

# Oregon Wildfire Programs Update - SB 762

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# Director Comments

- Grants for capacity
- Response tools
- Outreach and education



## Overview

# 2022 Fire Season

- Wet spring across Oregon helped to delay the start of fire season
- Dry conditions and lightning across the state in August increased fire activity
- East wind event in September



## By the Numbers

# 2022 Fire Season

### 2022 Year To Date

	Fires	Acres
Lightning	213	21,955
Human (and UI)	502	1,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>23,496</b>

### 10-Year Average (2012-2021 Year To Date)

Lightning	253	49,347
Human	656	68,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>117,642</b>

# 97%

of fires kept at 10 acres or less  
in 2022 to date

# 2022

- 80% of 10-year avg. # of fires
- 20% of 10-year avg. # of acres



## Senate Bill 762

# ODF Successes

- Investments in capacity
- Investments in early detection
- Investments in aviation



2022

# Declared Conflagrations



- **MILLER ROAD FIRE** (*Wasco County*)
- **RUM CREEK FIRE** (*Josephine County*)
- **DOUBLE CREEK FIRE** (*Wallowa County*)
- **STURGILL FIRE** (*Wallowa County*)
- **CEDAR CREEK FIRE** (*Lane County*)

Estimated 2022 total cost - \$13 M



In 2022, Oregon Governor Kate Brown invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act five times.

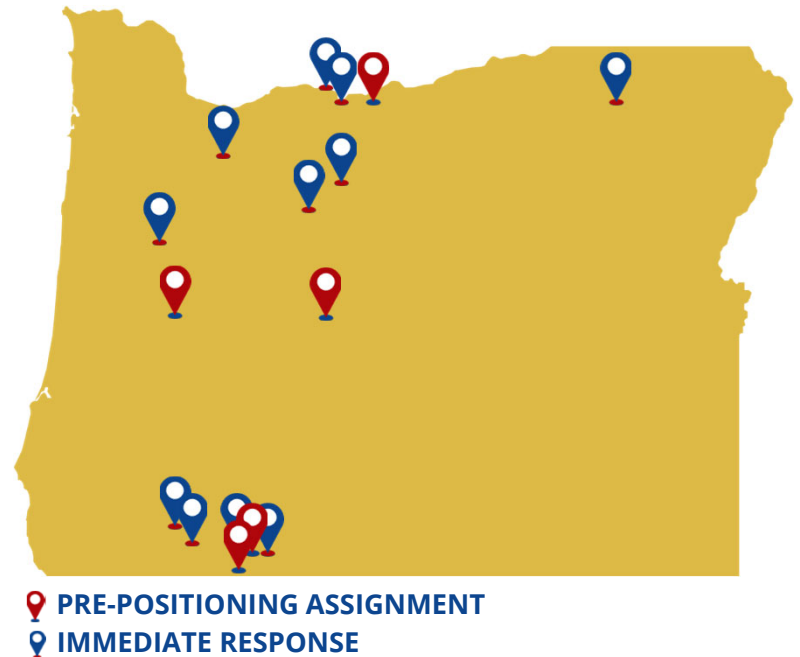


## 2022 Wildfire Season

# Immediate Response & Pre-Position Assignments

In 2022, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal mobilized resources to **five pre-positioning assignments**. Resources were also mobilized through **Immediate Response on 11 incidents** across Oregon.

- **Three** of the **five task forces** that were pre-positioned were assigned and responded to an active incident.
- **45 engines** were mobilized through Immediate Response.
- **Aviation use** - 7 times



## 2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant

**\$6 million** was granted to support staffing during the 2022 wildfire season.

The funding **increased on-duty capacity** and allowed agencies to mobilize quickly to fires.

Having more on-duty firefighters helped **keep fires small** before they impacted communities.

## Engine Program

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.

Agencies Funded

180

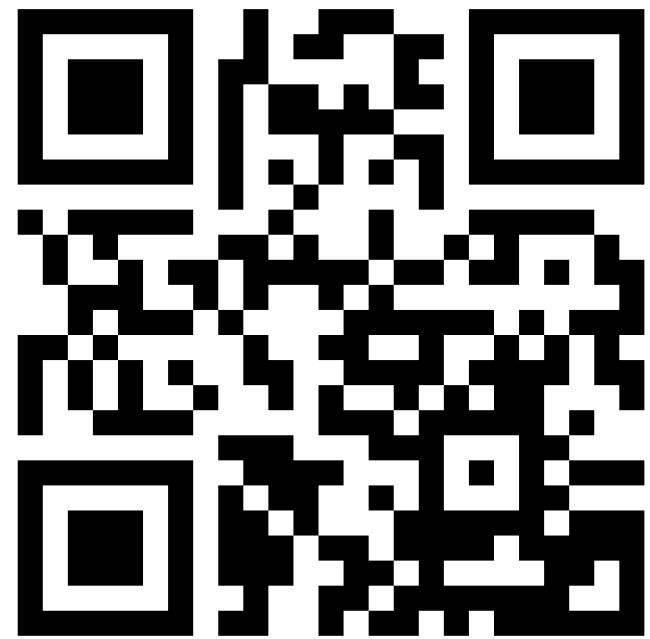




**STORY MAP**

# **PROTECTING OREGON COMMUNITIES FROM WILDFIRE**

In 2022, the OSFM launched a new grant for the Oregon fire service to keep fires small and away from communities. This is their story.



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# Deputy State Forester Comments





# Questions?

