

# 2023 Wildfire Season

State Emergency Support Function 4 Briefing

Senate Committee on Veterans,  
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# ODF Update



**Oregon Department of Forestry**

Chief of Fire Protection Mike Shaw

# By the Numbers—ODF-Protected Lands

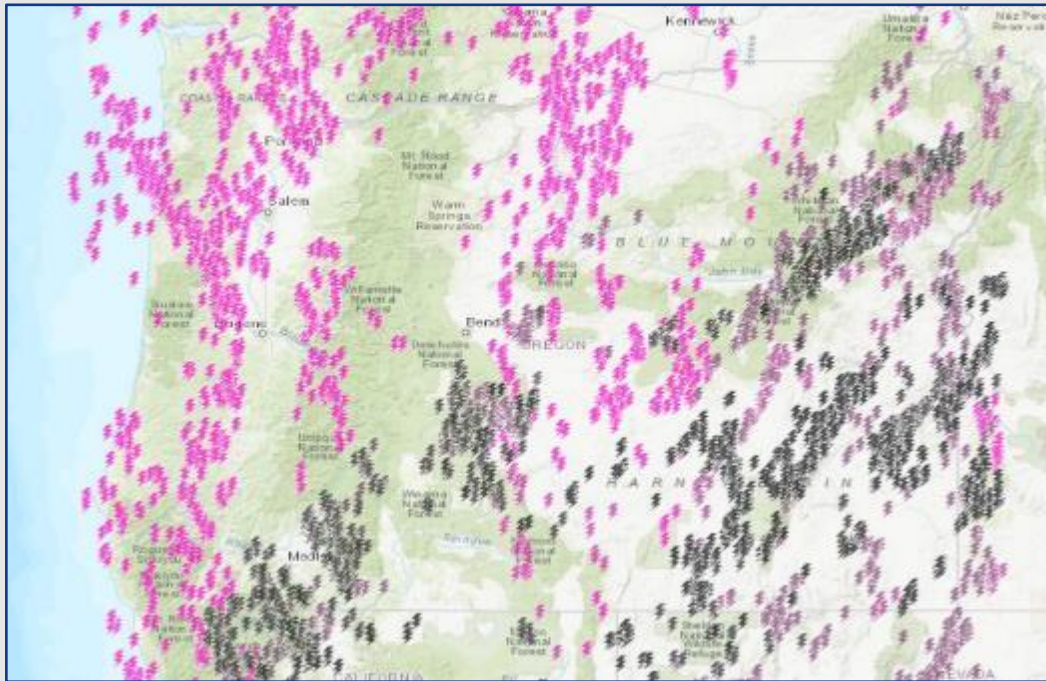
2023 Year to Date		
	Fires	Acres
Lightning	184	9,996
Human & Under Investigation	763	6,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>16,672</b>

10-year Average Year to Date		
	Fires	Acres
Lightning	266	51,076
Human	677	68,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>119,369</b>

# Key Events

- NW Oregon fuels and fires
- August lightning



# ODF Successes

- Early detection
- Aggressive initial attack
- Aviation resources
- Landowner partnerships



A group of seven firefighters in yellow jackets and dark blue pants are gathered around a red fire truck. The truck has "TF45" written on the windshield. The scene is outdoors, likely at a fire station or training area, with a building and other fire equipment visible in the background.

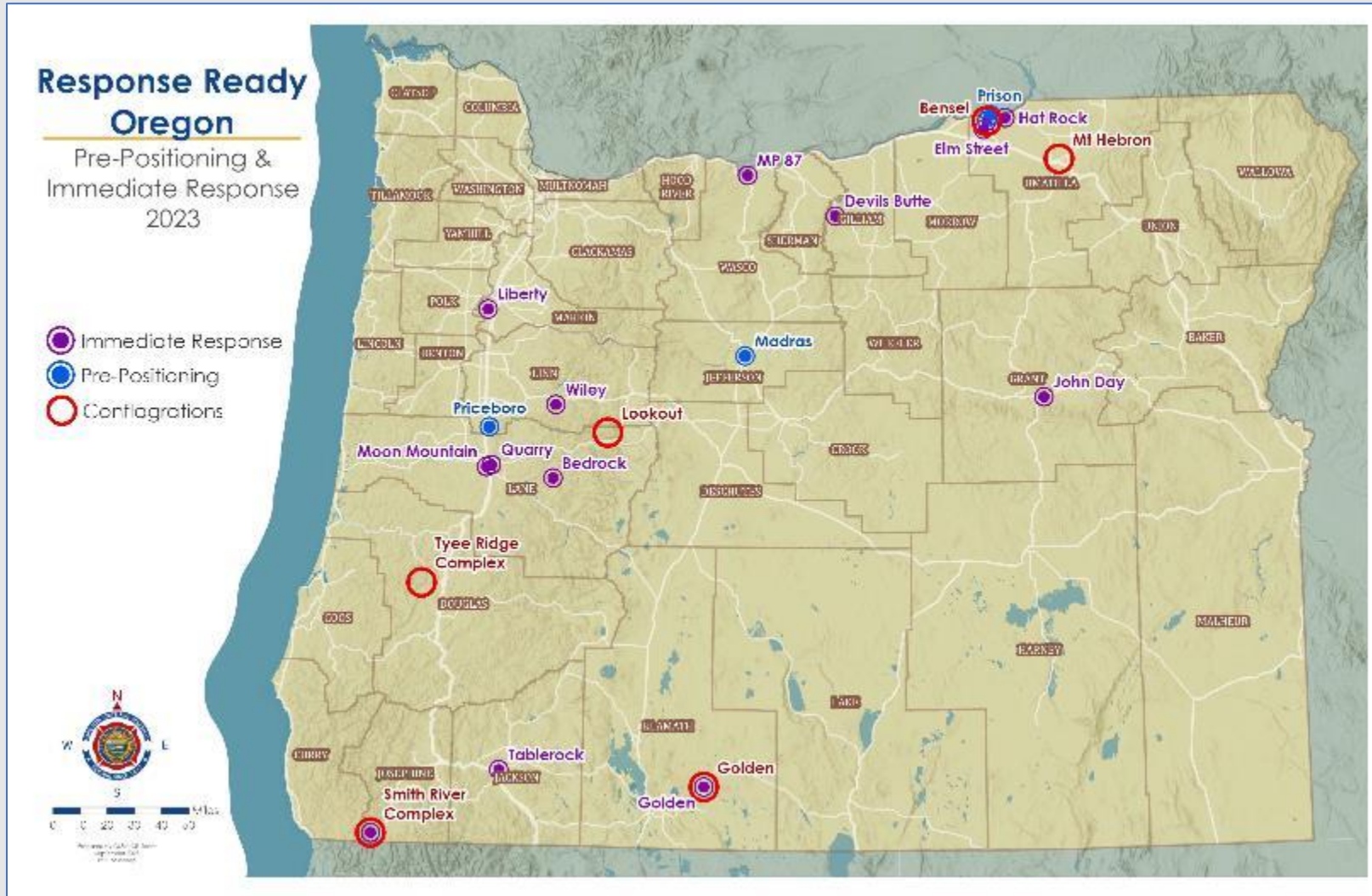
# OSFM Update

**Oregon State Fire Marshal**

State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Travis Medema

# OSFM 2023 Mobilizations



- Seven (7) conflagrations
- 17 immediate response or pre-positioning assignments
- One EMAC mobilization
- Aircraft agreement with ODF
- Surge resources to keep fires small and away from communities.

# OSFM Wildfire Season - by the Numbers

## Response

- 52 Oregon task forces
- Five EMAC strike teams from California
- 113 Oregon fire service agencies
- 589 pieces of fire apparatus
- 950 Oregon fire service personnel
- Responses in 10 Counties





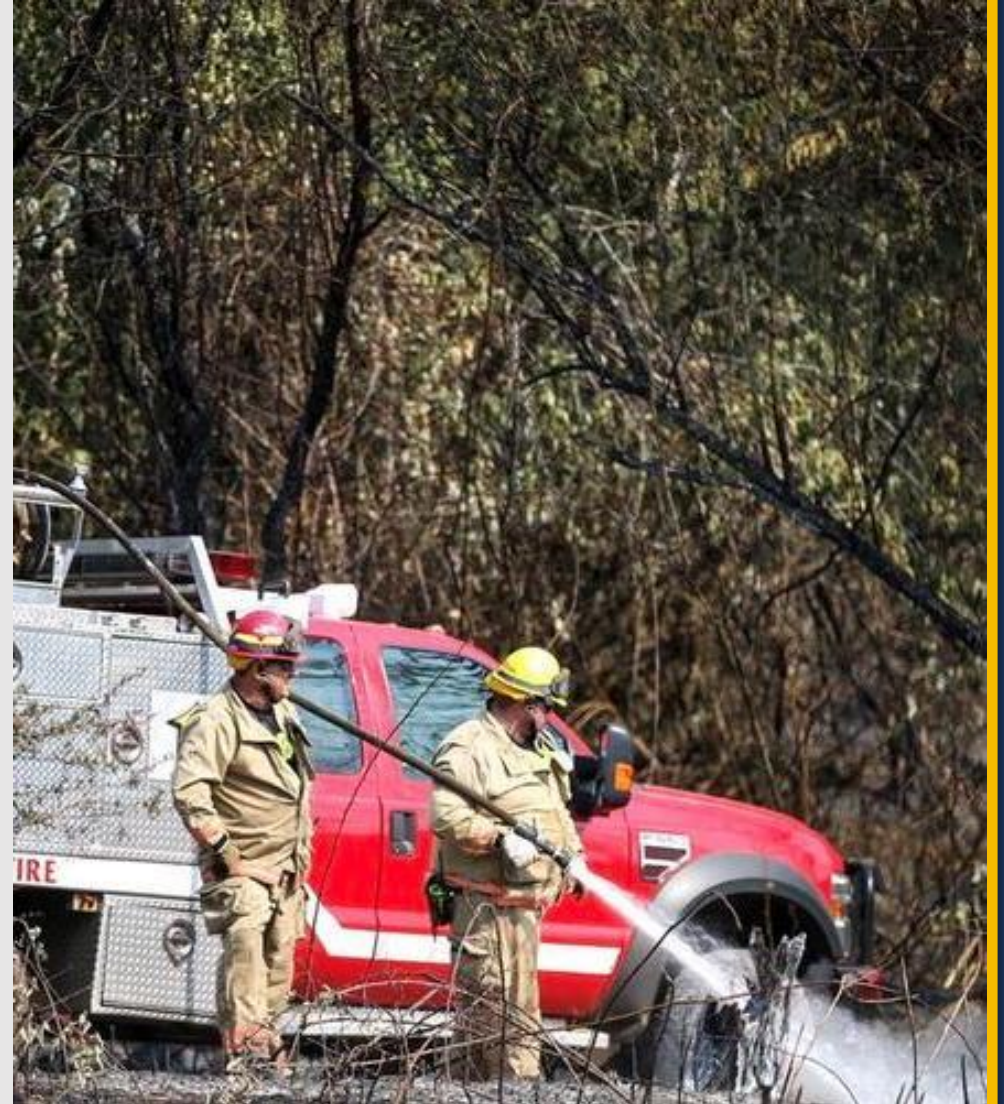
# OSFM Wildfire Season - by the Numbers

## Conflagration outcomes

- 6,322 structures threatened
- Zero structures lost after OSFM Incident Management Teams assumed command.

## OSFM Cost to date

- Over \$9.4 million on conflagrations
- Over \$3.0 million on immediate response and pre-positioning



# 2023 Success Stories

- Liberty Fire – Aircraft
- Wiley Creek – Immediate Response
- Bedrock – Immediate Response



# Story Map

## PROTECTING OREGON COMMUNITIES FROM WILDFIRE

In its second year, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's 2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant continued to help and protect communities in Oregon.



## BOOSTING FIREFIGHTER CAPACITY

In June, the Oregon State Fire Marshal opened applications for the **2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant** for the Oregon fire service as part of the agency's Response Ready Oregon initiative. This is the second year for the grant that had such a profound impact in 2022.

The intent of the one-time grant is to increase staffing capacity at the local level and allow fire agencies to hire additional staff through the summer months. The grant funding also boosted capacity within the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS), which is what the OSFM uses to mobilize resources at the regional and statewide levels. Below are just a sampling of the stories the OSFM has received from grant recipients.

## ABOUT THE 2023 GRANT

In the spring, the OSFM awarded **\$6 million to 185 local structural fire agencies** across Oregon to hire seasonal firefighters. This one-time funding boosts on-duty capacity with the goal of getting firefighters to emergency calls more quickly.

All 306 local fire agencies in Oregon were eligible to request up to \$35,000 to support staffing through the grant.



# Response Investment Programs

- 2023 Wildfire Seasonal Staffing Grant
  - \$6 million invested
  - 185 fire service agencies
  - Additional staffing during wildfire season
  - Added an estimated 450 firefighters in local communities statewide.





**Questions?**