



# 2022 Fire Season

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# Oregon Drought

May 2021

U.S. Drought Monitor  
Oregon

May 25, 2021

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	97.08	72.03	27.36	3.57
Last Week 05-18-2021	0.00	100.00	92.66	71.73	26.09	3.57
3 Months Ago 02-23-2021	12.69	87.31	71.82	51.11	14.34	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-28-2020	8.57	91.43	83.53	68.71	27.74	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	6.50	93.50	84.77	65.53	33.59	0.00
One Year Ago 05-26-2020	4.33	95.67	82.31	38.08	7.00	0.00

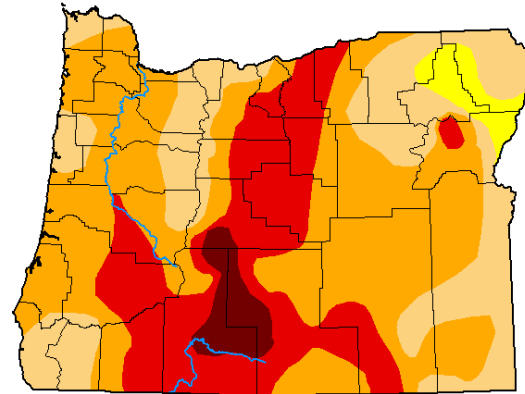
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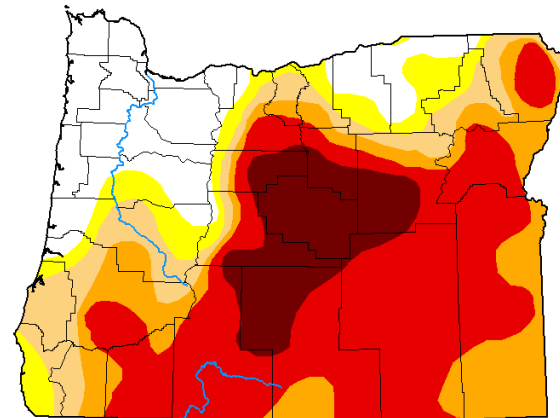
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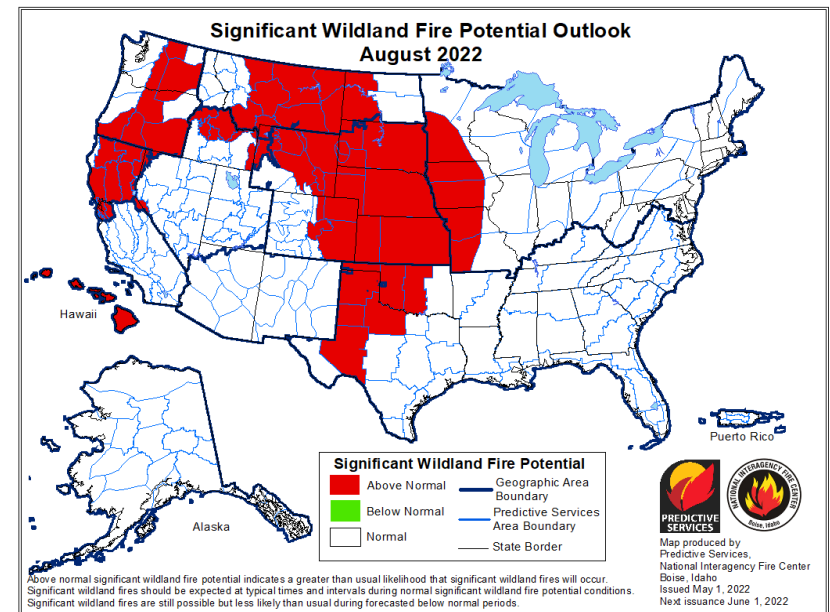
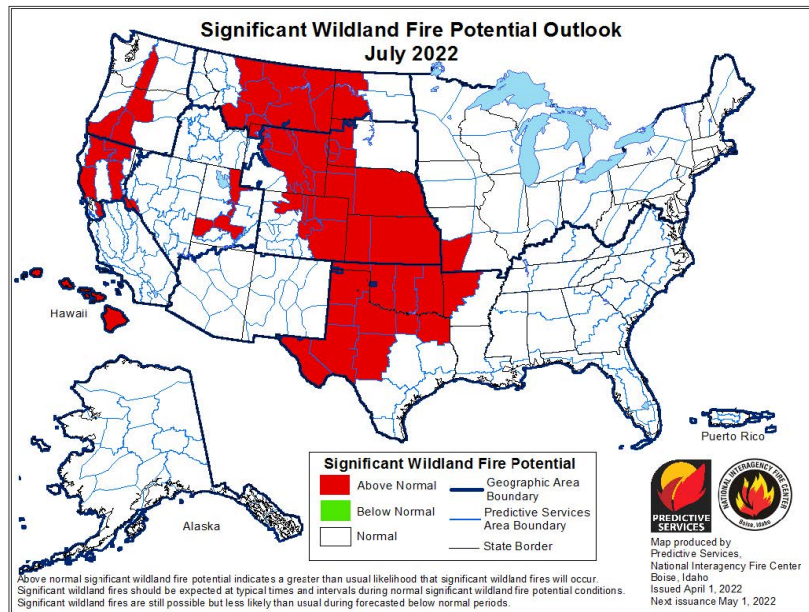
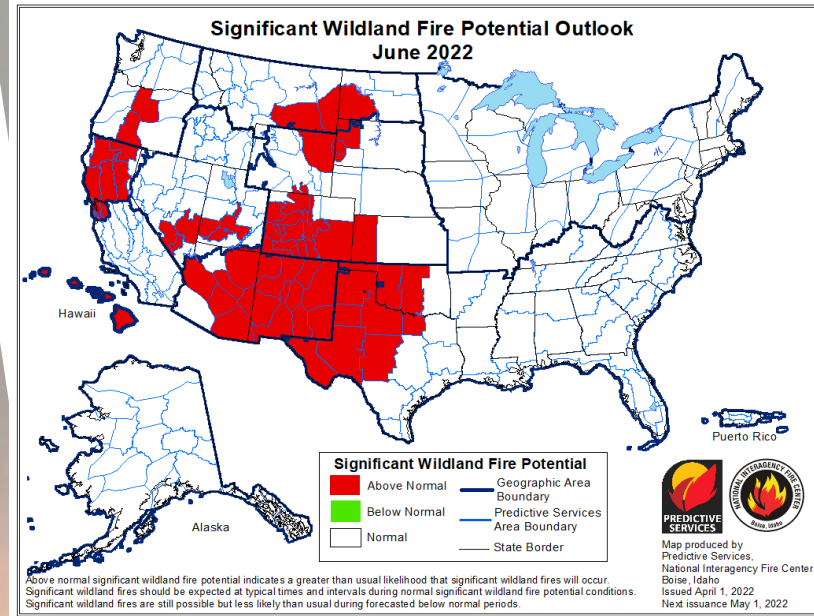
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# Wildfire Potential Outlook 2022





# Response Readiness

## ODF

Complete and coordinated system

- Staffing
- Landowners/cooperators
- Detection and aviation



# Senate Bill 762 Progress

## ODF

- Additional capacity
- Grant opportunities
- Risk map



# Response Readiness

## OSFM

- Forward-leaning posture
- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
  - IMTs
- SB 762 implementation
  - Pre-positioning resources
  - Severity resource and aircraft
  - Regional mob coordinators
- Early declaration





# Senate Bill 762 Progress

- Development and adoption of the Oregon Defensible Space Code
- Community Risk Reduction Program
- Grant programs for community risk reduction and fire service capacity





# OSFM Listening and Understanding

Hosted three listening and understanding sessions in March

**Community Risk Reduction**

**Wildfire Response**

**Focused on the Oregon fire service**

## 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.

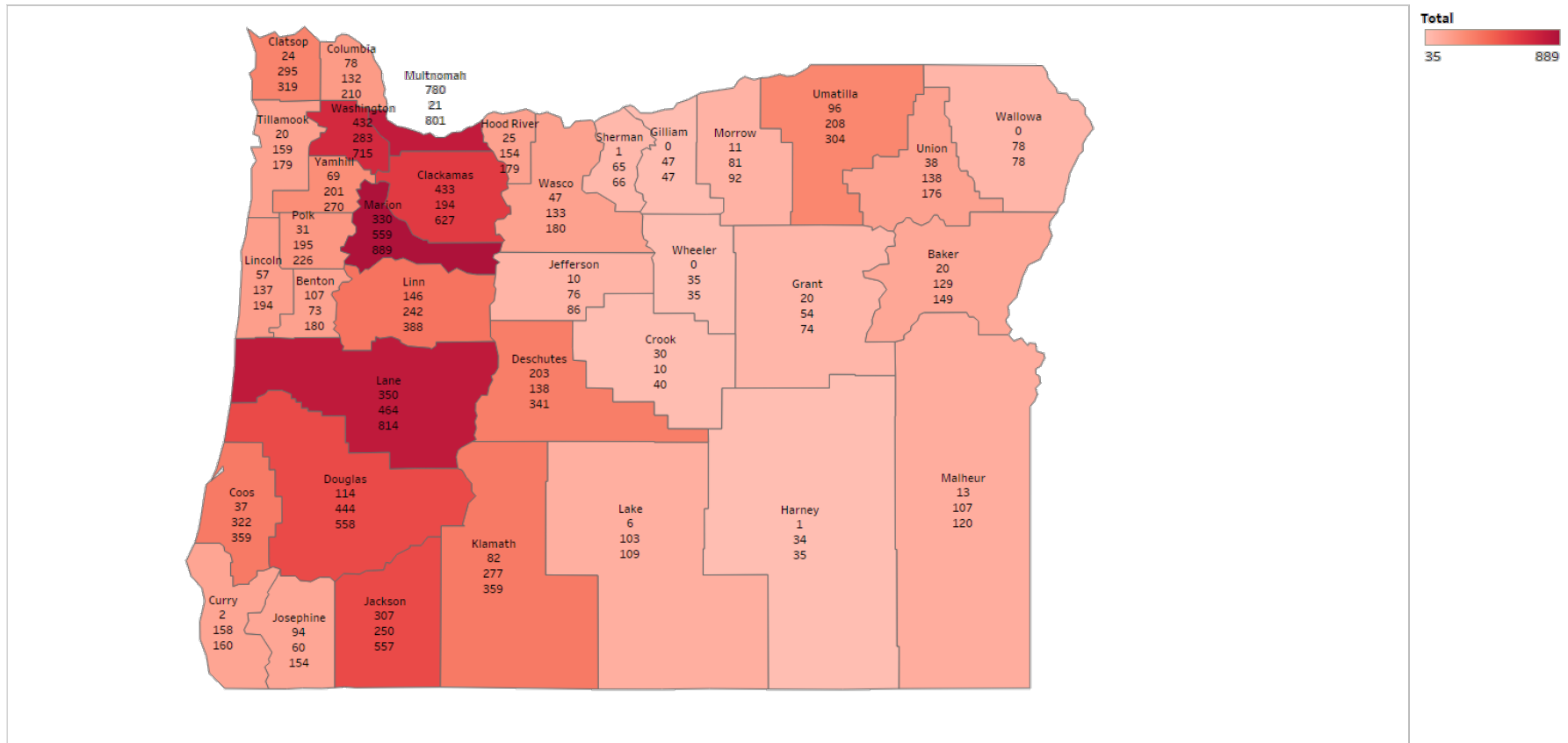


# Key Influencers

## OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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

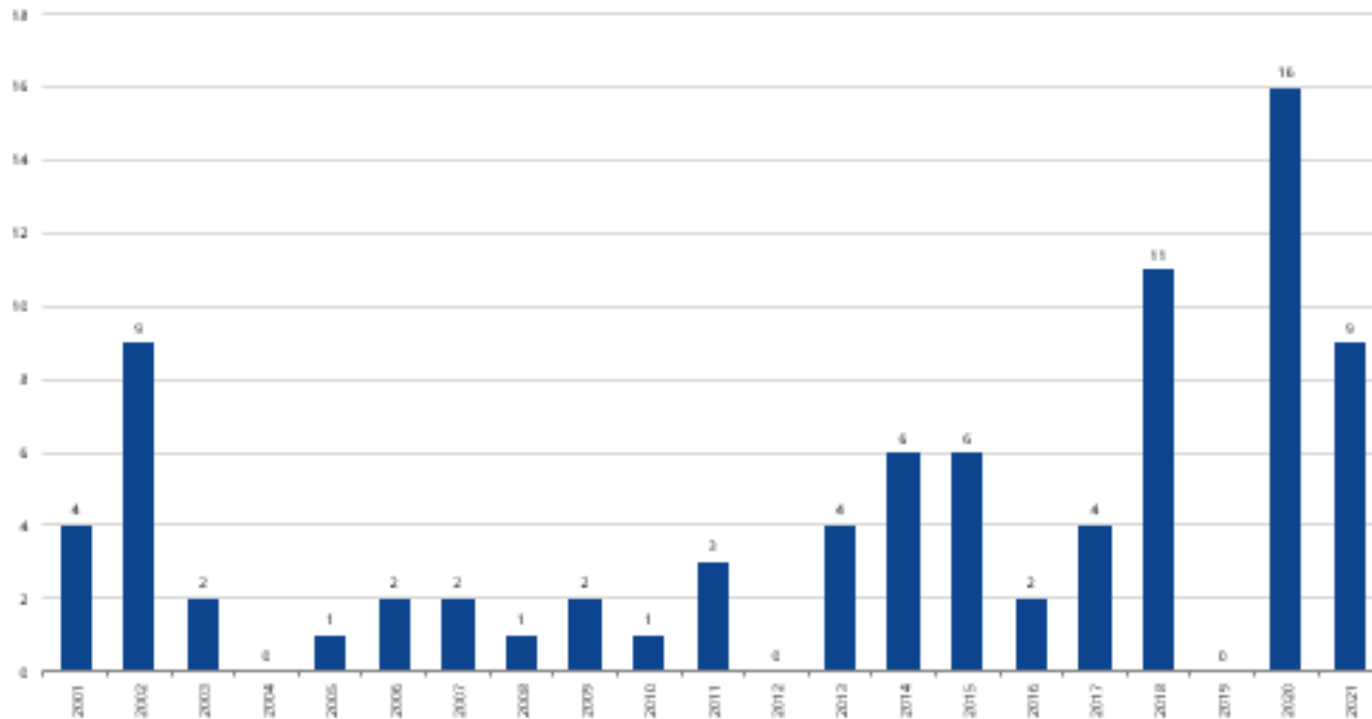
*\*First number = career, second number = volunteer; third number = total. Shading is based upon total firefighters for the county.*



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

*\*DATES ARE TENTATIVE\**

## 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 agencies.

### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

#### **2023**

- Planning is currently underway and will focus on incentive programs for members of the public.

## 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) scale.
- 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**

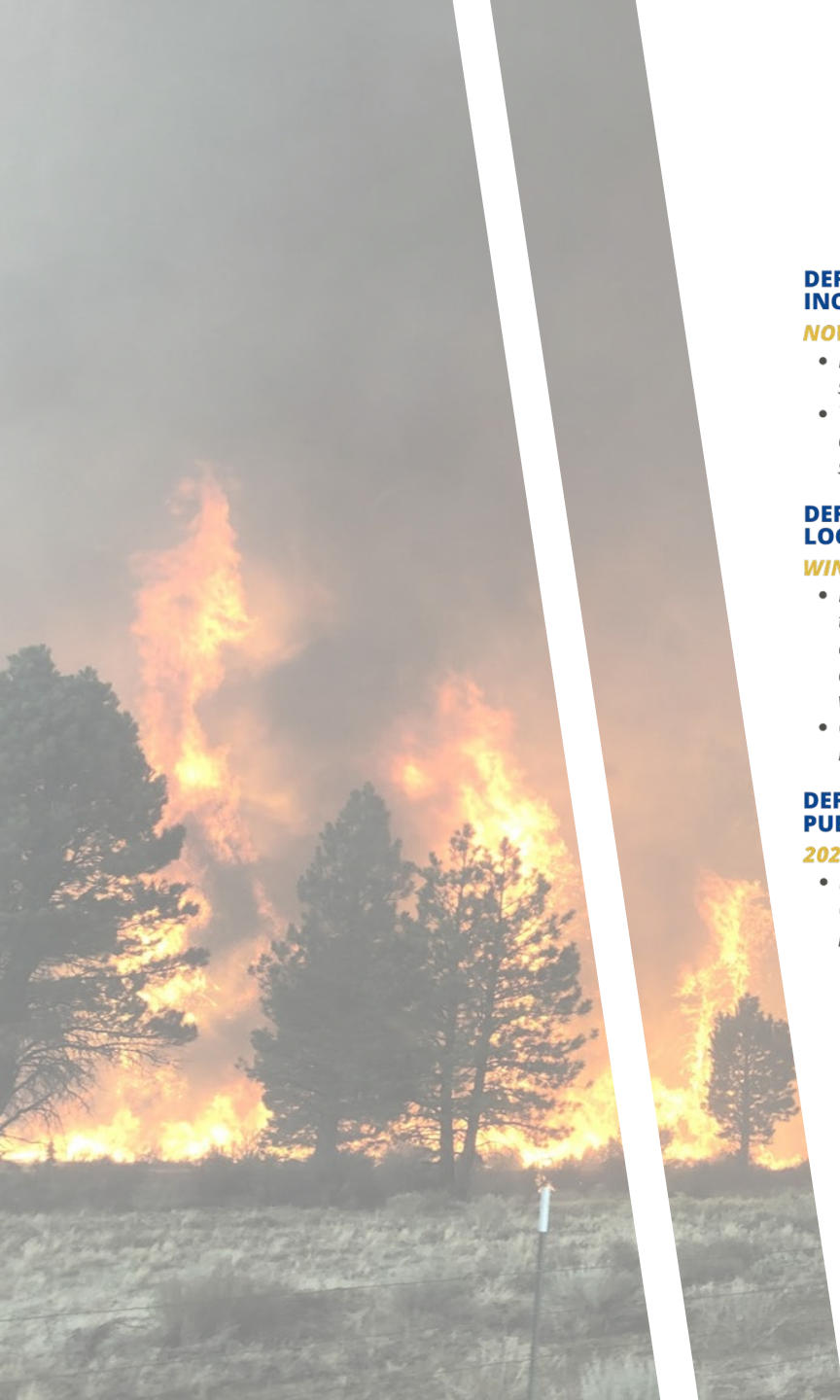
#### **WINTER '22**

- 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.





# QUESTIONS?

