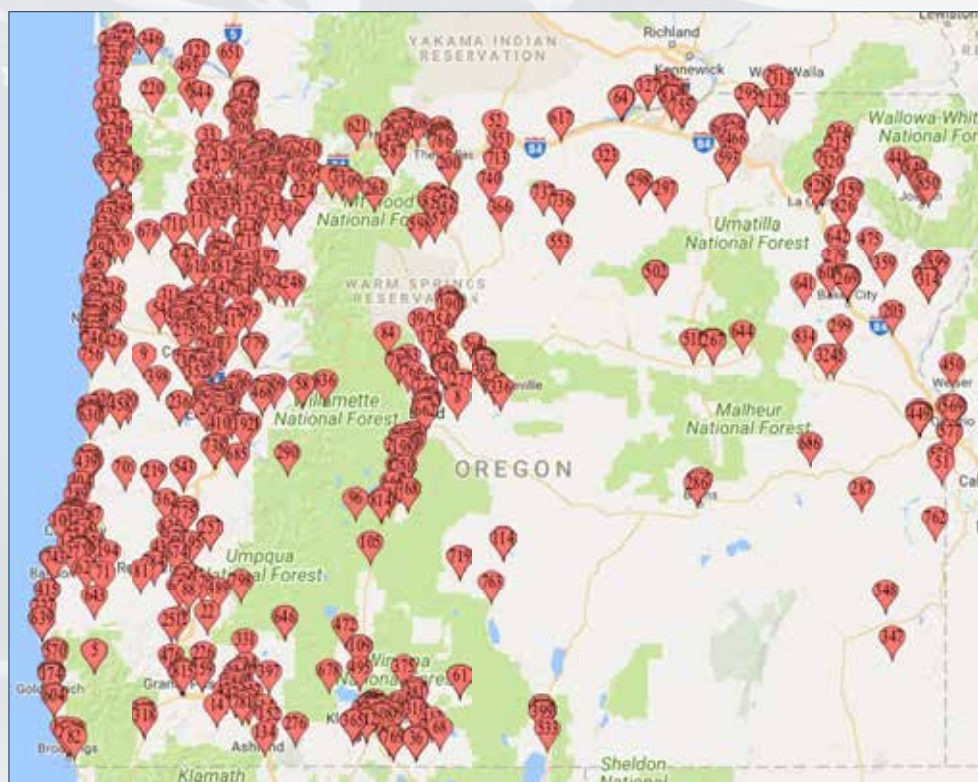




## OREGON SPECIAL DISTRICTS MAP



Special districts are the most basic, grassroots form of government. Members of the public can feel like they can have a real impact on the direction, control and services they receive. Nationwide government satisfaction surveys show that special districts are the most popular type of government because they are focused on specific missions and engaged with the public they serve.

The number of special districts in Oregon has been on an upward trend for the last 70 years. Since 1942, this number has grown about 400% to just over 1,000. The State of Oregon estimates that the state's population will increase to approximately 5.5 million people by the year 2050. As our population grows, city and county resources will be stretched, causing a need for cities, counties and special districts to work together as a means of installing the infrastructure to support the growth.