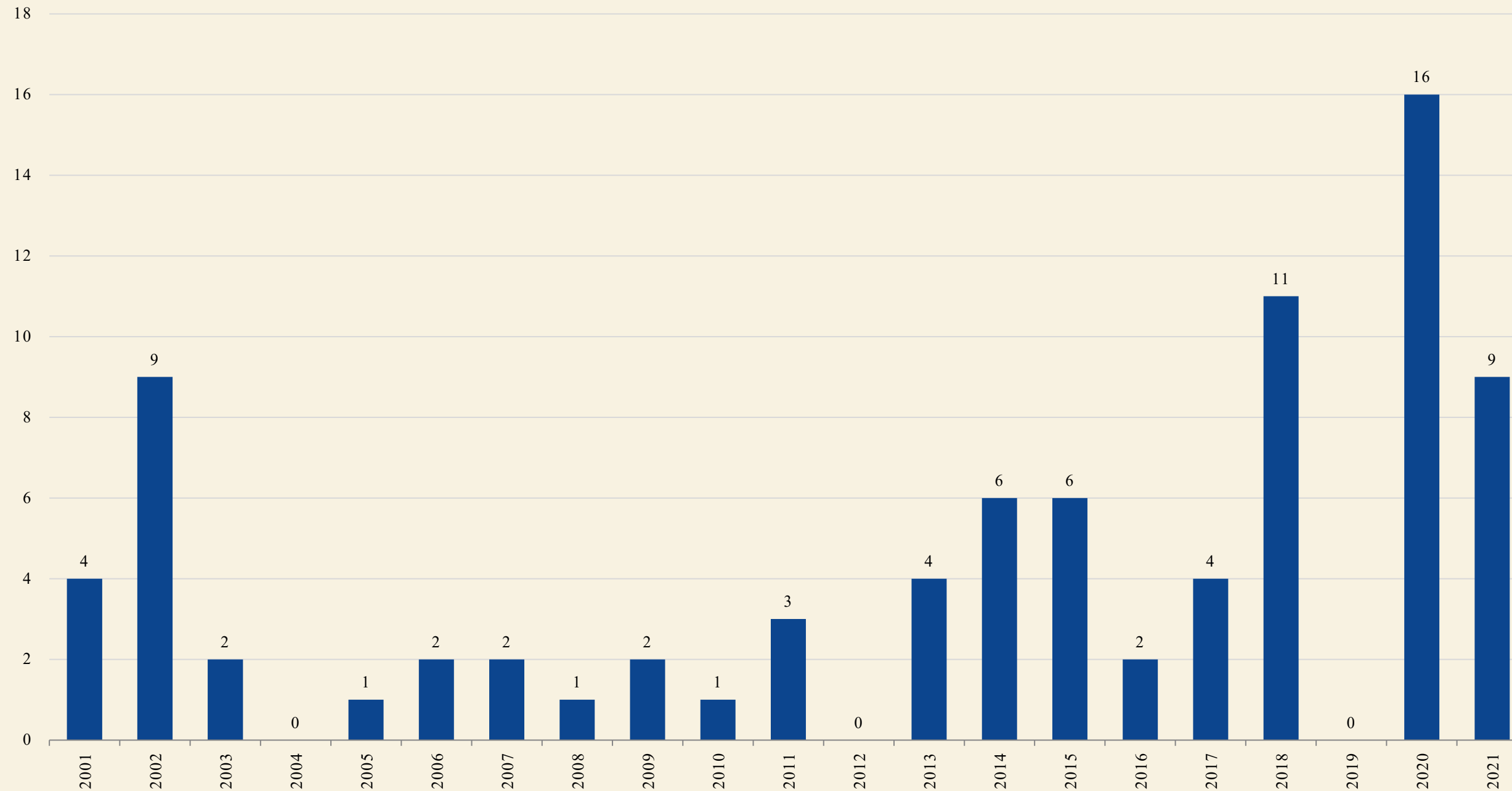
*\*First number = career, second number = volunteer; third number = total. Shading is based upon total firefighters for the county.*



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows sum of Total. The marks are labeled by County1, sum of Career, sum of Volunteer and sum of Total. Details are shown for State1 and County1.



# Key Influencers



For the years 2020 and 2021, **volunteer firefighters** comprised **34%** and **30%** respectively the total number of firefighting personnel resources that mobilized.





# Proposed Grants



## OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL WILDFIRE READINESS & RESPONSE GRANTS

\*DATES ARE TENATIVE\*

### FIRE ADAPTED OREGON

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE INCENTIVE GRANT**

##### **NOW**

- Incentive to create defensible space around schools and hospitals.
- The Defensible Space Incentive Grant is available to any Oregon public or private school, university, or hospital.

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

##### **WINTER '22/'23**

- Financial assistance to local governments for the administration of local preparedness efforts, administration, and enforcement of defensible space with the priority of certain vulnerable populations.
- Grants will be available to counties (emergency managers), cities, & local fire departments and districts.

#### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

##### **2023**

- Planning is currently underway and will focus on incentive programs for members of the public from the Office of State Fire Marshal.

### RESPONSE READY OREGON

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM 2022 WILDFIRE SEASON STAFFING AWARD**

##### **JUNE '22**

- Awards fire service agencies the ability to boost staffing during the 2022 wildfire season.
- Increase on-duty capacity throughout the fire season at the local level for quick mobilizations at local, regional, and state (conflagration) levels.
- More firefighters will help keep fires small before impacting communities.

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM 2022 WILDFIRE TRAINING AWARD**

##### **FALL '22**

- Funds transferred to the Department of Public Safety Standards & Training DPSST to address local training needs of the fire service.
- Funds could be used for training opportunities.

#### **OREGON FIRE SERVICE STAFFING**

##### **WINTER '22**

- Increase capacity across the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System by creating a grant similar to the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

#### **WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE READINESS**

##### **WINTER '22**

- Funding for projects to support fire service agency readiness.

#### **OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM ENGINE PROGRAM**

##### **ON GOING**

- Build response capacity by strategically deploying Type III, Type VI, and water tenders to areas where capacity exists to mobilize regional mutual aid and conflagration resources.

- Developed based on feedback:
  - Oregon fire service
  - Associations
  - Partner agencies
  - Other organizations, and
  - Community members
- Addresses emerging themes and community needs



Thank you  
Questions?

