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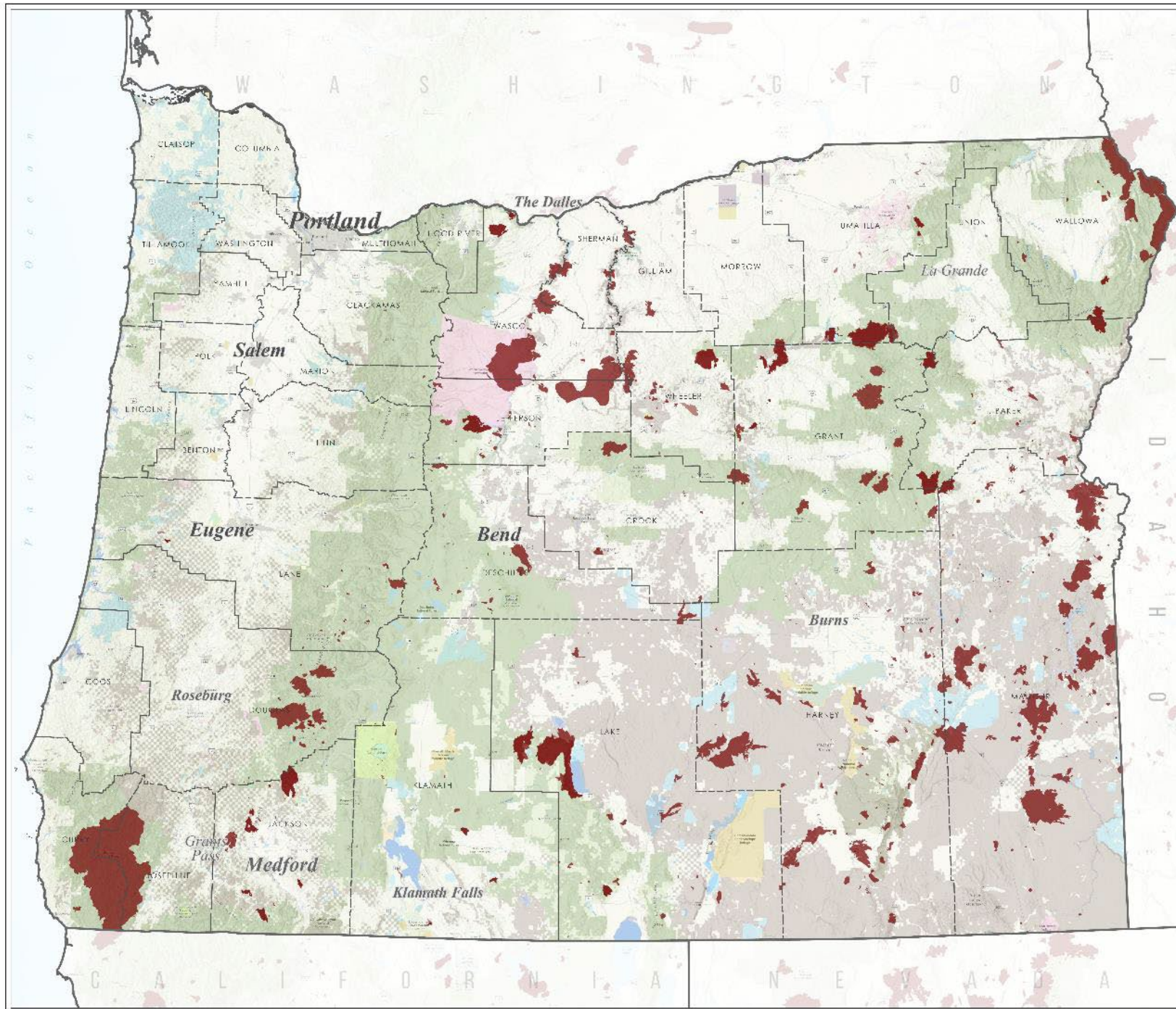
Historical Large Fires in Oregon

1993 - 2002



Land Management

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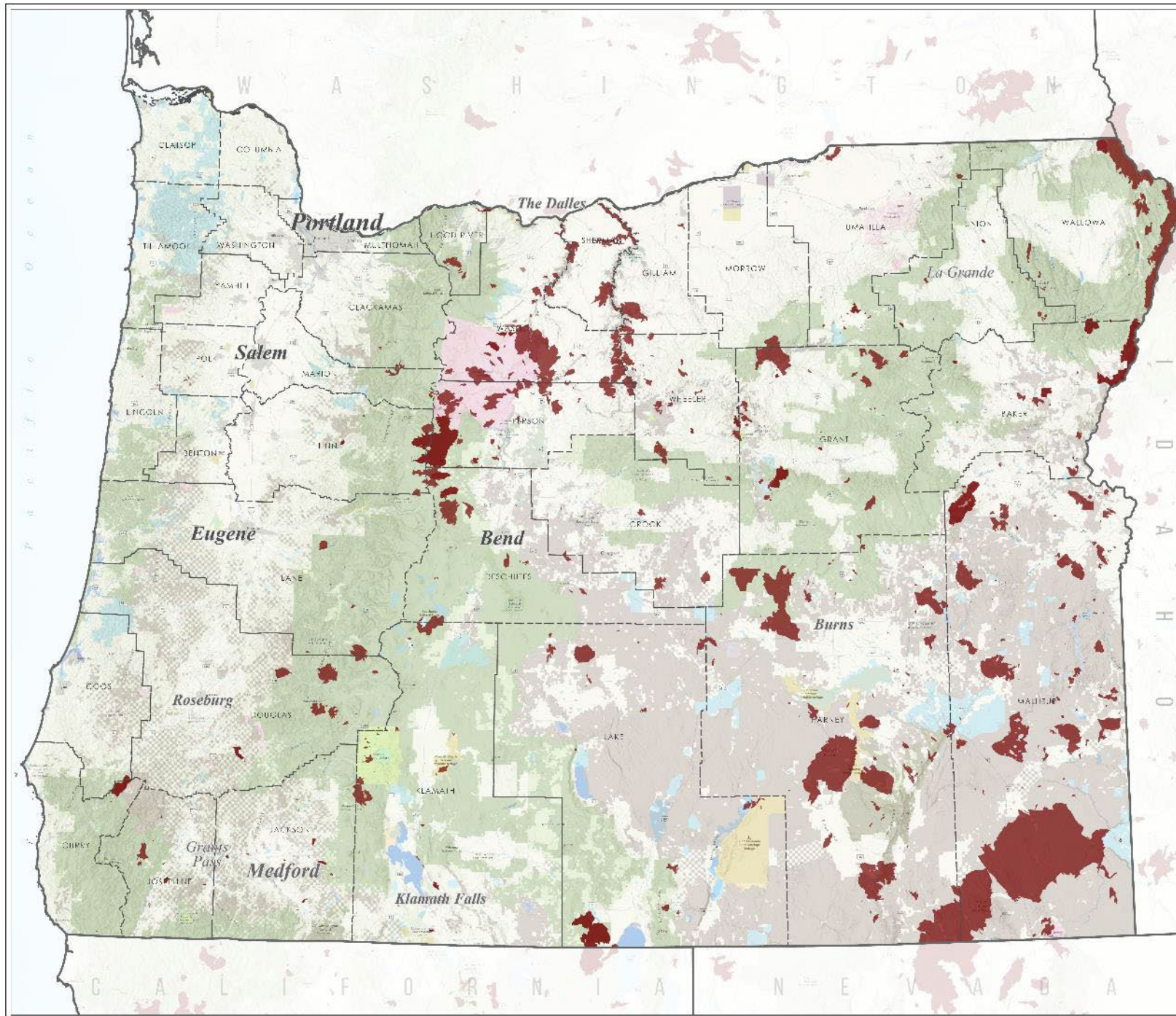
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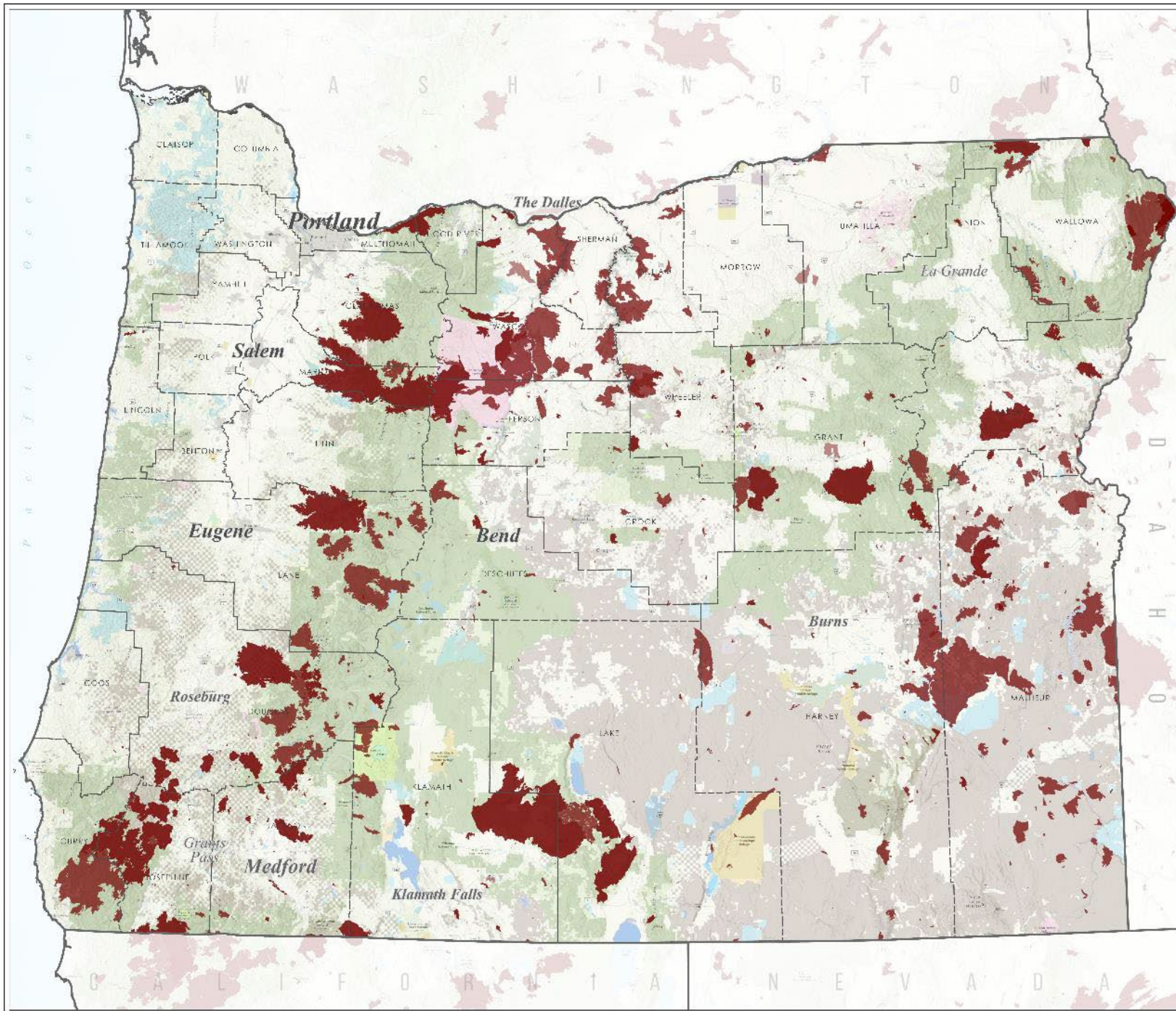
Historical Large Fires in Oregon

2013 - 2022



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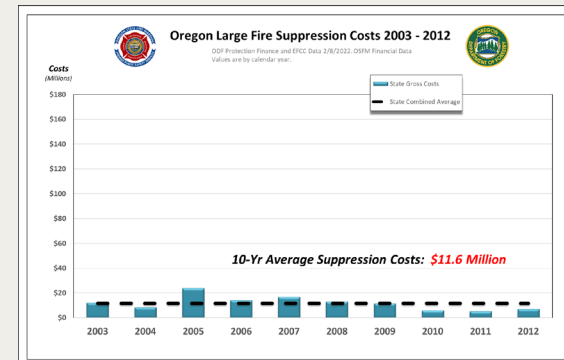
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The True Cost of Wildfire

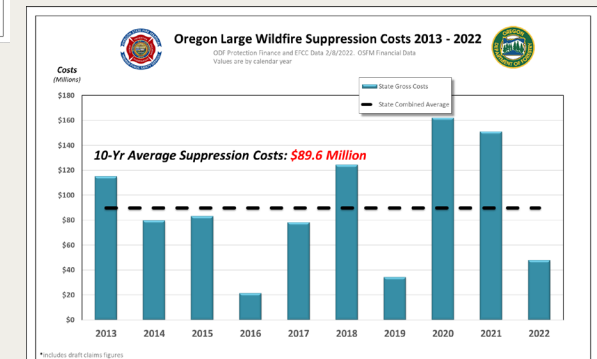
- Significant social, economic, and environmental implications:
 - Losses: Infrastructure, Cultural Resources, Tourism, Smoke and Health Impacts, Transportation & Power Interruptions, Watersheds, Wildlife Habitat, Timber, Agriculture, Recreation,
 - Recovery: Following the 2020 Labor Day Fires: Oregon Legislature passes HB 5006 - \$480 million. **Approximately 3 Billion in Insurance Claims**
- Studies showing over 10X the costs of suppression
 - Headwater Economics: Suppression at 9% of total
 - Western Forestry Leadership Coalition: 2-30X
 - National Institute of Standards & Technology: 2-50X

Oregon Suppression Costs increase - 8x



\$11.6 Million Avg.
2003-2012

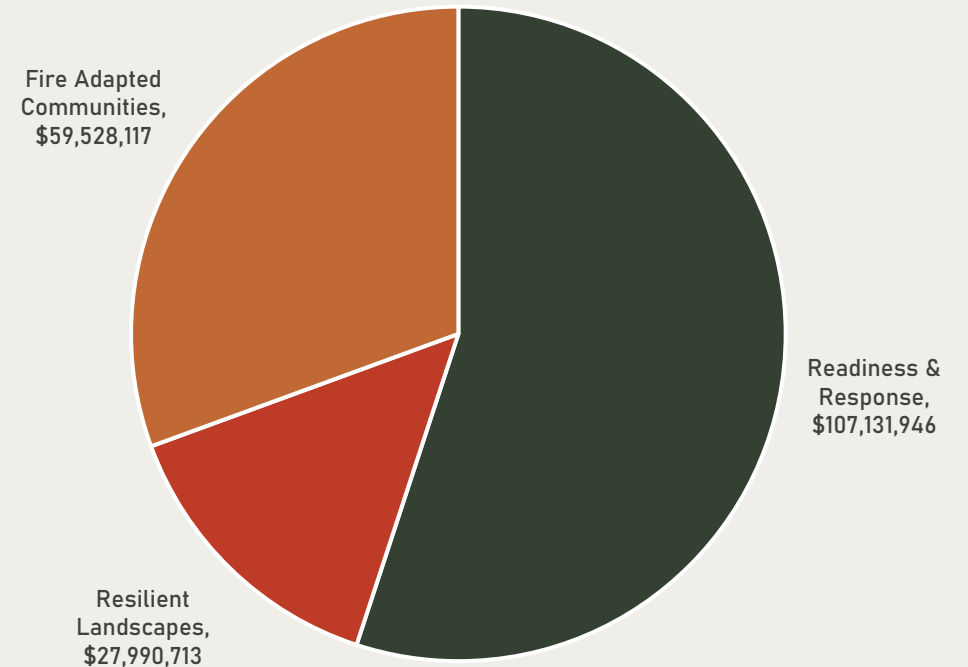
\$89.6 Million Avg.
2013-2022



Oregon Takes Action

- 2019: Governor's Council on Wildfire Response
 - Over 100 Volunteers produce 37 recommendations
 - Anchored in the National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy:
 - Adequate Response
 - Resilient Landscapes
 - Fire Adapted Communities
- 2021: Oregon Legislature passes Senate Bill 762
 - \$195 million investment
 - Creates the Wildfire Programs Director and Advisory Council
 - 11 Implementation Agencies: **BCD, OSFM, ODF, PUC, HECC,**
- 2023: Oregon Legislature Deliberates on: SB 80, 509 and 82
 - SB 80 – Omnibus Wildfire Programs Bill (addresses risk mapping issues – creates wildfire home preparedness program to harden homes against wildfire)
 - SB 509 – Evolves the Community Risk Reduction Program to evolve community partnerships to reduce risk.
 - SB 82 A– Strives for a Partnerships with Oregon Insurance Industry.

**SB 762 Investment Distribution (\$195 Million)
National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy - Tenants**





Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

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Council Established: September 2021

- 19 members appointed by legislature
- Broad perspective state-wide with regional diversity
- Election Chair & Vice Chair annually
- Staff support from Director Grafe, ODF, DLCD and DCBS
- 2021-2023: Nine Meetings to-date:
- 2023 Quarterly Meetings set: Jan 20, April 14, July 14, Oct 13

Council Annual Report: November 2022

- Report supported by OSU Extension
- Three working groups established and Interviewed 11 Implementation Agencies
- Recommendation by Agency & by Themes
 - Outreach Education Engagement
 - Interagency & Partner Collaboration
 - Sustainable Funding / Investment
 - Prioritization
- Identifies – Legislative action to advance **Insurance Partnerships** to honor the work being done by Oregonians to reduce wildfire risk in rating and underwriting decision.



Thank you

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