



House Interim Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery

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Wildfire Trends in Oregon

Three decades of wildfire – Acres Burned

- 1992-2001: 199,000 acres annually
- 2002-2011: 314,000 acres annually
- 2012-2021: 720,000 acres annually



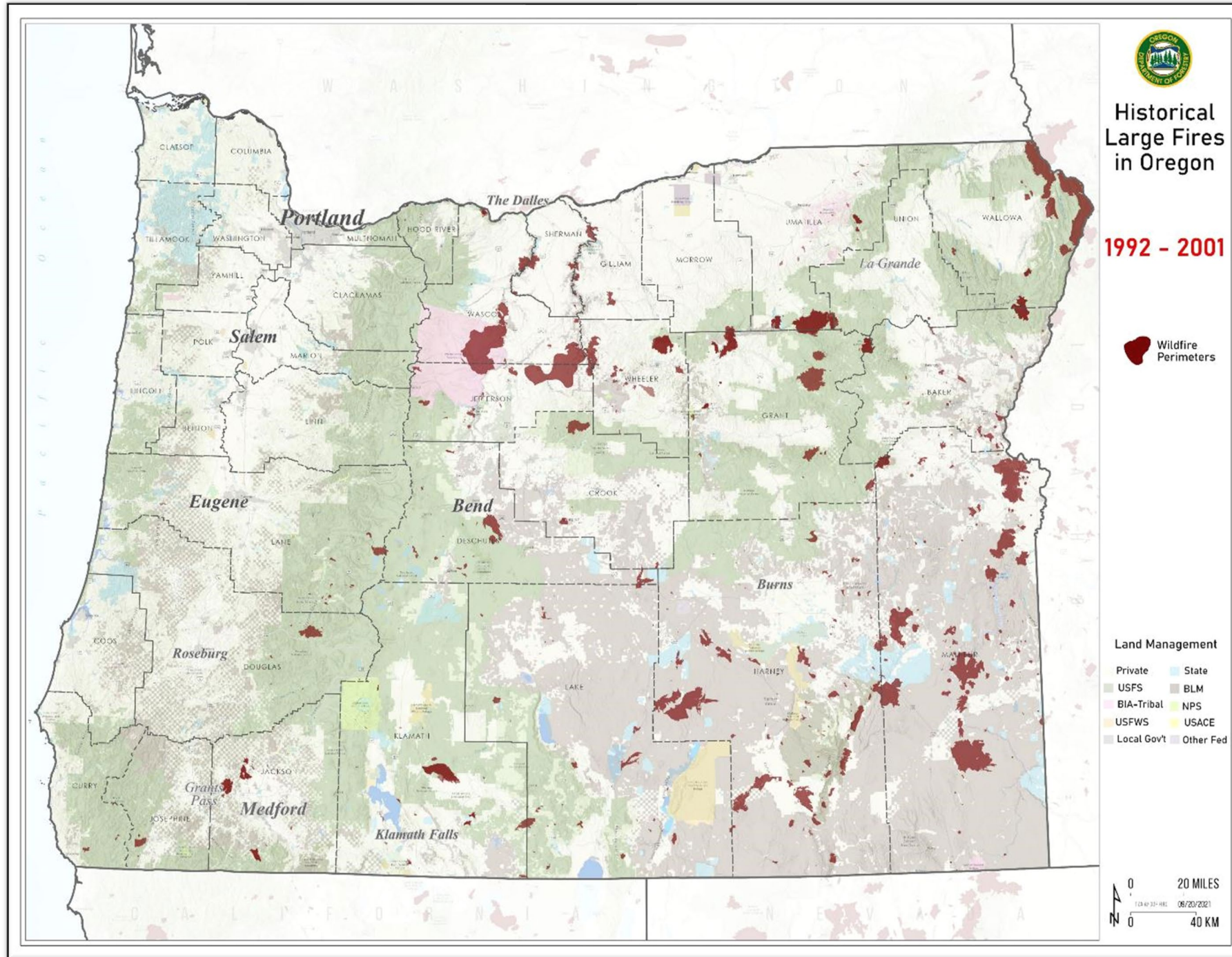
Historical Large Fires in Oregon

1992 - 2001



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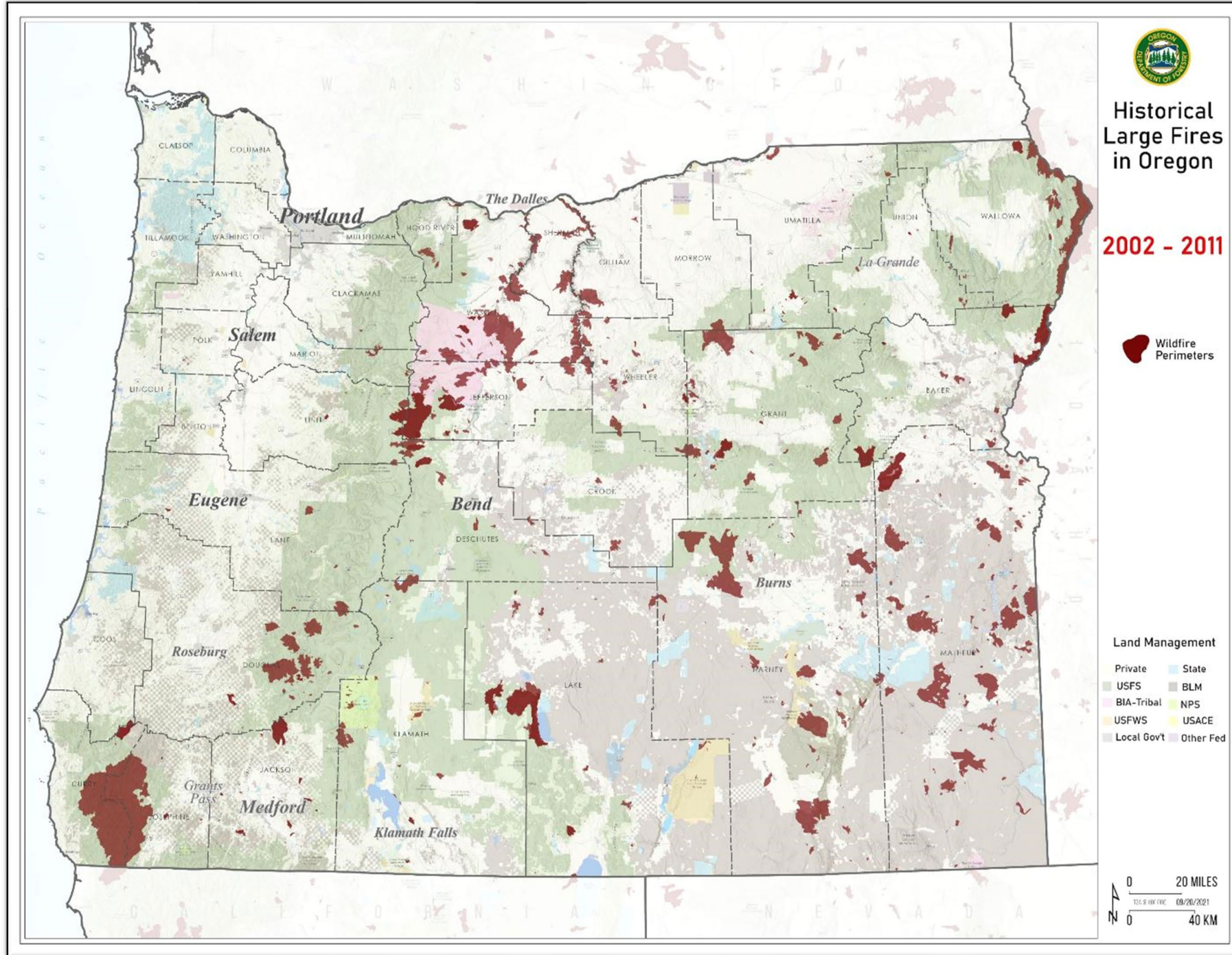
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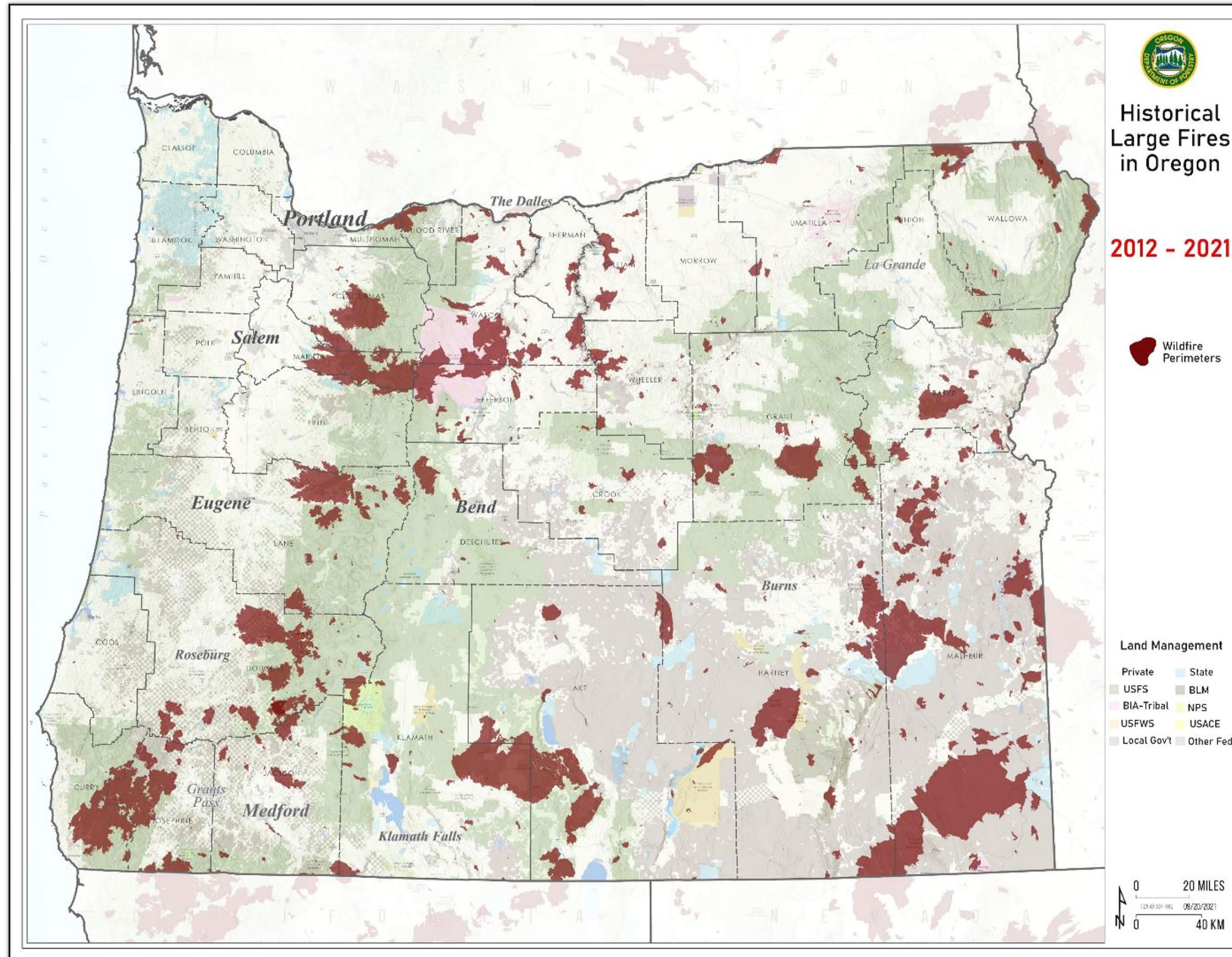
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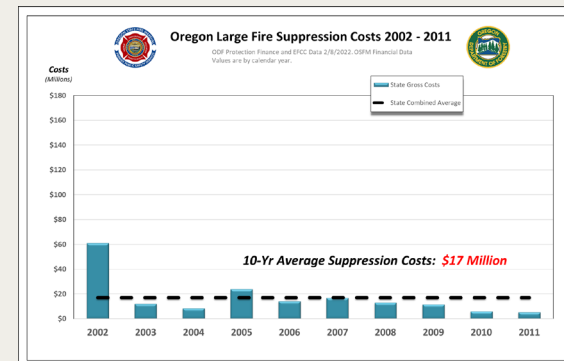
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The True Cost of Wildfire

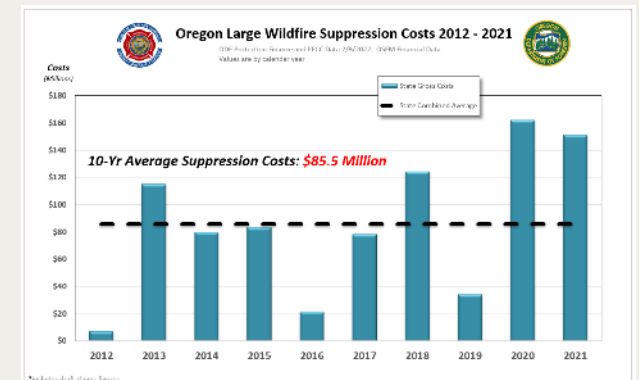
- Significant social, economic, and environmental implications:
 - Losses: Infrastructure, Cultural Resources, Tourism, Smoke and Health Impacts, Transportation & Power Interruptions, Watersheds, Wildlife Habitat, Timber, Agriculture, Recreation
 - Recovery: Following the 2020 Labor Day Fires: Oregon Legislature passes HB 5006 - \$480 million
- Studies showing over 10X the costs of suppression
 - Headwater Economics: Suppression at 9% of total
 - Western Forestry Leadership Coalition: 2-30X
 - National Institute of Standards & Technology: 2-50X

Suppression Costs increase - 5x



**\$17 Million Avg.
2002-2011**

**\$85 Million Avg.
2012-2021**

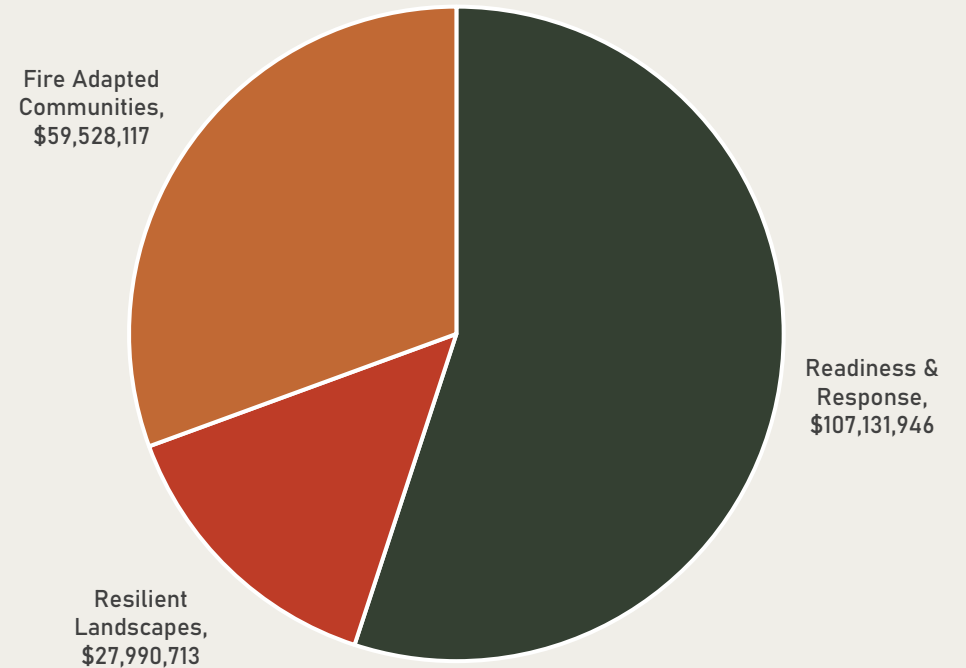




Oregon Takes Action

- 2019: Governor's Council on Wildfire Response
 - Over 100 Volunteers produce 37 recommendations
 - Anchored in the National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy:
 - Adequate Response
 - Resilient Landscapes
 - Fire Adapted Communities
- 2021: Oregon Legislature passes Senate Bill 762
 - \$195 million investment
 - Creates the Wildfire Programs Director and Advisory Council

SB 762 Investment Distribution (\$195 Million)
National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy - Tenants





Advancing Wildfire Protection in Oregon

Program Development and Implementation

- Readiness & Response (\$107 million)
 - ODF - Suppression Capacity: Aviation, Engines, Equipment & Personnel
 - OSFM - Personnel & Suppression Capacity pass through to Local Fire Service*
 - PUC - Electrical Power Utilities^
 - OEM - Emergency Planning
 - ODF - Baseline Protection Standards
 - ODF, OSU - Wildfire Risk Mapping^
 - ODF - Wildfire Detection Camera System

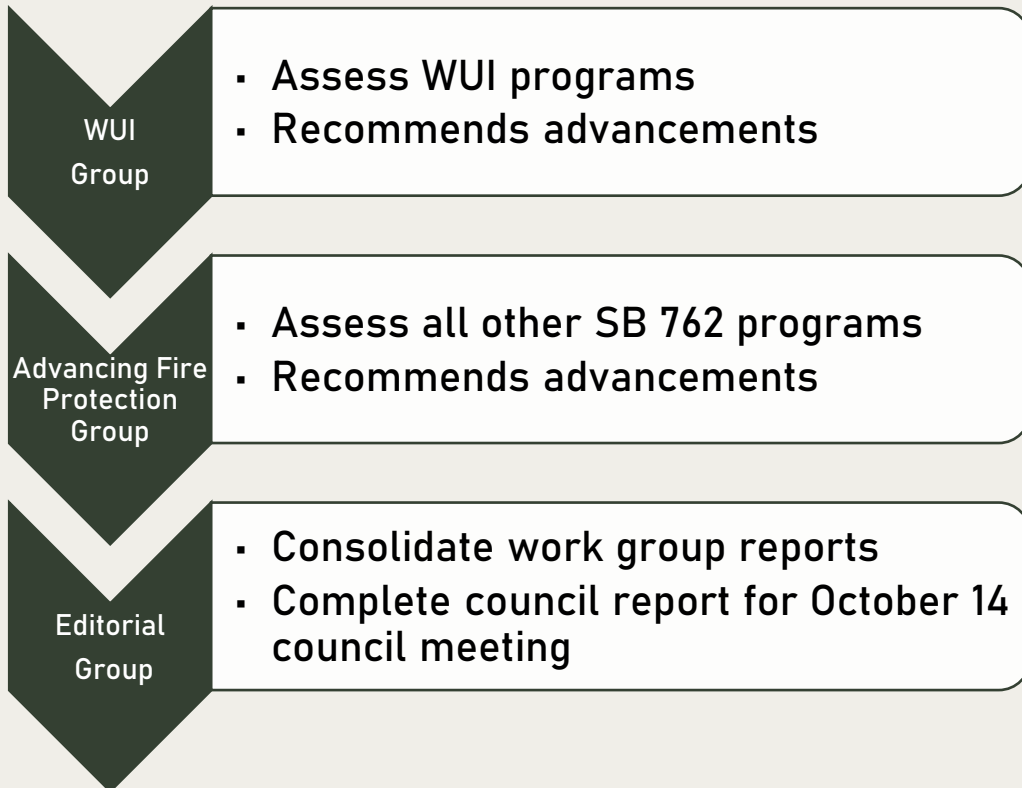
** Eight - Grant Programs in Progress*

^ Six - Rules, Code, Report Developments in Progress

- Fire Adapted Communities (\$60 million)
 - OSFM - Defensible Space Standards^
 - OSFM - Community Risk Reduction Program*
 - DCBS - Hardening of Homes^
 - DLCD - Land Use Recommendations^
 - HECC - Conservation Corps Program & Grants*
 - DEQ - Community Smoke Response Plans*
 - DEQ - Advanced Smoke Monitoring
 - DHS - Public Smoke Clean Air Spaces*
 - OHA - Residential Smoke Filtration*
- Resilient Landscapes (\$28 million)
 - ODF - Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program*
 - 20-year strategic plan
 - ODF - Small Woodlands Grant Program*
 - ODF - Prescribed Fire Program^

Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

Governor of Oregon : Wildfire Programs Advisory Council : Policies : State of Oregon

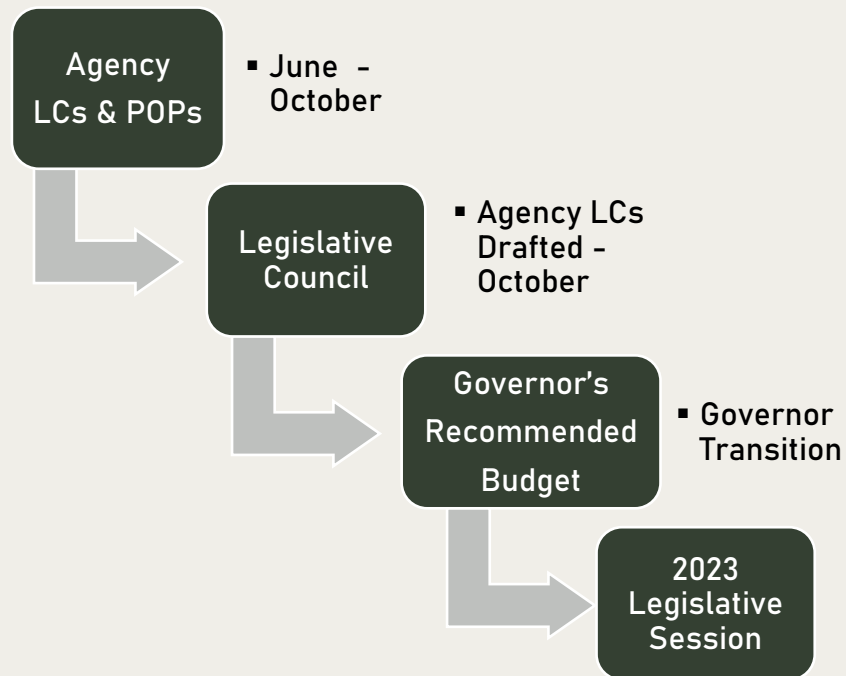


Council Report Due October 2022

- 19 members appointed by Presiding Officers
- Quarterly Public Meetings: July 8, October 14, 2022
- Advise Wildfire Programs Director. Monitor & Assess SB 762 Implementation Activities
- Annual Report to Legislature and Governor
 - Working groups meeting weekly to:
 - Monitor & Assess Implementation Activities
 - Recommend implementation improvements
 - Recommend program / law advancements to dramatically reduce wildfire risk in Oregon

Future Advancements in Wildfire Protection

2023-2025 Biennial Budget - 2023 Regular Session



From May Director's Report
Recommendations (Rec) From Governor's Wildfire Council 2019

- Rec. 5 & 12: Insurance Risk Mitigation Incentives and Affordability
- Rec. 9, 10 & 11: Durable Wildfire Recovery Programs - Stafford Act Reform and Local Economic Recovery Fund
- Rec. 14 & 37: Landscape Resiliency Fund - Leveraging Infrastructure Bill
- Rec. 19: Prescribed Fire Liability (related to HB 2571 - 2021 session)
- Rec. 21 & 37: Emergency Fire Suppression Funding (ODF/OSFM LCs)
- Rec. 33: Prevention Advancements and Communication
- Rec. 37: 20-year strategic financial funding plan
- Durable SB 762 investments and program adjustments
- Statewide Wildfire Detection Camera System & Information Technologies



Thank you

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