

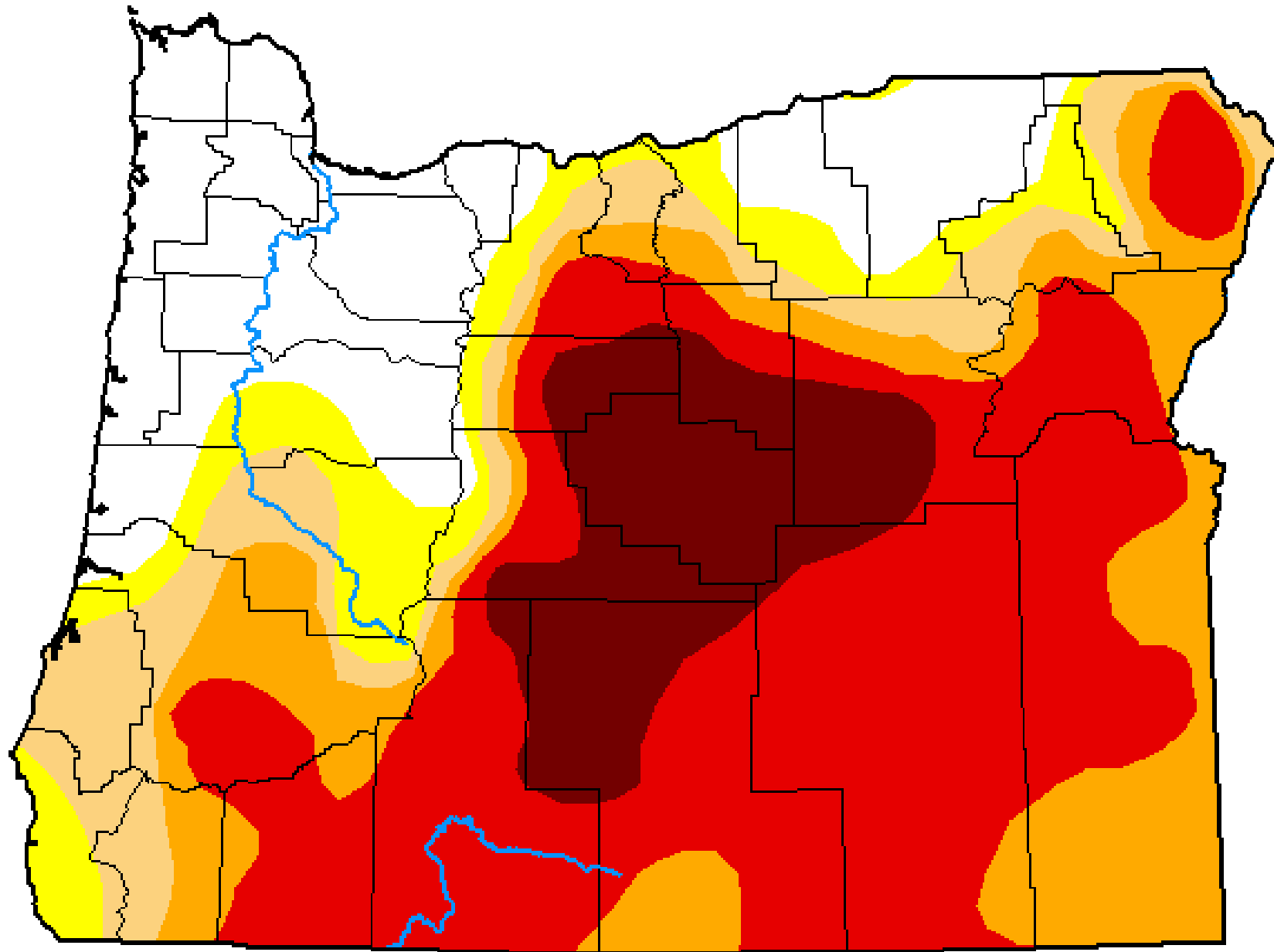


House Interim Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

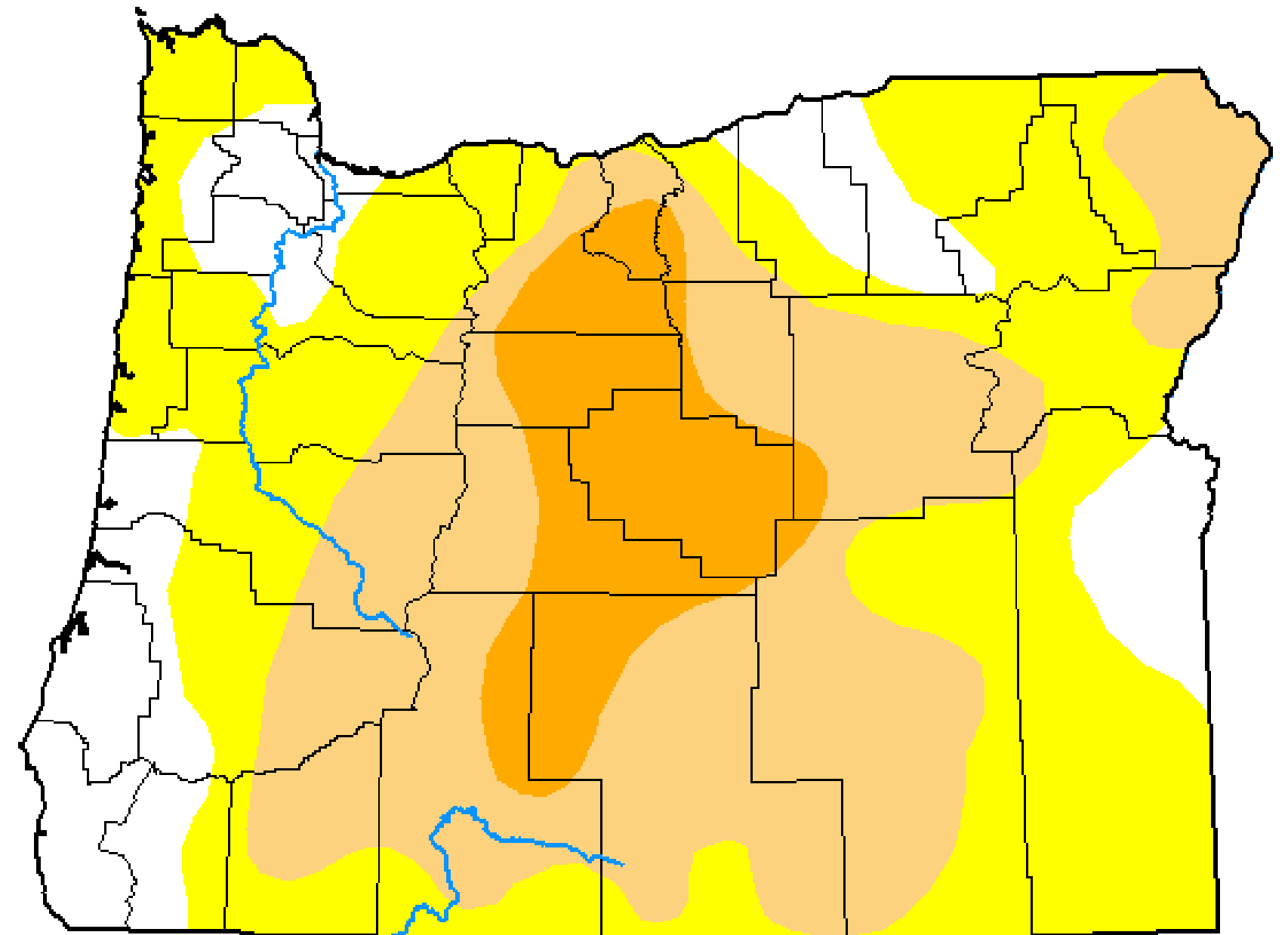
Mariana Ruiz-Temple
State Fire Marshal



2023 Wildfire Conditions



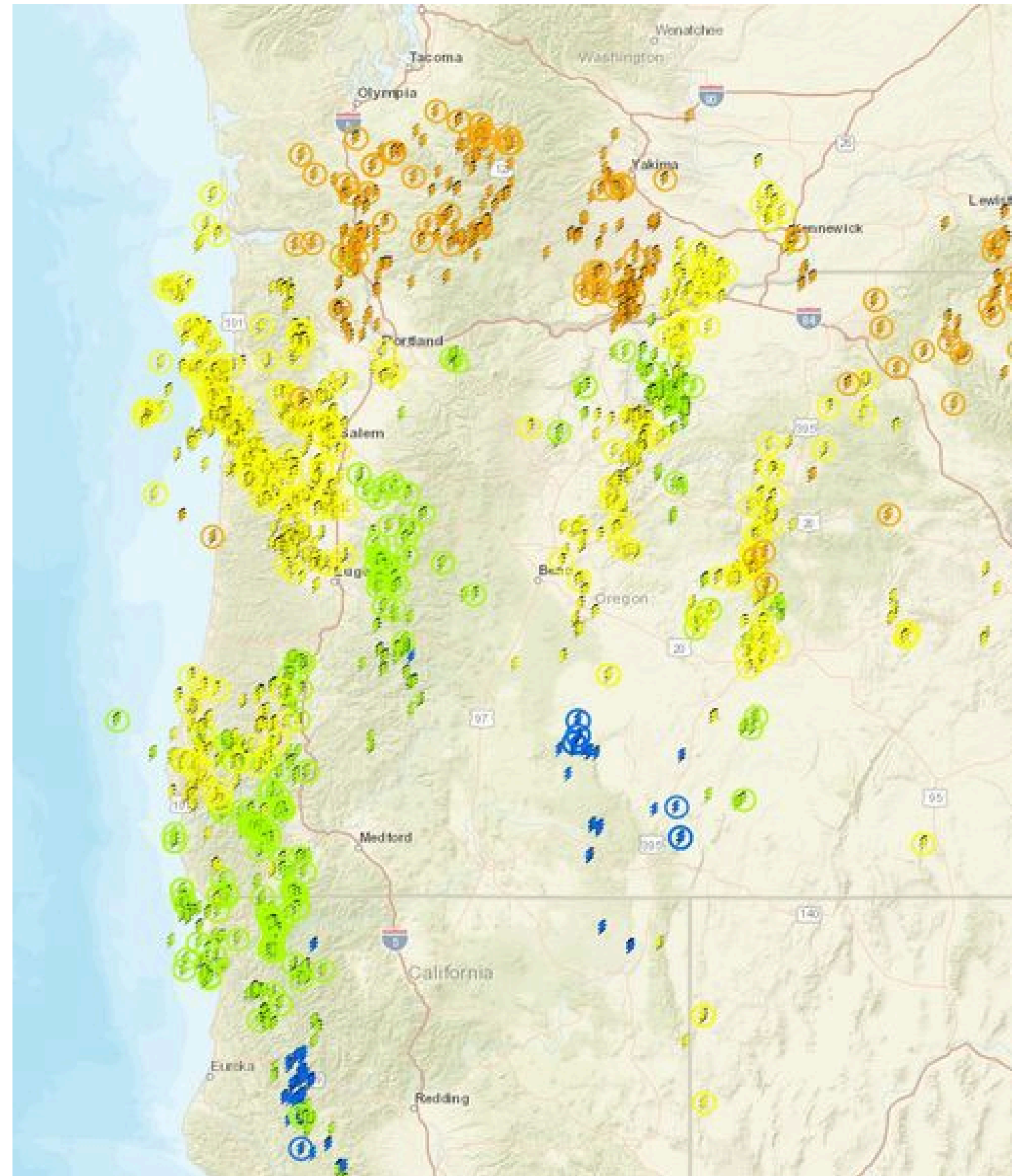
May 31, 2022, drought conditions



May 30, 2023, drought conditions



2023 Key Fire Season Events



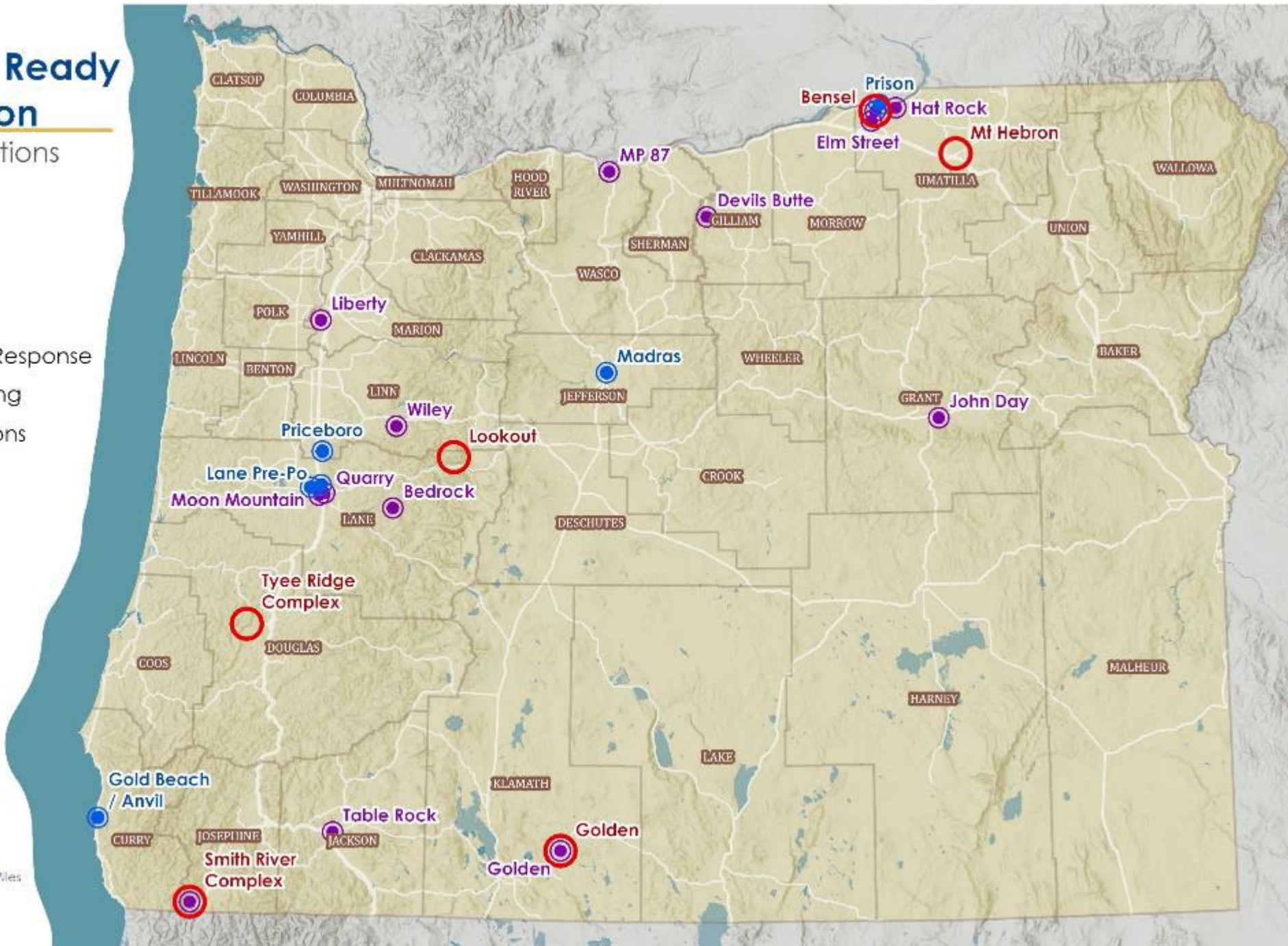


OSFM 2023 Wildfire Season Mobilizations

Response Ready Oregon

Conflagrations
2023

- Immediate Response
- Pre-Positioning
- Conflagrations



- Seven (7) conflagrations
- 17 immediate response or pre-positioning assignments



OSFM Wildfire Season - by the Numbers

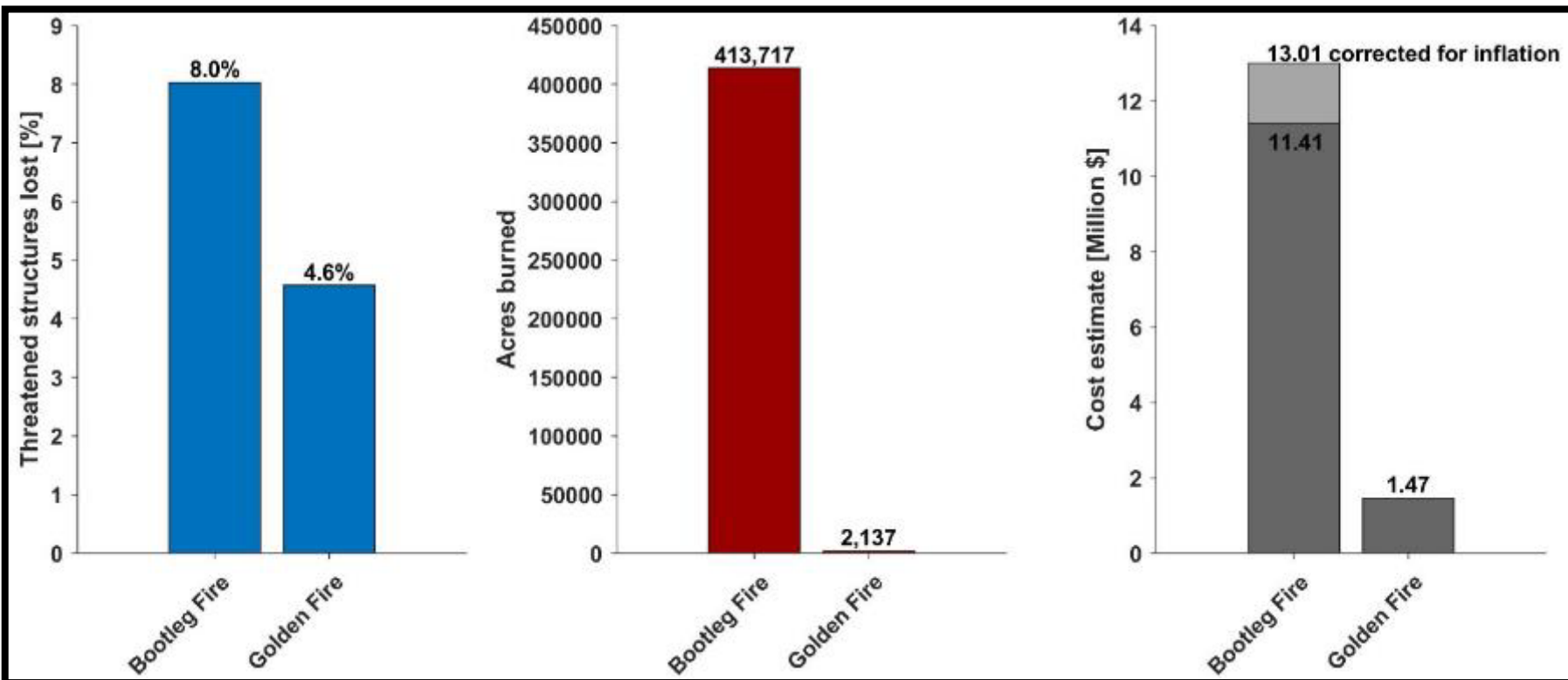
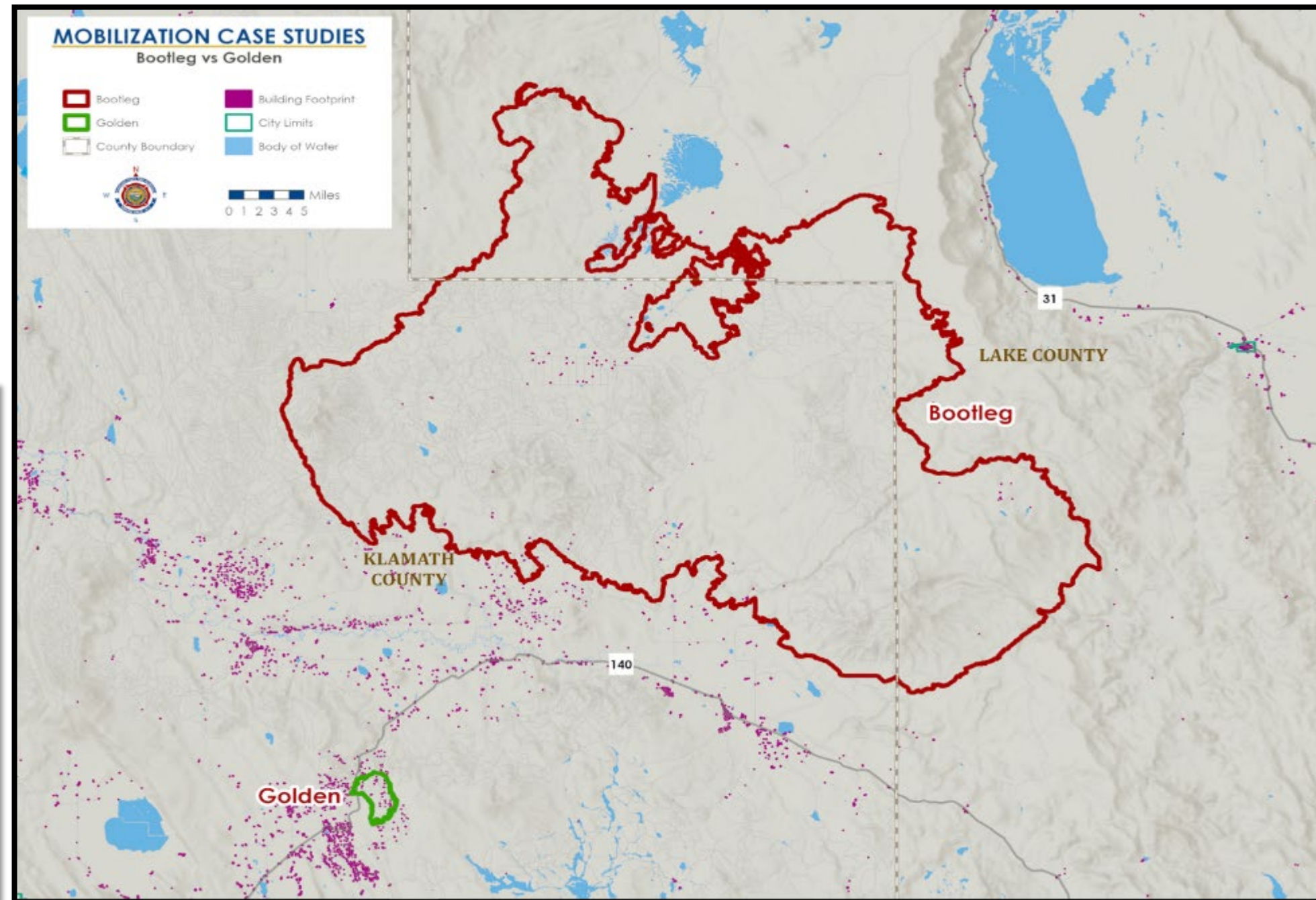
Conflagration outcomes

- 6,322 structures threatened
 - \$2.2 billion estimated value of protected residences
- 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

Mobilization Case Study: Bootleg vs. Golden Fire



Bootleg

Golden Fire

Start Date:

July 6, 2021

July 22, 2023

Location:

Beatty Oregon (Klamath County)

Bonanza Oregon (Klamath County)

Temperature:

97 degrees Fahrenheit

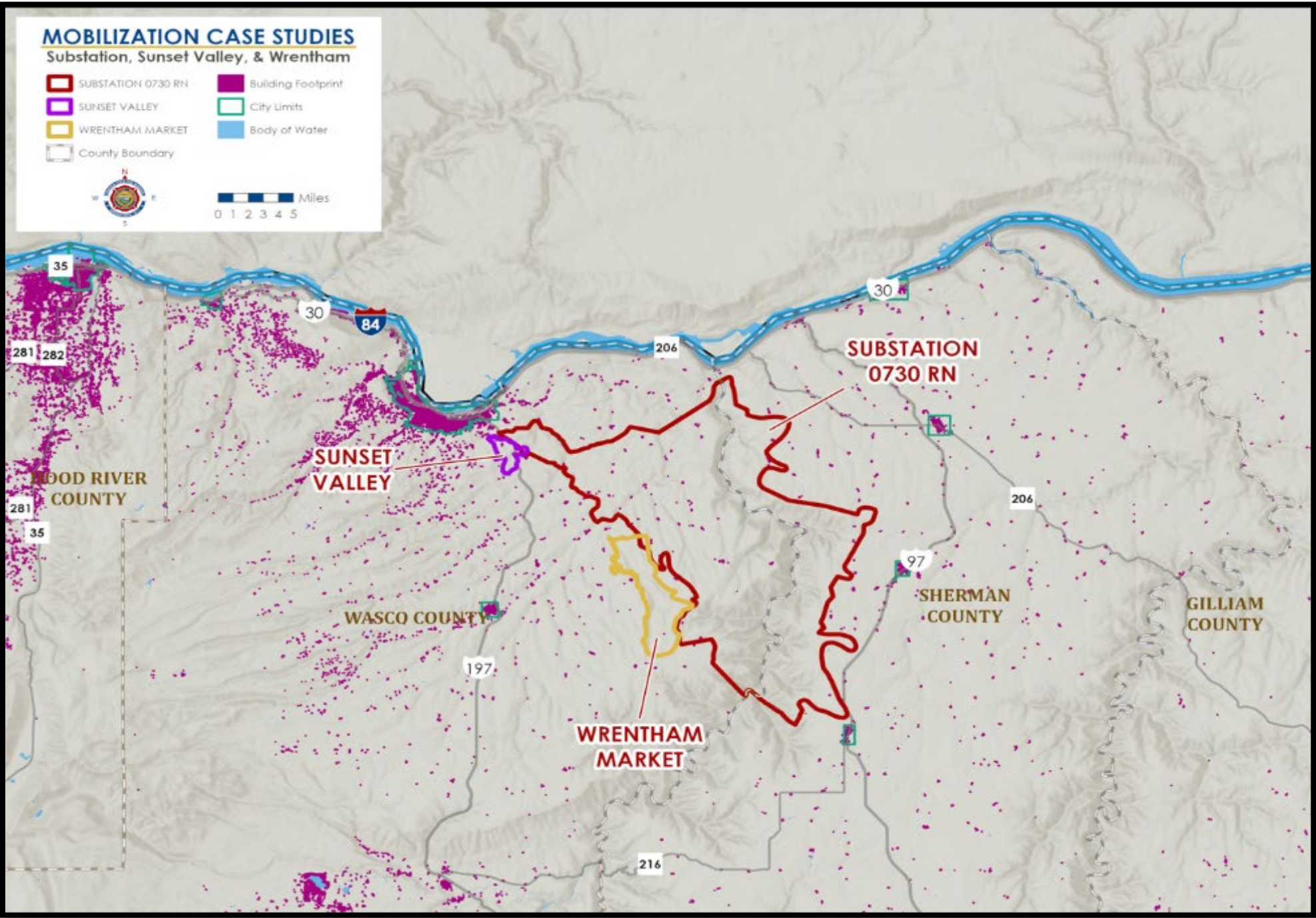
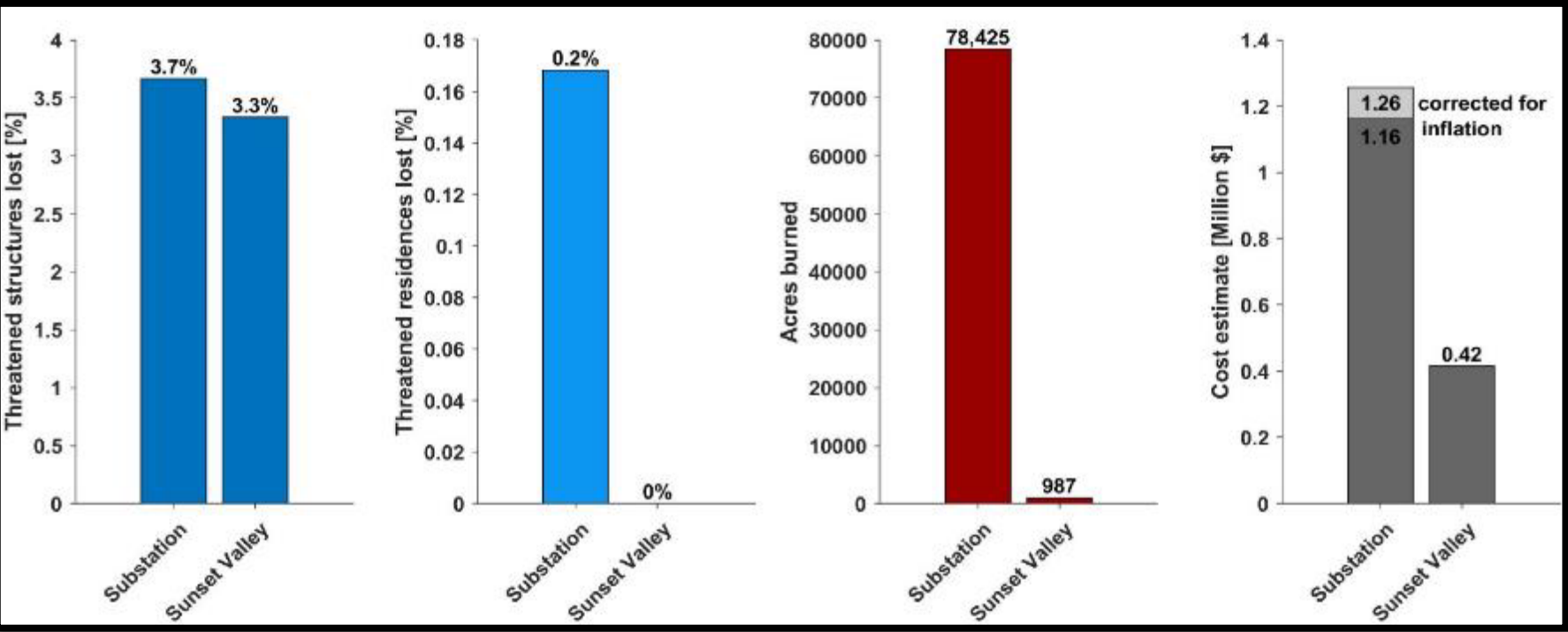
97 degrees Fahrenheit

Wind Speed:

13 mph average (Northwest direction)

12 mph average (West-Northwest direction)

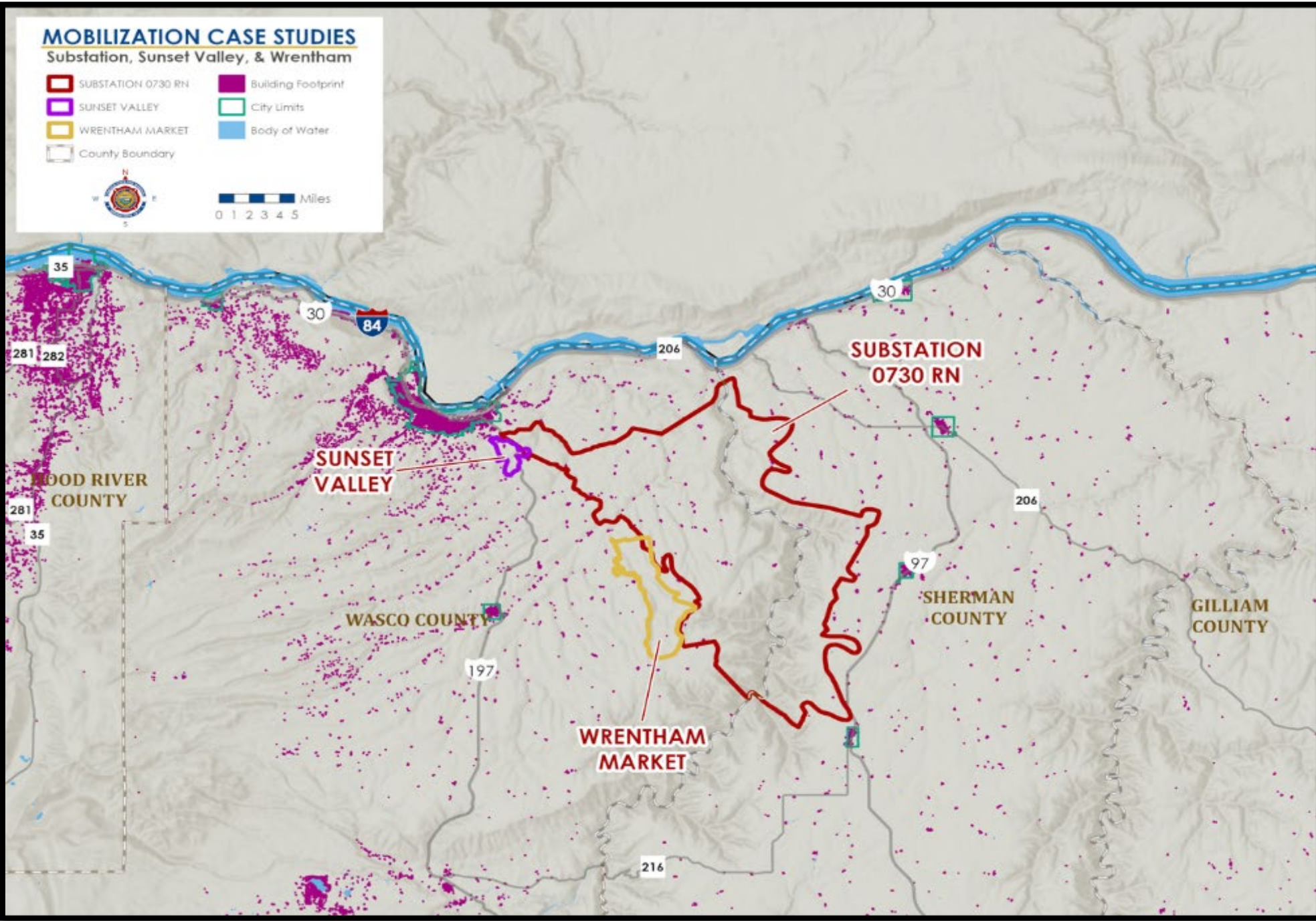
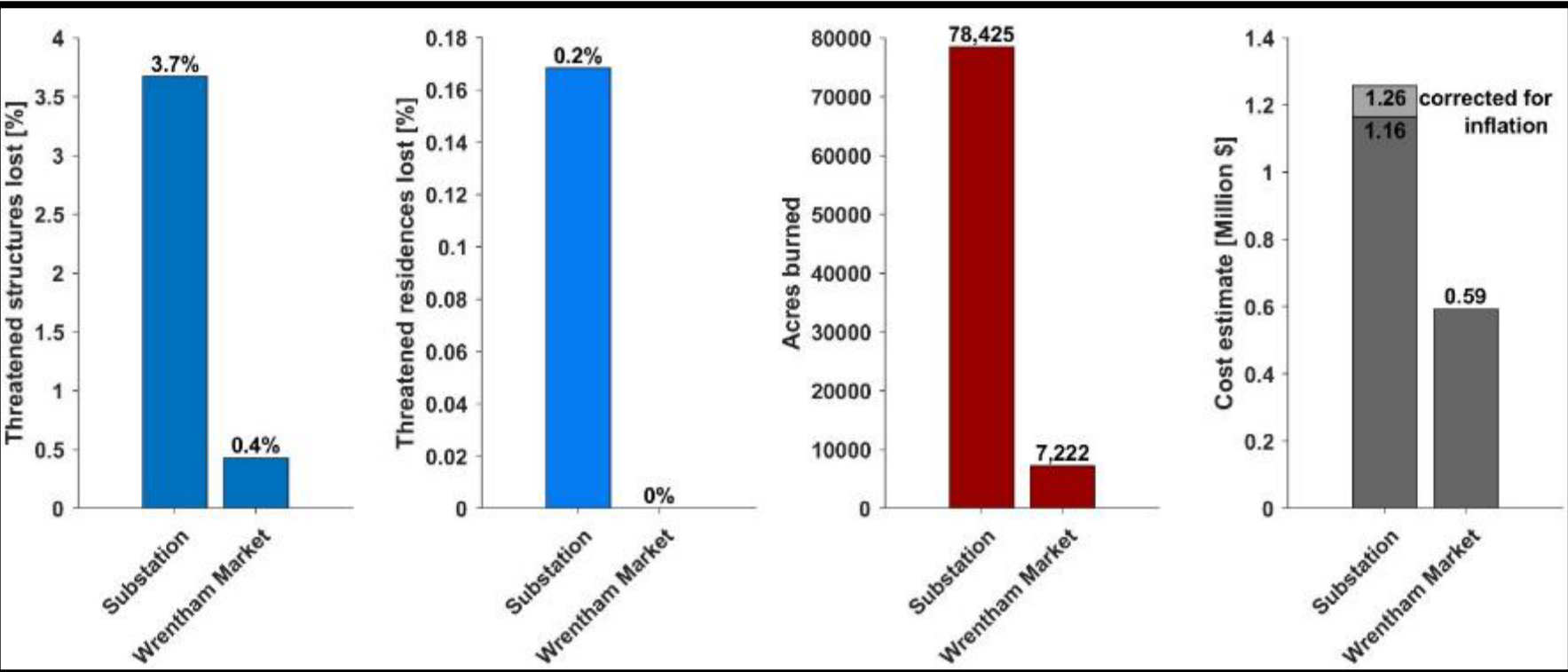
Mobilization Case Study: Substation vs. Sunset Valley Fire



	<u>Substation</u>	<u>Sunset Valley</u>
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Start Date:	July 17, 2018	July 1, 2021
Location:	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)
Temperature:	89 degrees Fahrenheit	75 degrees Fahrenheit
Wind Speed:	9 mph average (North direction)	6 mph average (Northwest direction)

Mobilization Case Study: Substation vs. Wrentham Market Fire



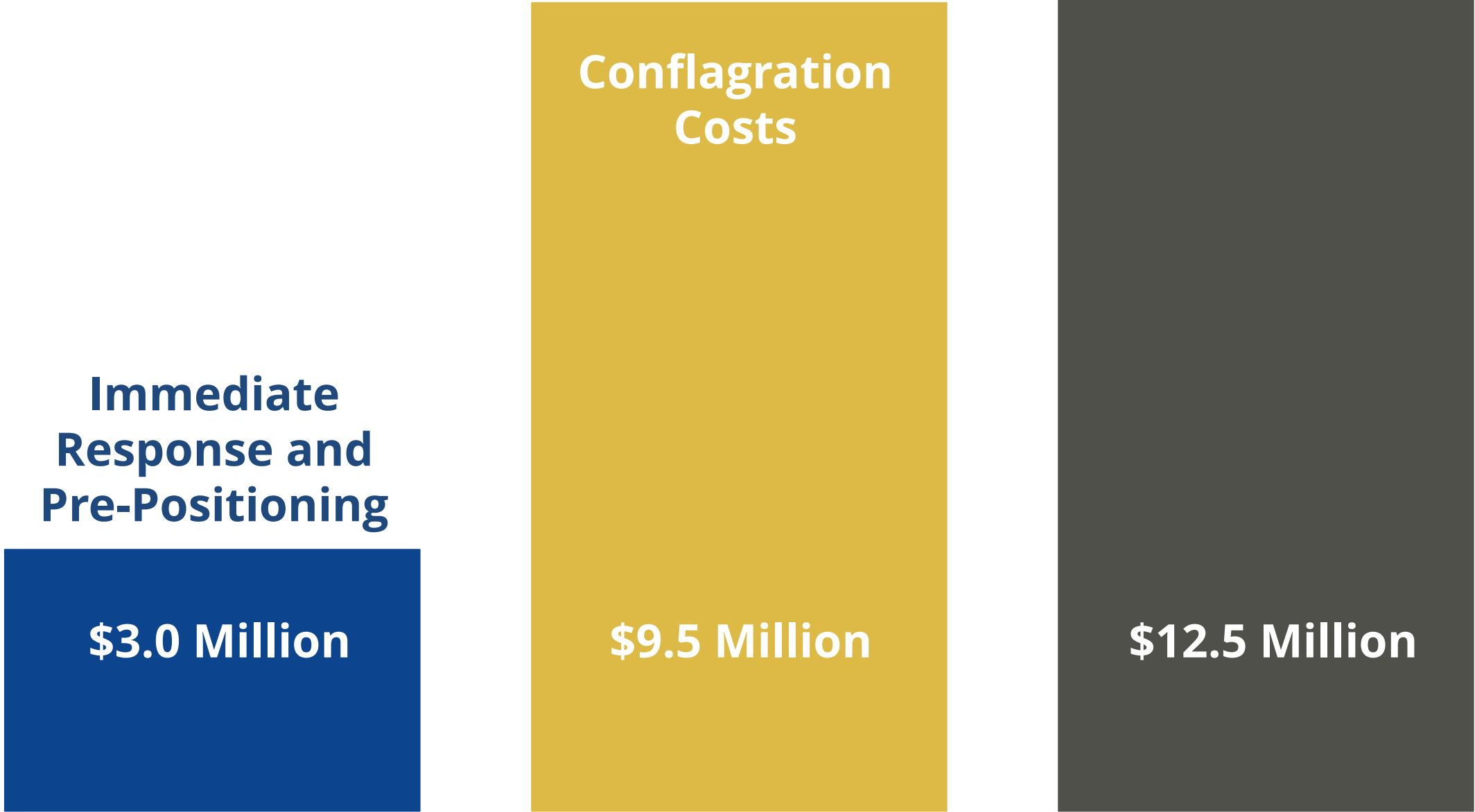
Substation

Wrentham Market

Start Date:	July 17, 2018	June 29, 2021
Location:	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)	Dufur Oregon (Wasco County)
Temperature:	89 degrees Fahrenheit	88 degrees Fahrenheit
Wind Speed:	9 mph average (North direction)	6 mph average (North direction)

2023 Mobilization Costs

Immediate response and pre-positioning LAB 23-25 Budget:	Conflagration costs LAB 23-25 budget:
\$2 million	\$2 million





OSFM WILDFIRE PROGRAMS

Grants and Investments

Cross Cutting Investments

Tribal Nations Investments

\$4.5 million invested

Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program

\$13.5 million awarded to 33 fire service agencies

Firefighter Apprenticeship Pilot

\$3 million awarded to two pilot apprenticeship programs.

Response Ready Oregon

2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant

\$6 million awarded to 181 fire service agencies

Apparatus Program

\$25 million awarded to 76 fire service agencies

2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant

\$6 million awarded to 185 fire service agencies

Community Wildfire Risk Reduction

Defensible Space Incentive Grant

\$271,000 awarded to protect community infrastructure

Community Wildfire Preparedness Planning Areas

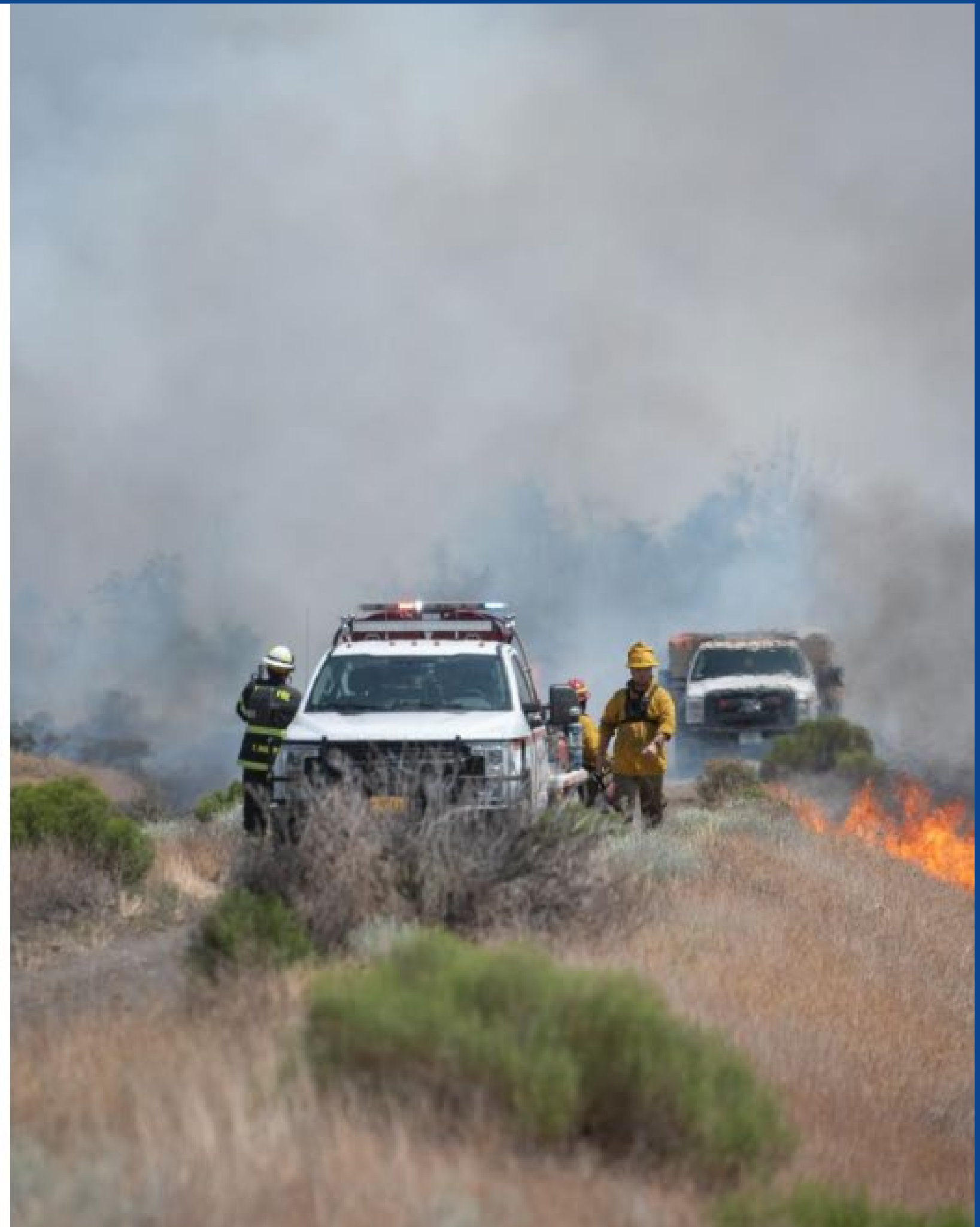
\$2.7 strategically invested to support CWPP implementation

Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant

\$18 million was awarded to 106 projects statewide

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

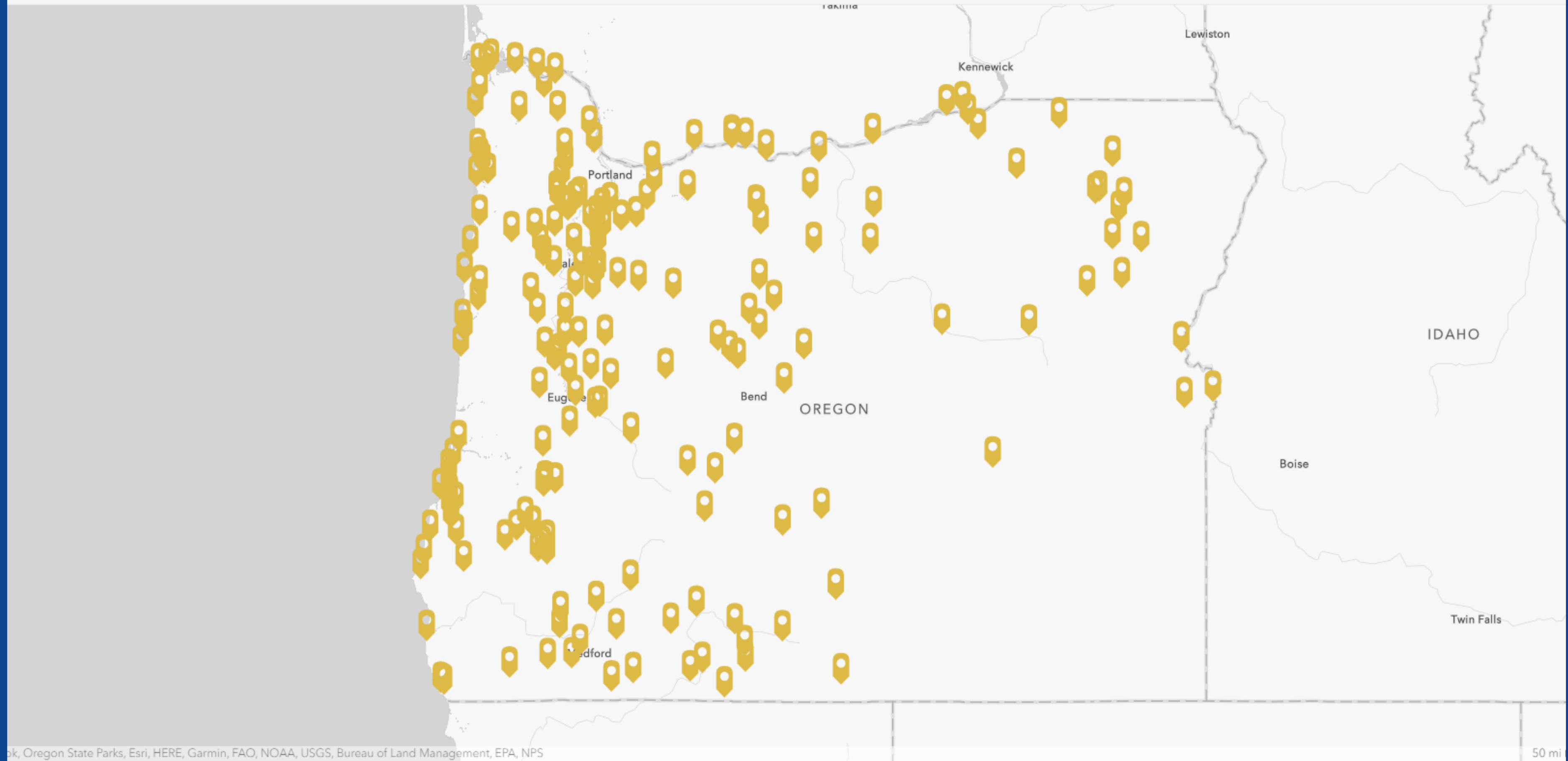
In June, the Oregon State Fire Marshal opened applications for the **2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant** for the Oregon fire service as part of the agency's Response Ready Oregon initiative. This is the second year for the grant that had such a profound impact in 2022.

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.



This map shows the 185 local Oregon fire agencies that received a 2023 Oregon Wildfire Season Staffing Grant



OSFM Wildfire Programs Report

- OSFM reports biannually on our wildfire programs, the most recent copy was distributed in August 2023.
- \$81 million invested from one-time funds into fire service and communities.
- Launched Oregon's comprehensive defensible space education program.
 - 527 property assessments complete
 - 254 trained assessors from 54 different agencies

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Governor's Fire Service Policy Council Update



- **Subcommittee on Behavioral Health:** To recommend actionable strategies to reduce the risk of and mitigate behavioral health issues on the fire service and its stakeholders.
- **Subcommittee on Urban Search and Rescue:** To develop recommendations for all hazards Urban Search and Rescue teams that are well trained and appropriately funded, with statewide response capability.
- **Subcommittee on Rural Structural Fire Protection Review:** Review the ORS Chapter relating to structural fire protection to craft a report to the Oregon Legislature speaking to refinements needed to address structural fire protection in Oregon.

Thank you.

