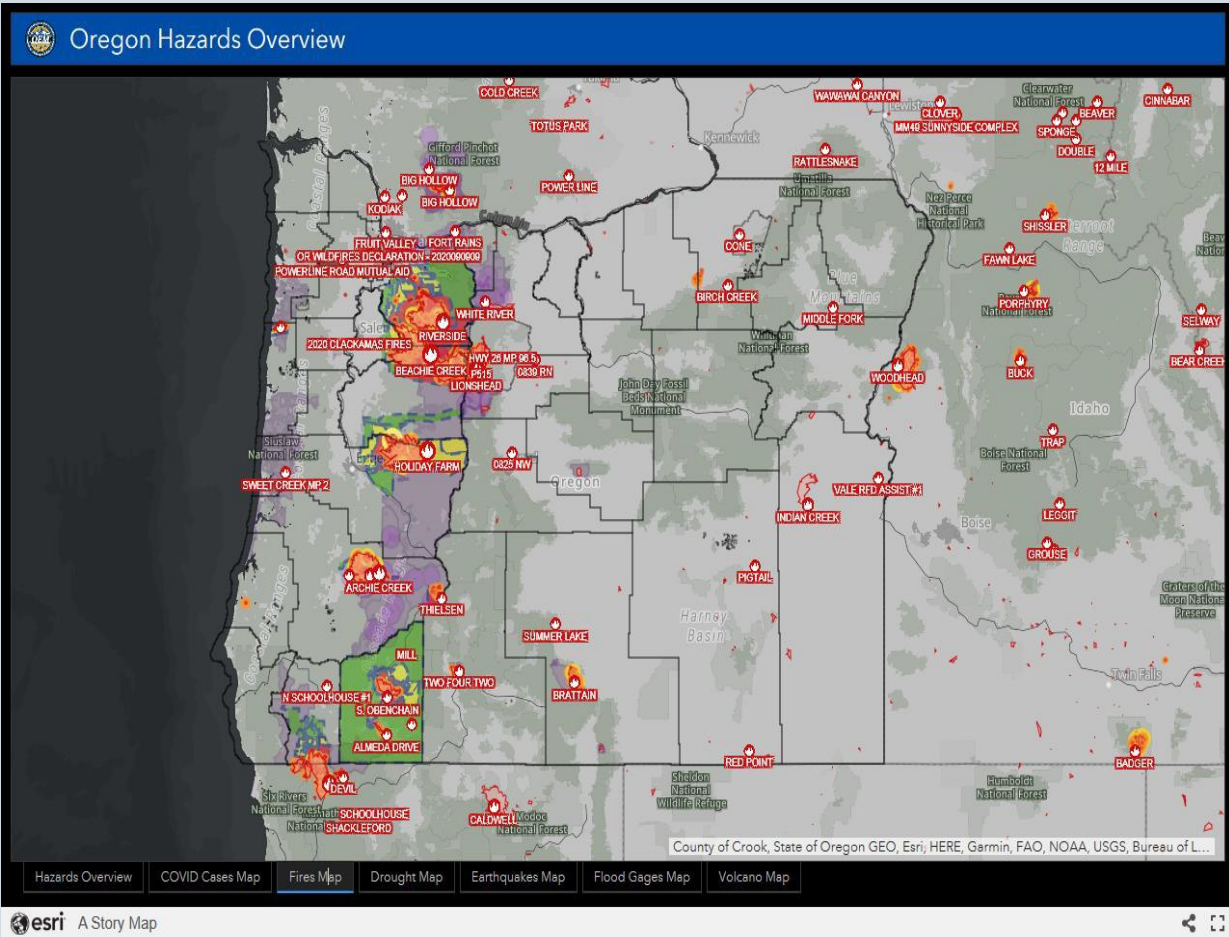


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House Interim Wildfire Recovery Committee

Follow Up – After Action Report for the 2020 Labor Day Fires

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Background on After Action Report - 2020 Labor Day Fires

- ✓ State was also 6-months into our COVID-19 response
- ✓ EM Partners conducted the AAR
- ✓ The state had 12 counties battling conflagrations, five fires grew to more than 100,000 acres
- ✓ ODF & OSFM put in place protocols for all Fire Camps
- ✓ We kept the AAR at the state level response, not on tactics at the fires
- ✓ First time we deployed the OSP-State Medical Examiners Mass Fatality Trailer
- ✓ During the fires, we supported the move of 40+ LTC/MCF

9/7

- Beachie Creek @ 2215
- Lionshead @ 2215

9/8

- 2-4-2 @ 0100
- Holiday Farm @ 0233
- Echo Mountain @0545
- Powerline @ 1321
- Pike Road @ 1600
- North Cascades @ 1619
- Almeda @ 1835
- S. Obenchain @ 1835
- Riverside @ 2030

9/9

- Chehalem @ 0213
- Slater @ 1000

9/10

- Archie @ 2145

9/14

- Brattain @ 1525

Wildland Fires & Wind Event major Findings – Successes

Public Information & Warning

- ✓ NWS Warning – Early identification of the wind threat and amplification of fire risk enabled the local and state emergency management systems to lean into the response.

Operational Coordination

- ✓ Liaisons from OEM (Salem staff) – The deployment of state liaisons to affected counties is very positively received.

Fire Management & Suppression

- ✓ Response Leadership – ODF & OSFM have a strong, well-coordinated team (COVID-19 Base Camps)

Operational Communications

- ✓ Critical Infrastructure Monitoring – The Infrastructure Branch effectively monitored state assets, including public safety communications towers, cellular towers, water systems, wastewater systems, and power infrastructure.

Recovery

- ✓ State Agency Support to Recovery Operations – State agencies provided high-level experts to lead recovery support functions.

Wildland Fires & Wind Event Major Findings – Improvements

Public Information & Warning

- ✓ Outreach Equity – While greatly improved, the ability for incident outreach to support the most vulnerable needs additional work.

Operation Coordination

- ✓ Staffing Shortfalls – OEM cannot fully staff needed ICS positions in the ECC during the initial stages of activation.

Mass Care Services

- ✓ Over-reliance on Non-Governmental Organizations – due to the lack of a state Mass Care Operations by ODHS, the American Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations did they best to execute the full mass care mission.

Operational Communications

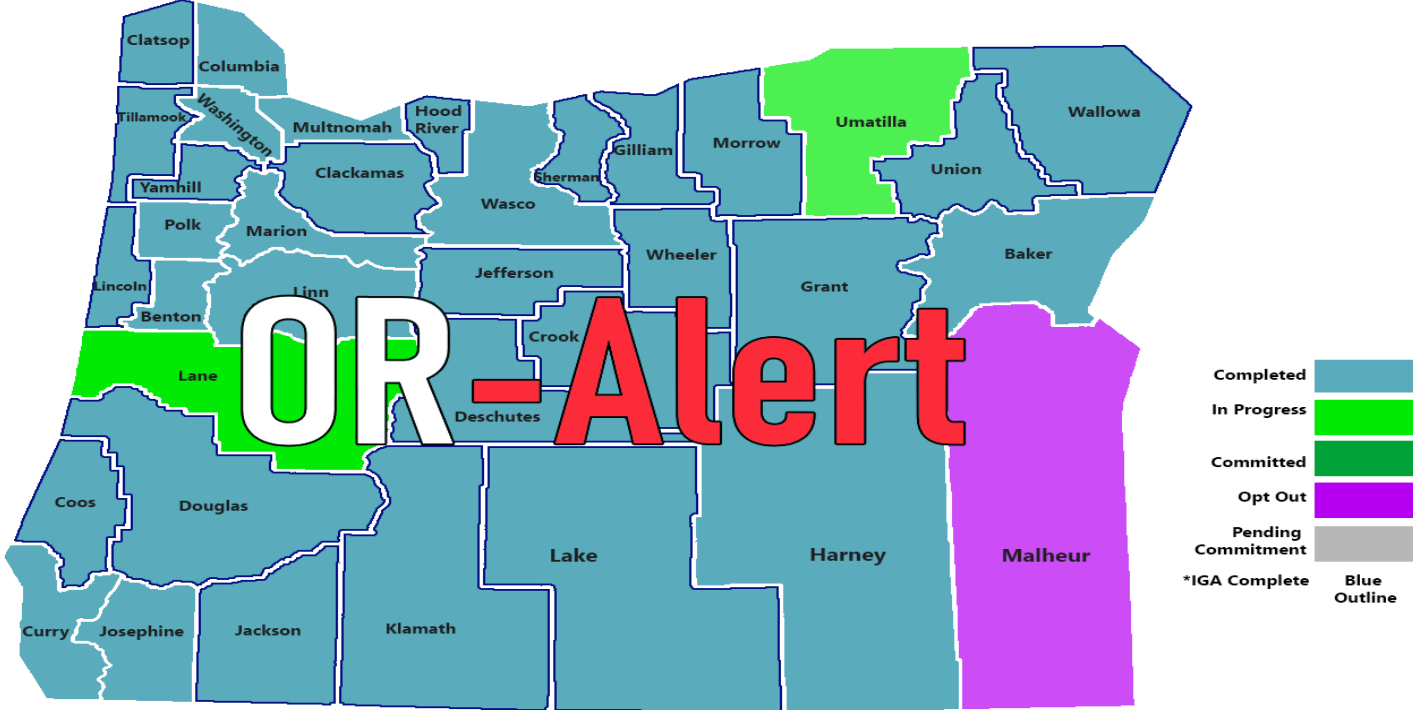
- ✓ Unified Information Sharing with Locals – The horizontal and vertical coordination of communications during response could be improved.

Recovery

- ✓ Damage Assessment – There is no common tool for damage assessment across disciplines.

OR-Alert

A statewide system for alerts, warnings and notifications



Tribal Governments

- Burns Paiute of Harney County
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siusla Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
- Klamath Tribes

State Agencies

- Oregon Emergency Management
- Oregon Military Department
- Office of the Governor
- Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority
- Department of Administrative Services
- Oregon State Fire Marshall
- Oregon Lottery Department
- Business Oregon
- Oregon Judicial Department
- Department of Forestry
- Oregon State Police
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Department of Corrections
- Oregon Department of Revenue
- Oregon Youth Authority
- Enterprise Information Services

Snapshot ~ Situational Awareness

Oregon 2022 Wildfire Response



Common Operating Picture

Situation Report

Incident Action Plan

Fires Overview

NWCC Significant Fire Potential Forecast

Forecasted High and Low Temperatures

Fire and Heat Related Weather Watches and Warnings

Oregon Wildfire Activation (OERS #2022-1997) COMMON OPERATING PICTURE

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September 13, 2022
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State at a Glance	Situational Status	Equity & Inclusion																					
21 Active fires in Oregon ¹ 308,225 Active fire acres burned ¹ 7,799 Estimated population under evacuation ²	<p>On September 8, 2022, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) activated to monitor wildfires and public safety power shutoffs, and facilitate information sharing and resource coordination. Evacuation orders are in place for five wildfires. Multiple state agencies and emergency management partners are supporting firefighting and response needs. Resources from Washington State are providing support through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with local, tribal, and state partners to identify and address barriers experienced by the nine federally recognized Tribes of Oregon, Black and Brown Communities, economically disadvantaged families, people with disabilities, older adults, rural communities, people without housing, people with limited English proficiency, and other historically underrepresented and underserved communities Ensure capacity to issue notices and life-safety messaging in multiple languages 																					
54 Total individuals sheltered ³ 136 Total livestock sheltered ³ 145 Total companion animals sheltered ³	<p>Lead Agencies</p> <p>Statewide Coordination Oregon Department of Emergency Management</p> <p>Firefighting Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal Oregon Department of Forestry</p> <p>Energy - Electric Oregon Public Utility Commission</p> <p>Mass Care Oregon Department of Human Services</p> <p>Animal Sheltering Oregon Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of resources regionally and nationally to fill resource requests Access to equitable information for all populations 																					
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Note: all public safety power shutoffs have ended as of September 12 and power has been restored.

¹ Source: IRWIN at 1400 on 9/13/2022
² Source: OEM Evacuation Layer and 911 data at 1400 on 9/13/2022
³ Source: American Red Cross at 1400 on 9/13/2022
⁴ Source: Oregon Department of Agriculture at 1400 on 9/13/2022
⁵ Source: OpsCenter at 1400 on 9/13/2022

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ESF-1 ODOT	Northwest Region	Portland Metro Region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate evacuation. 	0: Active Wildfires 0: Acres Burned 0: Level 1 0: Level 2 0: Level 3 No active shelters	1: Active Wildfires unknown: Acres Burned 0: Level 1 0: Level 2 0: Level 3 No active shelters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF-2 Communications Manage communication impacts. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF-4 Firefighting Wildfire suppression support. Conduct structural damage assessments. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF-6 Mass Care Support evacuation shelter operation needs. Coordination with food and feeding programs for evacuee support. 		Eastern Region 5: Active Wildfires 192,298: Acres Burned Estimated population under

Map showing wildfire locations and levels across Oregon regions.

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<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Documents/sep2020-wildfires-aar-050521.pdf>

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