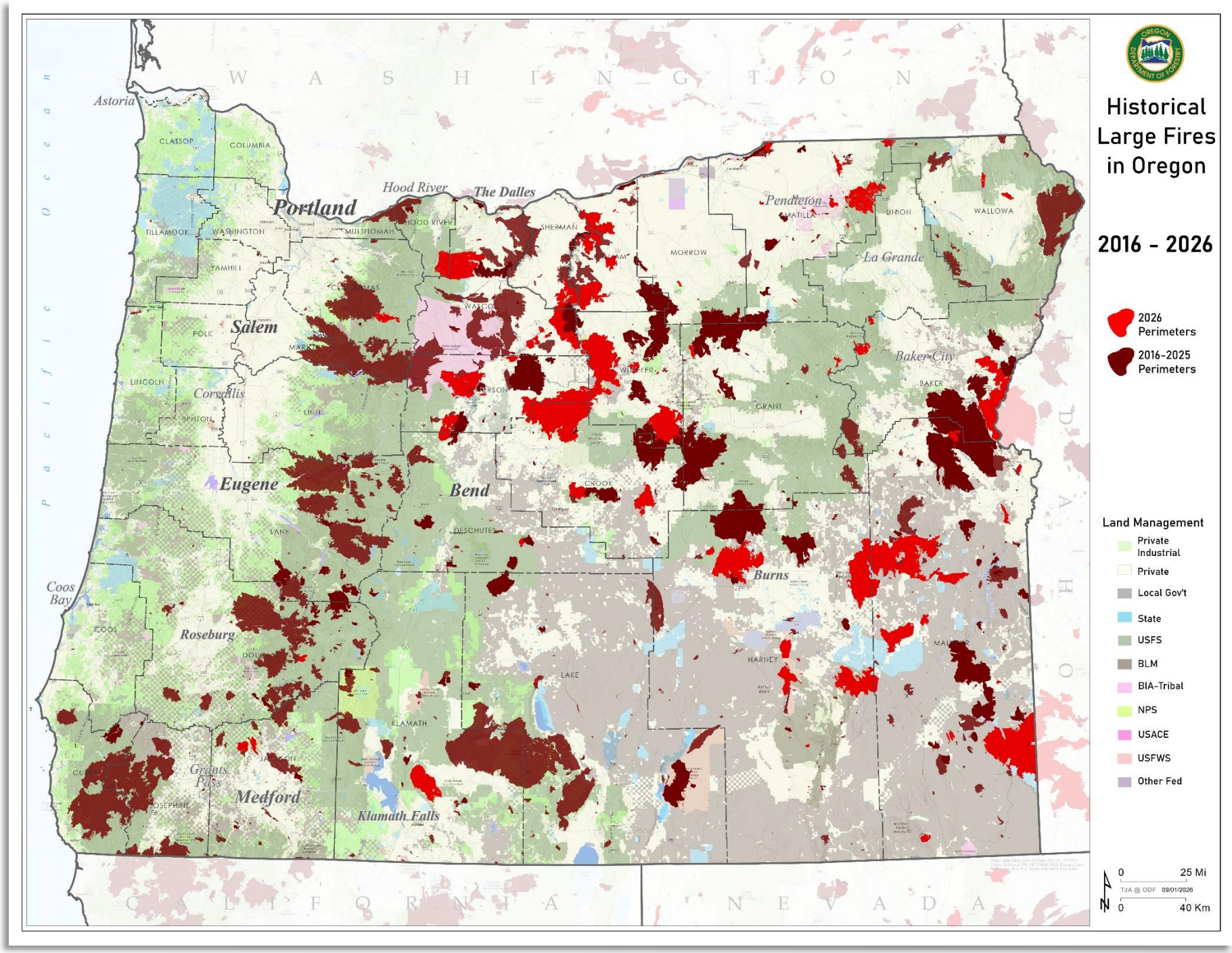
2026 FIRE SEASON UPDATE

Joint Interim Subcommittee on Natural Resources

Sept. 9, 2026

Large Fires 2016-2026



ODF's Response

- Statewide: 2.5 million acres burned & +1,700 fires
- ODF-specific:
  - 200,000 acres & nearly 800 fires
  - Assisted on 178 other fires
  - Over 1,600 calls for service
  - 6 CIMT deployments
  - Aviation assets
  - Out-of-state assistance

Emergency Suppression Costs

- **Gross** = $268.7 million
- **Net** = $160.6 million
  - ***Recoveries***
    - Other agencies = $52.7 million
    - FEMA = $55.3 million

Emergency Board Request

- $66,040,014 General Fund for gross large fire costs to date from the Natural Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Special Purpose Appropriation.
- $250 million in Other Funds limitation increase in Protection Division to enable the processing of payments from the 2026 fire season.
- $11,832,630 General Fund for 2026 fire season severity costs from the Special Purpose Appropriation allocated to the Emergency Board.

Thank you for your support.