



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

2020 Wildfire Recovery: State Recovery Function After-Action Reviews

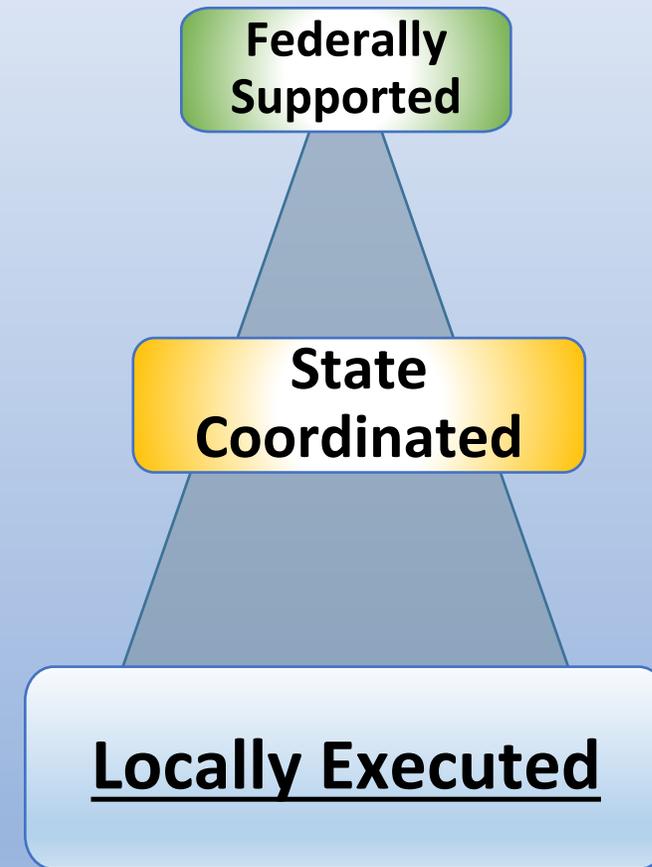
Testimony to the House Interim Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery

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Disasters Begin and End Locally

- **Impacted jurisdictions** need tools and assets to better support their communities through recovery.
- **State coordination** is to assist – *not replace* – local recovery efforts.
- **Recovery operations** must include direct resources to communities.
- **Response operations** take days to weeks; **recovery operations** take months to years.





Recovery Phases

Initial Recovery Phase

- Shelter Operations
- Relief Supply Distribution
- Feeding
- FEMA IA Registration*



Short Term

Interim Recovery

- Debris Mission
- FEMA & SBA Disaster Programs*
- Temporary & Interim Housing
- Long Term Recovery Committees
- Disaster Case Management
- Community Recovery Planning



Intermediate

Long Term

- Permanent Housing Solutions
- PA Project Execution and Completion
- Rebuilding Resilient Infrastructure



Long Term



Recovery Operations After Action Review Themes



Disaster Recovery Initial Operating Facility (IOF)

- Equity must be a priority for a survivor-centric recovery operations
- Impacted communities need to be appropriately resourced to lead their recovery
- Additional clarity of the roles and responsibilities of SRFs is needed
- SRF lead/support agencies must be resourced to support impacted communities



Oregon Emergency Management Post-AAR Priorities



- Additional After-Action Reviews with specific focus on:
 - State and local jurisdiction
 - Equity and Inclusion
 - Volunteers/Philanthropic coordination
- Revise the State Disaster Recovery Plan
- Increase local recovery capacity
- Address gaps in recovery program funding and access



State-Funded Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) Programs



- **Since 2015**, Gov. Brown has issued 140 Executive Orders declaring a State of Emergency. Only **nine** have reached Presidentially declared disaster threshold.
- **State and local jurisdictions** are often left to grapple with response and recovery with no assistance from the federal government.
- **Many Oregonians suffer unimaginable loss** in the aftermath of a disaster – with no pathway to return to pre-disaster life.
- **Oregon has a recovery gap** in the form of assistance for local public infrastructure; individuals, families and households; and local communities.



Thank you!

Questions?

