



Oregon Wildfire Policy Update

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SB 762/80 Recap

- Develop updated statewide wildfire hazard map.
- Establish defensible space standards and resources to protect communities from wildfire.
- Restoration of forests and rangelands to reduce wildfire risk.
- Requires new construction in high hazard areas be built with ignition resistant materials.



No Treatment

Thinning + Prescribed Fire

Thinning Only

SB 762/80 Recap

- Protect communities from wildfire smoke.
- Reliable electric utility systems before and during wildfires.
- Add firefighter capacity and air resources to improve response.
- Youth workforce training program to reduce wildfire risk.
- Appoints a Wildfire Programs Advisory Council to advise State Wildfire Programs Director.



What's Coming?

- Oregon 20-year Landscape Resiliency Strategy
- State wildfire hazard maps
- Defensible space and building codes
- Wildfire insurance (SB 82)
- Federal investment



What's Missing/Needed?

- Comprehensive community preparedness/mitigation
- Home hardening component
- Landscape resilience at scale
- Smoke mitigation for vulnerable populations
- Interagency priorities/coordination
- Suppression system gaps



Budgets & Funding

- Investment comparisons
 - *CA: \$1.3 Billion*
 - *WA: \$118 Million*
 - *OR: \$42 Million*
- No sustained funding source
- Federal funding opportunities



Short Session & 2024 Priorities

- Invest in/enable agency capacity and leverage federal funds
- Invest in community risk reduction and public health
- Scale up forest restoration and prescribed fire
- Fix the suppression gap
- Address long term funding