

EMERGENCY FIRE COST COMMITTEE MEETING

**June 2, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

**Tillamook Room (Bldg. C)
Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310**

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Committee Members: Brennan Garrelts, Chair
Kathryn VanNatta
John Davis
Erik Kranzush
Bobby Corey
Heath Curtiss, BOF non-voting

Administrator: Nancy Hirsch

Agenda Topics

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Meeting** *[Decision Item]*
- 3. Financial Status of the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF)**
[Information Item]
- 4. Weather Update** *[Information Item]*
- 5. Executive report** *[Information Item]*
- 6. Administrative Branch Report** *[Information Item]*
 - Financial Update
 - 2027-2029 ARB Planning
 - FEMA Update
 - Severity Resources Financial Status
 - Strategic Investments Financial Report
- 7. Status of Large Fire Cost Collection Efforts** *[Information Item]*
- 8. Mitigation Planning and Implementation** *[Information Item]*
- 9. Status Reports on EFCC Work Groups** *[Information Item]*
- 10. Protection Division Report** *[Information and Possible Decision Items]*
 - Update on 2026 Spring Fires
 - Severity Resource Plan
 - BLM Agreement
 - Forestland Classification Status Report
 - Strategic Investments Proposals
- 11. Administrator Report** *[Information and Decision Item]*
 - FY25 Audit Report Correction
- 12. Public Comment / Good of the Order**

EMERGENCY FIRE COST COMMITTEE

March 3, 2026

In accordance with the provisions of ORS 477.455, a meeting of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) was held in the Tillamook Room of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Headquarters and virtually via TEAMS video conferencing on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Committee Members Present

Brennan Garrelts (via TEAMS)
Kathryn VanNatta (via TEAMS)
Bobby Corey
Eric Kranzush (via TEAMS)
John Davis (via TEAMS)
Heath Curtiss, non-voting BOF representative (via TEAMS)

Others Present (in person)

Nancy Hirsch, EFCC Administrator
Lorna Hobbs, EFCC Finance Coordinator
Jenn Kroon, Administrative Specialist, ODF
Kyle Williams, Deputy Director of Fire Operations, ODF
Chad Washington, OFIC

Others Present (via TEAMS)

Michael Curran, Protection Division Chief, ODF
Blake Ellis, Fire Operations Manager, ODF
TzA (Teresa Alcock), Fire Program Analyst, ODF
Shelby Berry, Administrative Support, ODF
Tracy Wrolson, Protection Finance Unit Manager, ODF
Ryan Miller, Sr. Policy Analyst, ODF
Jamie Paul, Sr. Policy Analyst, ODF
Derek Gasperini, Public Affairs Officer, ODF
Gina Miner, Assistant to the Area Director (EOA), ODF
Robert Lefebvre, Assistant Area Director (NWOA), ODF
Tyler Ramos, Assistant to the Area Director (SOA), ODF
Rob Pentzer, District Forester (COD), ODF
Justin Lauer, District Forester (NEO), ODF
Tyler McCarty, District Manager, CFPA
Nils Storksen, Deputy District Manager, CFPA
Dominique Ray, Business Manager, CFPA
Pat Skrip, District Manager, DFPA
Jerilee Johnson, Area Accountant, ODF
Kelsey Ramos, Direct Bill Coordinator, ODF
Deanna Drinkwater, Incident Business Advisor, ODF
Suzanne Como, District Business Manager, ODF
Megan Frizzell, Administrative Specialist, ODF
Kiel Nairns, Cost Recovery Specialist, ODF
Aaron Whiteley, Central Unit Forester, DFPA
Sione Filimoehala, Policy & Budget Analyst, DAS
Mike Cafferata
Randy Hereford, Starker Forests
Peggy Lynch, Oregon League of Women Voters

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Chair Garrelts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Garrelts verified that all committee members were present and all attendees identified. Committee members received meeting materials in advance and are available on the Department of Forestry's website. He added that any additional documents provided at the meeting will be posted to the website as soon as possible following the meeting.

ITEM 2: Approval of the Minutes of January 6, 2026, Meeting

Chair Garrelts asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, EFCC meeting. Committee member Bobby Corey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, EFCC meeting. Committee member John Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3: Harvest Tax Allocation for FY27 District Budgets

Chair Garrelts explained that the committee made several important decisions at its January meeting related to the allocation of Oregon Forestland Protection Fund (OFLPF) dollars to fiscal year 2027 (FY27) district budgets but deferred its decision on the allocation methodology for calendar year 2025 harvest tax revenue to be distributed for FY27 district budgets to today's meeting. Chair Garrelts said this decision was deferred because committee members had several questions and more information was needed on other options for allocating these funds. He noted that this decision is for the interim and is limited to FY27 budgets only. He said the OFLPF disbursements workgroup will be developing longer term concepts for the committee's consideration that will help determine what is and is not an appropriate proxy for distributing the harvest tax.

Chair Garrelts said that, after researching the option of using harvest volumes by district, the data is not readily available but may be an option in the future. He said using protected acres by district is, in his opinion, the best option for the interim. Committee member Eric Kranzush agreed with Chair Garrelts and stated that without viable, defensible data it is difficult to make a recommendation on alternative options.

Committee member Kranzush made a motion to approve, for fiscal year 2027 district budgets only, the distribution of available harvest tax revenue from calendar year 2025 consistent with the protected forested acres within each district. Committee member Bobby Corey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM 4: Weather Update

Teresa Alcock (TzA) provided an update on current and projected weather conditions for the state. She noted that the past November through January had some of the warmest temperatures ever experienced in the West with temperatures around seven degrees above average and, despite atmospheric river activity, precipitation has been below normal for the winter. In addition, she said the snowpack is far below what it should be, but noted that in 2025, the state received more snow during the later part of winter, which is encouraging.

TzA stated that predicted drought conditions have also changed, over the next couple of months, showing drought is likely to persist for much of the West. TzA said El Nino conditions are expected throughout the summer, which can mean warmer and drier weather.

ITEM 5: Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF) FY25 Ending Balance

Lorna Hobbs, EFCC Finance Coordinator, provided a report on the OFLPF ending balance for fiscal year 2025 (FY25):

The beginning balance on July 1, 2024 was \$10,811,138.

Revenues for FY25 included:

- Total assessment revenue received totaled \$9,212,781.
- Harvest tax revenues totaled \$1,885,682.
- Interest received totaled \$308,742.
- \$1,125,225 was transferred in for monies owed back to the fund as a result of reconciliations for previous fiscal years.

Total revenue received for FY25 was \$11,407,205 and adding in the money from the reconciliations, total revenue was \$12,532,430.

Expenditures for FY25 included:

- Monies owed back to the large fire fund as a result of previous fiscal year reconciliations, which totaled \$593,992.
- FY25 payroll and operating expenses equaled \$167,032. \$165,000 was transferred out of the fund, but wasn't processed until after July 1, 2025, the start of the 2026 fiscal year, and is reflected on the report for fiscal year 2026. An additional transfer for the remaining \$2,032 still needs to be made.
- \$3,000,000 was transferred for fire season 2024 severity costs.

2024 fire season draft district claims have an estimated net claim total of \$134,759,308 dollars and \$10 million was transferred for fire season 2024 emergency fire costs.

FY25 expenditures totaled \$13 million, which doesn't include the \$167,032.00 for the payroll and operating costs. Expenditures, including the previous fiscal year, reconciliations totaled \$13,593,992.00, leaving an ending fund balance of \$9,749,577.

ITEM 6: Current Financial Status of the OFLPF

Lorna Hobbs, EFCC Finance Coordinator, provided a report on the status of the OFLPF for fiscal year 2026 (FY26), including actual revenues and expenditures through January 31, 2026, and projected revenues and expenditures through the end of the fiscal year. She noted that the format of the report was updated to reflect the changes resulting from HB 3940.

The beginning balance on July 1, 2025 was \$9,749,577.

Revenues for FY26 include:

- Estimated assessment revenue for FY26 is \$13,632,512. These assessments reflect a 97% collection rate. Actual assessment revenues received as of January 31st, equal \$12,302,418. This includes some acreage assessment revenue that was received before November 1, 2025, which was the effective date when those revenues no longer flowed into the fund.
- Harvest tax revenues for FY26 are estimated at \$2,328,079, with \$965,491.00 received as of January 31st. This includes the first two of four quarterly payments for the fiscal year.
- \$36,737 in interest for FY25 was received after July 1, 2025. Total revenue from interest on the account for FY26 is estimated at \$786,762.00 and \$302,226 was received as of January 31st. The interest rate at the beginning of the fiscal year was 4.6% and has since decreased to the current rate of 4.0%.

Total estimated revenues for FY26 are \$16,747,353, with \$13,570,135 received as of January 31st. Total actual revenues received, including the interest from FY25 equals \$13,606,872.

Expenditures for FY26 include:

- \$167,032 for FY25 payroll and operating expenses.
- \$185,000 estimated for FY26 payroll and operating costs.
- \$13,632,512.00 of minimum and improved lot assessment revenue, calculated at the 97% collection rate, available for transfer for FY27 district budgets that the committee approved at its January 6th meeting.
- \$1,164,015.00 of harvest tax revenue that is available for transfer for FY27 district budgets. This is the \$332,968 remaining from the \$13.5 million cap from FY25, plus \$830,047 in revenue for quarters three and four of calendar year 2025. The fourth quarter payment of \$350,713 was received in February. However, it was \$130,600 less than the estimated amount presented to the committee in January.
- Adding the assessment revenue and harvest text revenue brings the amount for transfer for FY27 district budgets to \$14,796,527.

Total expenditures for FY26 are estimated at \$14,981,527. Actual expenditures, including the transfer of FY25 operating expenses as of January 31st total \$165,000.

The current fund balance as of January 31, 2026, is \$23,191,448 with an estimated ending balance on June 30, 2026, of \$11,515,403.

Chair Garrelts asked what the primary driver was for the difference between the estimated and actual assessment amounts. Committee Administrator Nancy Hirsch explained that the actual revenues on the report are through January 31st and that, while about 90% of the revenue are received between November and February, there will be more revenue received before the end of the fiscal year, which will bring the actual amount closer to the estimated amount.

Committee member John Davis asked if the harvest tax revenue estimates were based on a long-term average. Ms. Hobbs responded that the data is projected by ODF staff.

ITEM 7: Status Reports on EFCC Work Groups

Chair Garrelts explained that the implementation of House Bill 3940 (HB 3940) created a fair amount of work for the committee and, to help develop the rules and policies that are directed in statute, several work groups were created. He stated that to date, two work groups have begun meeting and working in partnership with ODF to develop some proposals that will be brought back to the committee for discussion and eventually make some decisions. The two work groups that have met are the Unencumbered Balance Workgroup and the OFLPP Disbursements Work Group. Chair Garrelts asked for updates from representatives of the two workgroups.

Committee member Eric Kranzush, representing the OFLPP Disbursements Work Group, reported that they have met twice and have had very productive meetings with a lot of material to unpack. He thanked Michael Curran, Levi Hopkins and Ryan Miller for their support to the work group. He added that the framework that was established for these meetings set a good trajectory for where the committee wants to go. He noted that the group is making good progress but there wasn't anymore to report on at this time.

Committee member John Davis provided the update for the Unencumbered Balance Work Group. He said they had their first meeting in February and made good progress given the prior history of the topic. He added that there has been good discussion and there is alignment with ODF leaders and subject matter experts. Committee member Davis added that the work group is focused on determining the unencumbered balance at a time when accounting reports on actual revenues and expenditures are available to eliminate the use of estimates. He said the group will have more to report to the committee in the future.

ITEM 8: Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report

Nancy Hirsch, EFCC Committee Administrator, provided the FY25 Audit Report. She noted that the report was slightly delayed from January because of work priorities associated with HB 3940.

Administrator Hirsch said the report summarizes the findings of the EFCC's FY25 audits, essentially the 2024 fire season, and provided a brief overview of the report. She said EFCC staff conducted FY25 audits in coordination with Department of Forestry Area Accountants and Protection Finance Unit staff. Additional assistance was also provided from one district business manager. Additional attendees at the audits included EFCC members, district foresters and managers, office and business managers, as well as various unit foresters and other district staff employees. The audits were a hybrid of in-person and virtual attendance.

During FY25, total extra costs were estimated at \$309,664,207. After reductions were made for district deductibles and fire cost recoveries, the total estimated claim to the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund and General Fund is \$129,013,931.

The focus of each audit can be separated into two parts:

- First, all equipment and aircraft charges are reviewed for conformity to preset schedules and appropriateness.
- Second, fire line payroll records are reviewed and compared to the Oregon State Payroll System (OSPS) records and fire line equipment records are reviewed and compared to ODF billing for equipment rentals for accuracy.

All costs are reviewed for conformity to FEMA eligibility when applicable, and fire costs recovery responsibilities.

Audit results for FY25 included:

The statewide total for reversals of charges from emergency fire cost eligibility back to the district was \$378,318. Recurring issues related to ineligible employees, unpaid helicopter deductibles and missing documentation. An additional \$382,272 in severity costs was also corrected from emergency fire to FEMA eligible costs.

All districts except for North Cascade and West Oregon had claims for FY25. Audits were held during the spring of April and May of 2025. There were eleven (11) FEMA eligible fires during fire season 2024 occurring in four (4) districts. These fires were audited separately, led by ODF's FEMA coordinator, in which every file is audited. Payroll and contracted resources were audited separately and EFCC staff participated in the payroll audits and performed separate audits of contracted resources.

Administrator Hirsch provided an excerpt from the Department of Forestry's Protection Division annual report:

"With an early start to the peak season, multiple communities impacted, and 1.9 million acres burned across the state, the 2024 Fire Season will go down as a record-breaking and memorable year.

There were 1,003 fires on ODF-protected lands resulting in 314,181 acres burned. ODF Type 1 Incident Management Teams (IMT) were mobilized eleven (11) times to wildfires this year. The assignments were to the following incidents:

- Salt Creek Fire
- Larch Creek Fire
- Dixon Fire
- Boneyard & Court Rock Fires
- Battle Mountain Complex
- Lane 1 Fire
- Shoe Fly Fire
- Fossil Complex (two deployments)
- Winding Water Complex

Statewide, regardless of jurisdiction, there were 1,956 fires that burned 1,937,512 acres. Due to the agency's aggressive approach to initial attack to preserve natural resources, protect communities, and increase firefighter safety, many fire starts that happened this year were never heard about. Overall, the department put out 93 percent of fires on ODF-protected land at 10 acres or fewer this year."

Administrator Hirsch stated that, while obviously a costly fire season, the adherence to fiscal responsibility was proven by all those involved with tracking the finances. She congratulated all staff involved with the finances from stem to stern for a very successful audit. She added that EFCC members that were able to attend the audits saw the due diligence and professionalism from staff across all districts and the associations.

Administrator Hirsch discussed the operational breakout discussions, that were part of the audits, to talk about successful fire stops, status of strategic investment projects and human caused fires. She said there are several fires highlighted in the report and encouraged everyone to take the time to review them.

Lastly, Administrator Hirsch recommended that, pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule 629-165-0310, which was in effect during FY25, the EFCC approve the audits of fires that burned in FY25.

Committee member Kathryn VanNatta made a motion to approve the FY25 audit report as presented. Committee member John Davis seconded the motion. The FY25 audit report was approved unanimously.

Chair Garrelts expressed his gratitude to staff for completing these important audits and the value they have to ensure that public dollars are used for good outcomes. He said he also appreciates the

great effort by ODF and Association staff in keeping so many fires small despite a very challenging season.

ITEM 9: Agency | Administrative Branch Report

Protection Finance Unit Manager Tracy Wrolson provided the Administrative Branch report on behalf of James Short, Chief Financial Officer for ODF:

1. Cash Position Stabilized Post-Fire Season

As of late February, the Forestry Cash Account balance is approximately \$41.6 million, with \$8.9 million remaining in the Protection General Fund appropriation. With fire season costs paid and county revenues received, cash flow has stabilized as the agency transitions from winter to spring operations and prepares for the 2026 season.

2. Accounts Payable Trending Down; Vendor Aging Steady

Department-wide expenditures have decreased following peak fire activity. Vendor accounts are averaging close to 45 days, reflecting continued prioritization of timely payments while managing post-season reconciliation.

3. Strong Invoicing Activity; Fire Cost Reconciliation Ongoing

In Q3 FY26, ODF invoiced \$31.2 million and collected \$38.2 million. Outstanding fire-related estimated assets total roughly \$129 million, with liabilities of about \$35 million, reflecting ongoing cost-share reconciliation with federal partners and cooperative agreements.

4. FEMA Reimbursements Continue; Multi-Year Timeline

Outstanding FEMA FMAG/PA balances total approximately \$92.4 million. The agency is on pace to submit remaining 2024 fire season claims by the end of February 2026. Reimbursements continue to be a multi-year process, requiring audit and compliance review before final payment.

5. 2025 Fire Season Financial Impact Managed Through Legislative Action – HB 5204

The 2025 fire season generated \$129.9 million in gross suppression costs.

- \$57.3 million General Fund (GF) for large fire costs
- \$12.2 million GF for severity resources
- \$73.6 million Other Funds spending limitation
- And \$11.6 million GF for centralized administration costs, which is needed after HB 3940 removed those costs from being eligible for reimbursement from the Large Wildfire Fund.

ITEM 10: Protection Division Report

Michael Curran, Protection Division Chief, provided information on the legislative session. He discussed the state's revenue shortfall, which has decreased slightly due to agency reductions identified by all state agencies and by disconnecting some of the state's tax policy from new federal policies. He noted the agency identified two (2) items for reductions: 1) \$2 million of \$4 million available for installation of new detection cameras; and 2) \$6 million of Landscape Resiliency Program (LRP) funds. Chief Curran also discussed HB 5204 and the importance of obtaining the funding for large fire costs, severity resources and centralized services.

Ryan Miller, Senior Policy Analyst, provided an overview of two (2) bills, SB 1540 and HB 4121. He said the agency is closely tracking SB 1540 which would require the Oregon State Fire Marshall, in coordination with ODF, to establish a public facing database to collect mitigation efforts by the public. He said the intent of the bill is to provide a platform for landowners to submit information on mitigation work they complete that could be considered by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), and potentially insurers, to provide rate reductions on insurance policies for homeowners. Mr. Miller said there are several concerns related to the bill and there seems to be agreement that more work is needed before moving the concept forward.

The other bill Mr. Miller discussed was HB 4121, also known as the Spartacus Bill. He said an amendment was dropped that removed most of the language related to emergency preparedness functions and a work session was held in the Ways and Means Subcommittee. He added that it does not appear to have the support it needs to move forward.

Chief Curran continued with the Protection Division report. He discussed the status of strategic investment projects and noted that updates are needed on some of the progress reports. He said they will be reaching out to get those updates and will send the information out to the committee once received.

Chief Curran discussed the new Large Wildfire Fund (LWFF) eligibility requirements that were finalized at the beginning of the year. He said the requirements are based on the previously updated EFCC eligibility requirements and were expanded to include all costs related to suppression to keep readiness costs and suppression costs separate for more accurate budgeting. He noted that the Department will review the eligibility requirements annually and will look for opportunities to engage the EFCC in that review.

Chief Curran reported on the status of the Western Oregon Operating Plan (WOOP) agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He said the agreement is a 2-year agreement with the option to extend annually for up to five years. The second year of the agreement will end on June 30, 2026, and there is preliminary agreement to extend it for one more year. He said a decision is still needed on whether the BLM or the new US Wildland Fire Service will be party to the agreement.

Chief Curran's last report was an update on the Geoboard. He said it was currently in transition. He said the group created a succession management plan for ODF's incident management teams, as well as an IMT policy and manual. With that work now complete, the Geoboard will be identifying its next area(s) to focus on.

Chair Garrelts commented on the importance of ODF's incident management teams and said he appreciated the work done to implement a plan for succession management.

Chief Curran also announced that Kacey KC, ODF's new State Forester, started at the beginning of the month. Chief Curran said he will be working with her staff to have her attend a future EFCC meeting.

ITEM 11: Administrator Report

Committee Administrator Nancy Hirsch provided an update on the remaining three EFCC workgroups that have not met yet: 1) Reviewing Large Fire Costs, 2) Reviewing District Budgets and 3) Administration of the OFLPPF. She said she will be reaching out to committee members and ODF staff to get the first meetings of the Reviewing Large Fire Costs and Reviewing District Budgets workgroups scheduled and will hold off scheduling a meeting for the Administration of the OFLPPF workgroup for now. Administrator Hirsch noted that these are collaborative workgroups with ODF, leadership and staff subject matter experts and that the first meetings provide foundational background information needed to get started. She said the workgroups will be meeting throughout the summer.

Kyle Williams, Deputy Director of Fire Operations, provided some comments to the committee. First, he thanked the members, as volunteers, for their continued work on new rules and engagement. He said he appreciated the thoughtful work being done on behalf of Oregonians in the system.

He also noted that the reconciliation bill pending in the legislature that addresses the shortfall of funds for centralized administrative costs that resulted from HB 3940 is still working its way through the process.

ITEM: 12 Public Comment / Good of the Order

There was no public comment provided at the meeting. Chair Garrelts adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

*Minutes drafted by: Lorna Hobbs
Minutes reviewed by: Nancy Hirsch*

Emergency Fire Cost Committee - Oregon Forestland Protection Fund
FY26 Actual and Estimated Account Balance
As of April 30, 2026

BEGINNING BALANCE (on 7/1/25)	\$9,749,577
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REVENUE/TRANSFERS IN	Previous FY Revenue	Estimated FY26 Revenue	Actual FY26 Revenue
Landowner Assessments & Surcharges:			
BOF		\$0	\$116
Acreage 97% collection rate		\$0	\$68,948
Minimums 97% collection rate		\$3,803,215	\$3,608,970
Improved Lots 97% collection rate		\$9,829,297	\$9,482,570
1 Total Assessments from above		\$13,632,512	\$13,160,604
2 Harvest Taxes		\$2,328,079	\$1,316,204
3 Interest Income	\$36,737	\$735,958	\$536,536
REVENUE TOTALS	\$36,737	\$16,696,549	\$15,013,344
ACTUAL REVENUES			\$15,050,081

EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS OUT	Previous FY Expense	Estimated FY26 Expense	Actual FY26 Expense
1 FY25 Payroll & Operating Expense	(\$165,000)	\$0	\$0
2 FY26 Payroll & Operating Expense		(\$175,000)	\$0
3 FY26 Minimum & Improved Lot Surcharge Revenue Available for Distribution to FY27 District Budgets		(\$13,632,512)	\$0
4 Actual CY25 Harvest Tax Revenue Available for Distribution to FY27 District Budgets		(\$1,164,015)	\$0
EXPENDITURE TOTALS	(\$165,000)	(\$14,971,527)	\$0
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES			(\$165,000)

CURRENT FUND BALANCE	\$24,634,657
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ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE ON June 30, 2026	\$11,309,598
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Oregon Department of Forestry

2026 Fire Season Outlook

ODF Emergency Fire Cost Committee
June 2, 2026

Special thanks to
Meteorologists
Jon Bonk at NWCC-BIA
and Pete Parsons at ODF



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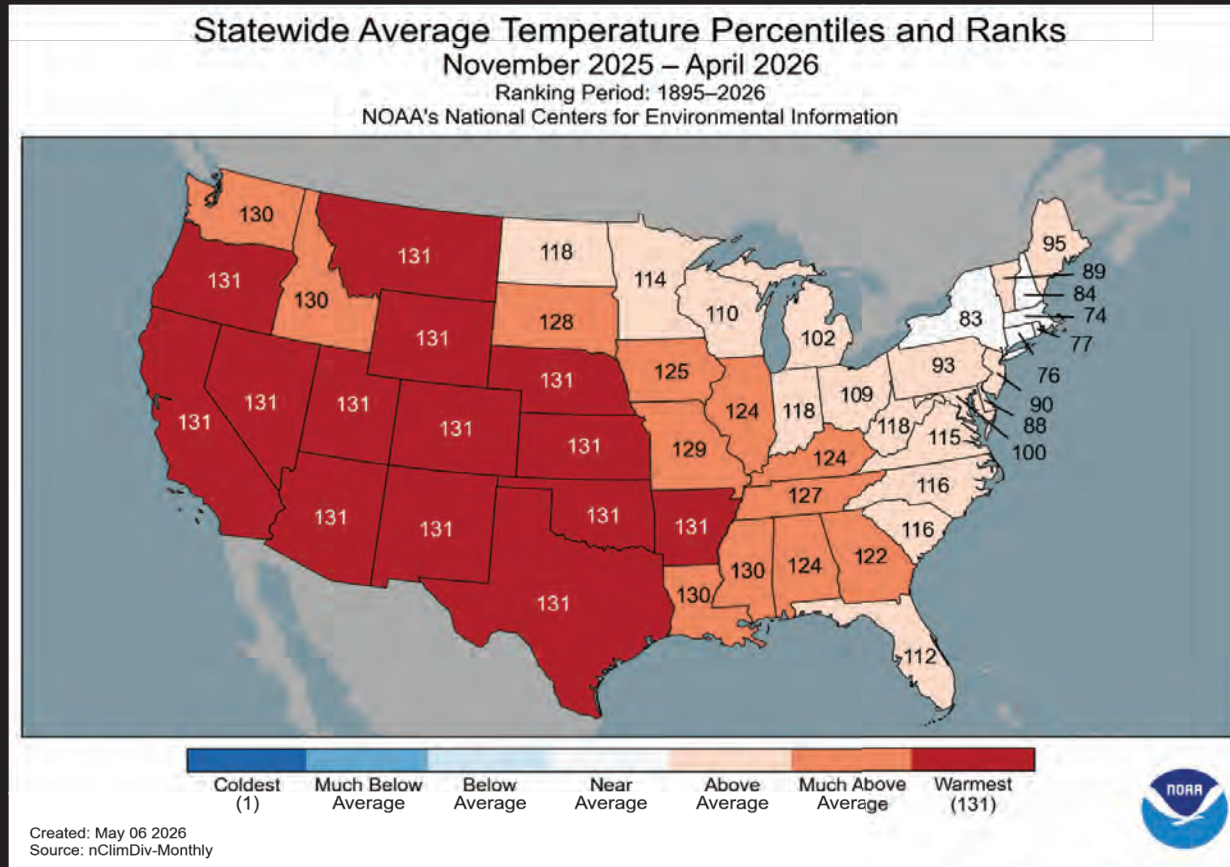
Neil Creek Road Fire, Grizzly Complex 2025

In this briefing

- setting the stage:
 - temperature, precipitation departures over winter & spring
 - snowpack, snow water equivalent
 - drought
 - ENSO influence
- ODF+ODA Pete Parsons' Forecast
- NWCC, BIA Jon Bonk's Outlook
 - comparison/analog years acres burned
- quick check NFDRS indices ERC, 1,000-hr fuel moistures
- National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
- USWFS special fire environment statement
- NOAA CPC forecasted temperatures, precipitation
- summary



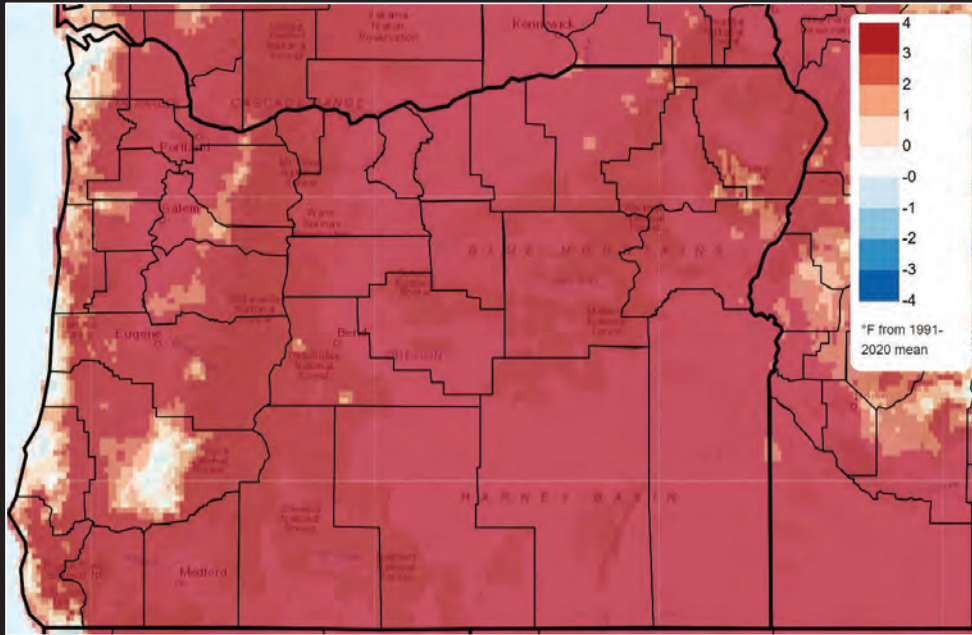
elevated temperatures over winter



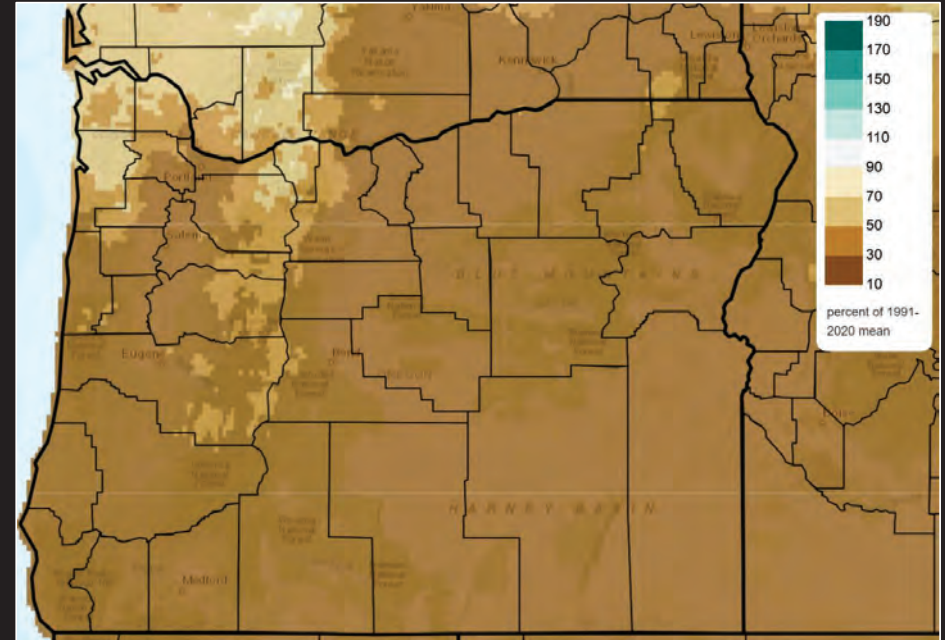
warmest temps on record Nov 2025-Apr 2026 for Oregon
ranks 131 out of 131 years (1895-2026)

CPC, Climate.Gov

temps, precip departures Apr-May



mean temperature anomaly °F



total precipitation anomaly %

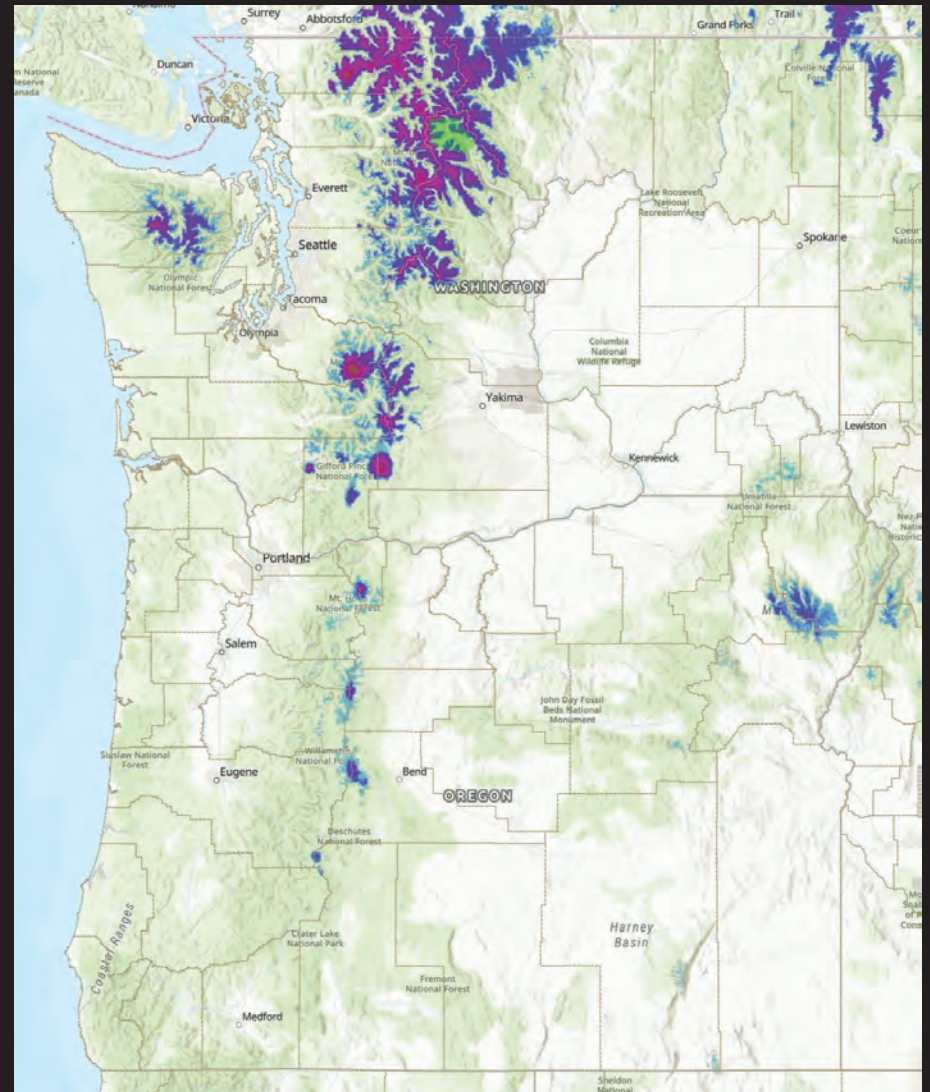
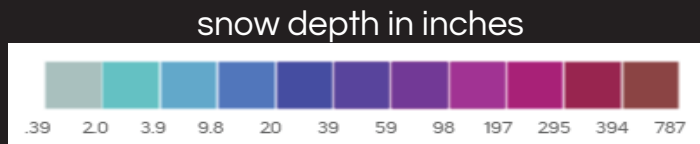
Apr-May 2026: ~3-7° above normal temperatures,
most areas <50% below normal precipitation

snow depth

Snow drought: snowpack levels across Oregon are 14% of normal. Oregon's annual average snowfall total is 194".

Deepest is at Mt. Hood: 18", only 15% of seasonal average of 81"

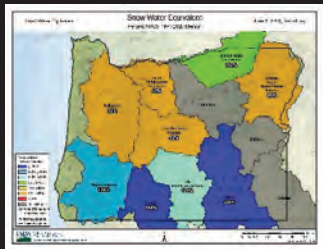
Jon Bonk at NWCC cautions that snowpack can indicate an earlier start to fire season (as it is this year), but not necessarily intensity



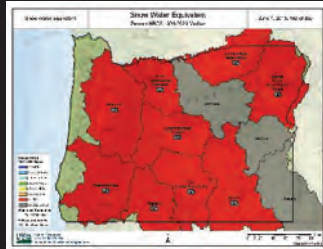
NOAA NWS NWPS, snoflo.org

snow water equivalent

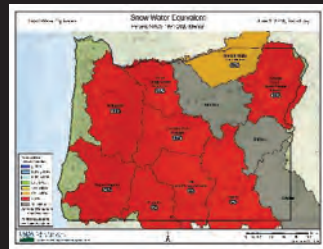
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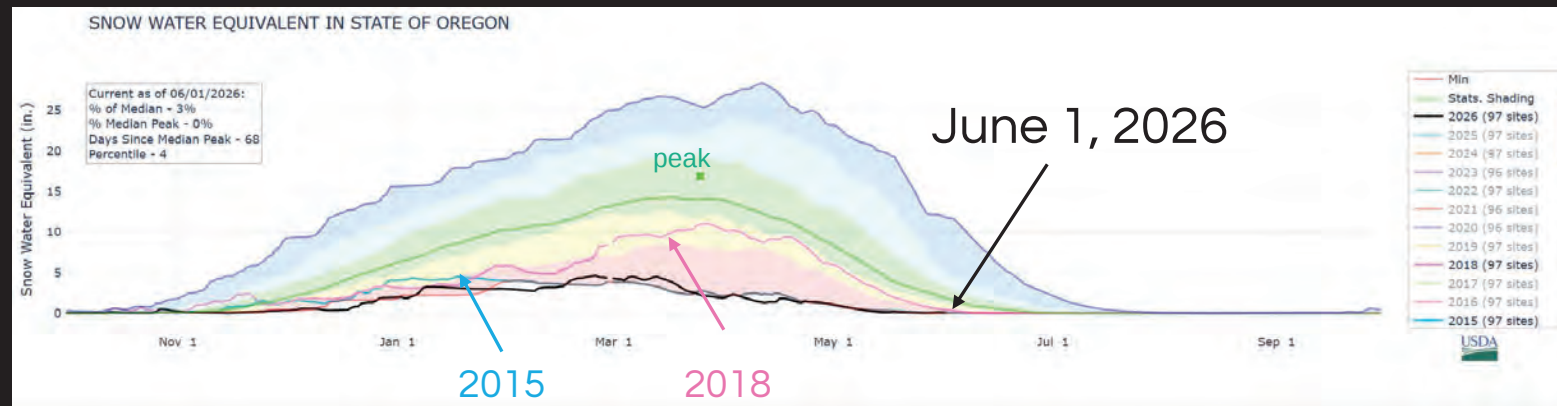
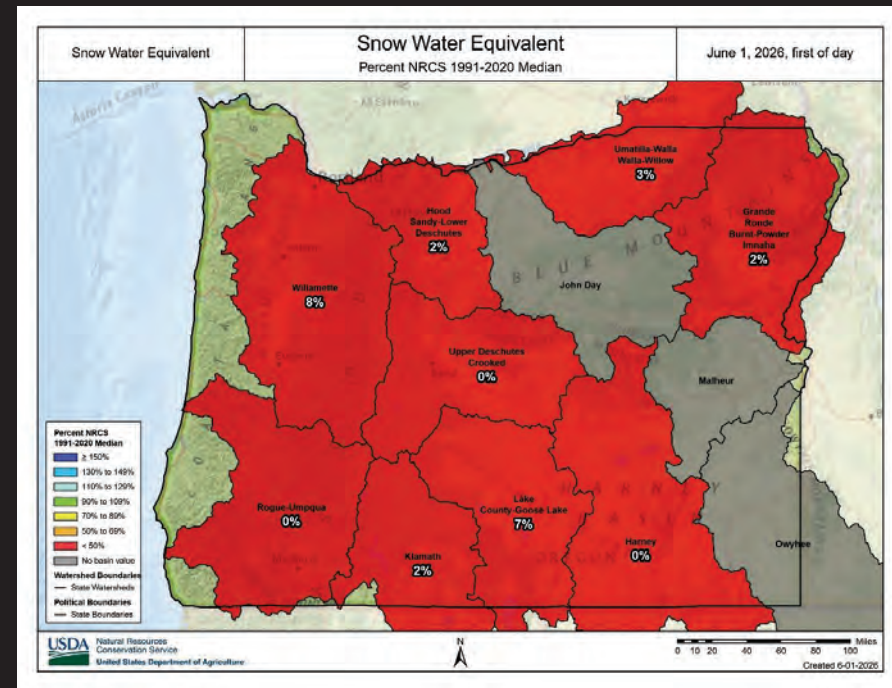
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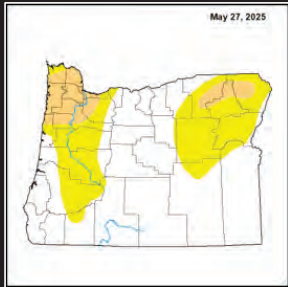
lowest SWE compared to the 1991-2020 median, along with early snow melt during a March heatwave centered on SW U.S., no real recovery in April



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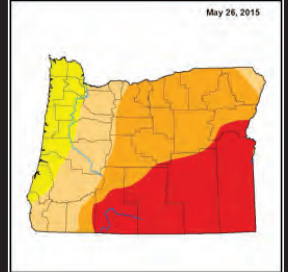
drought check

May 27, 2025

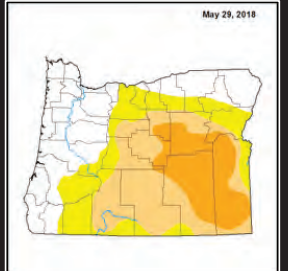


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47% D1
33% D2
3% D3

May 26, 2015

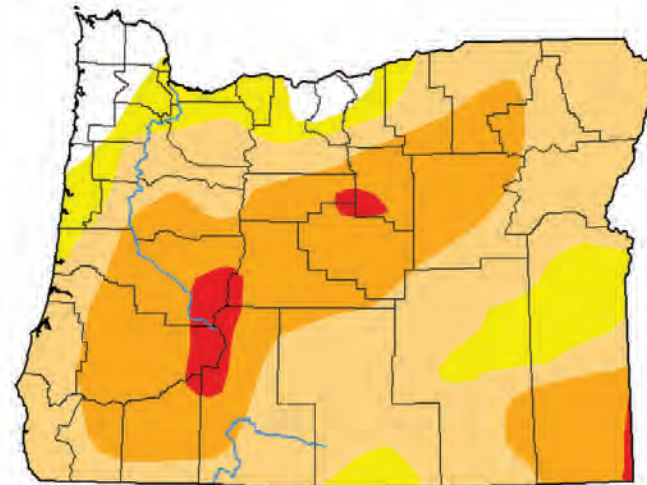


May 29, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

May 26, 2026
(Released Thursday, May 28, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

Author:

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NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



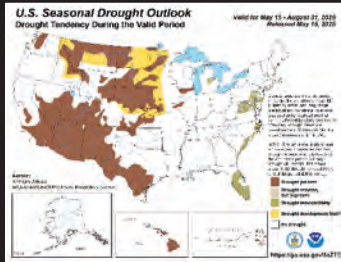
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declared in drought, 5 requested
(Malheur on May 27)

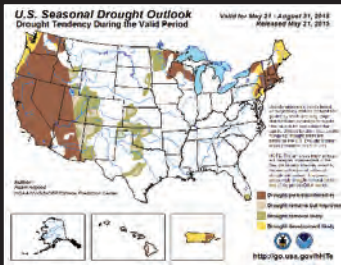
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drought outlook

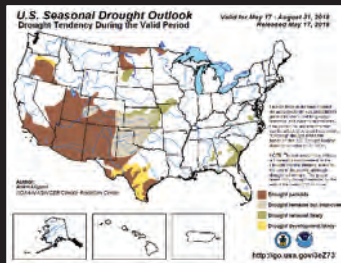
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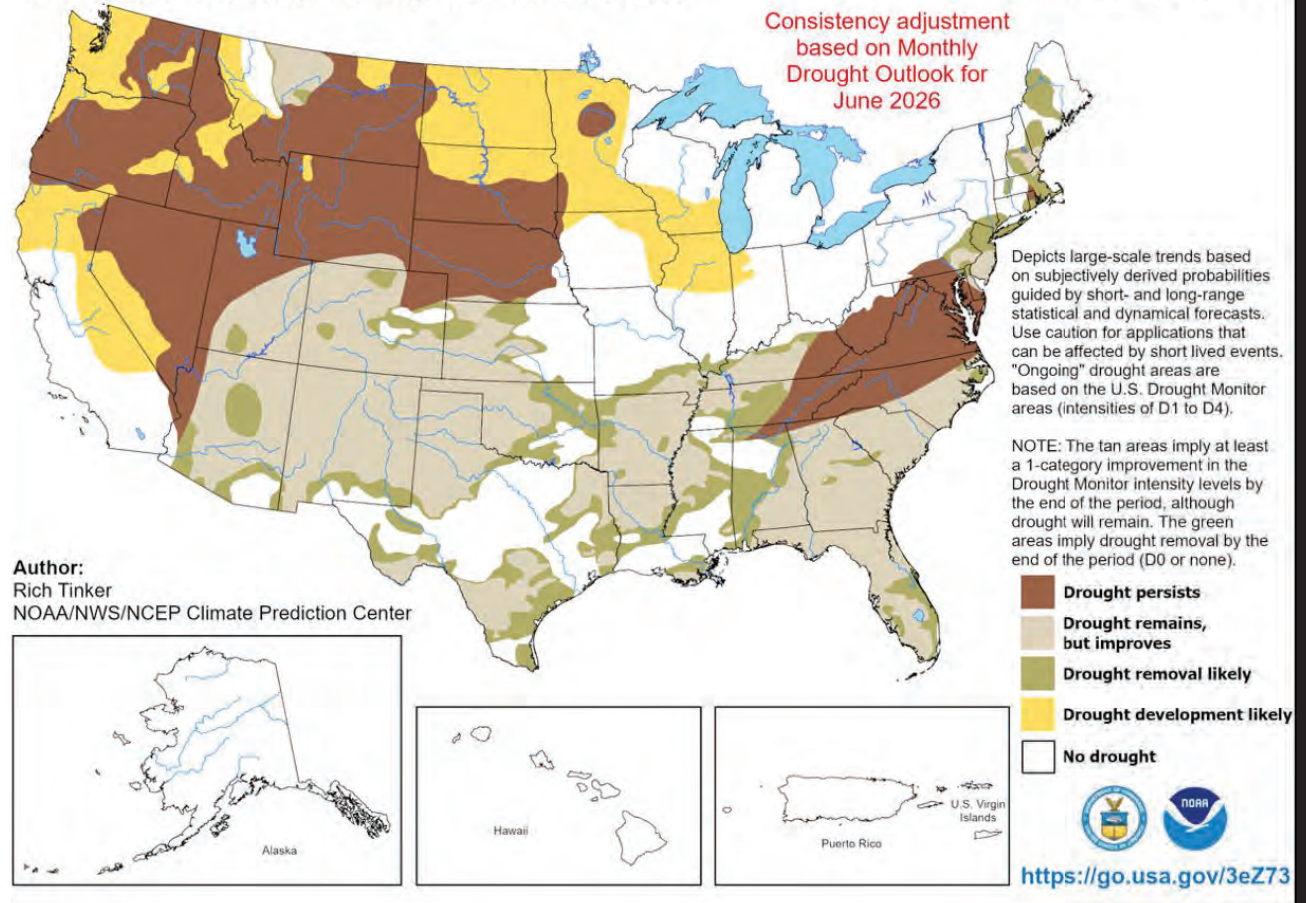


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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 1 - August 31, 2026
Released May 31, 2026



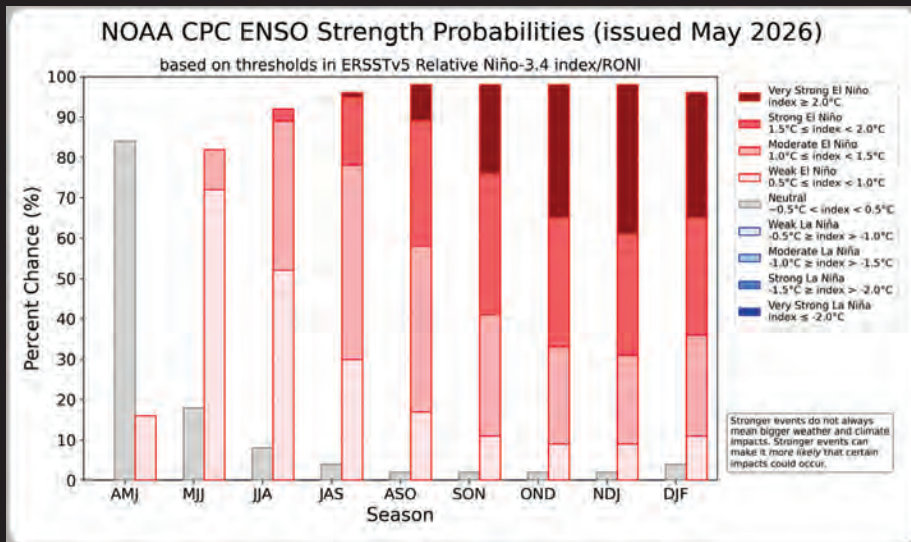
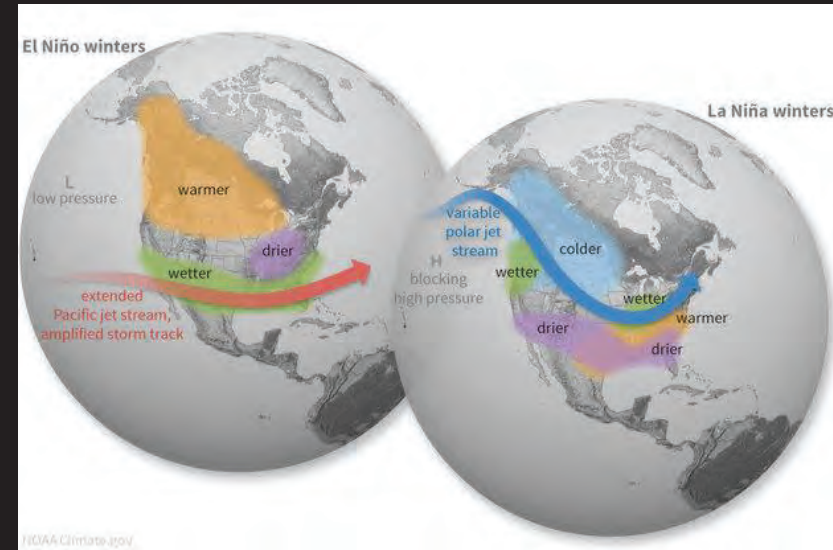
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influence of ENSO

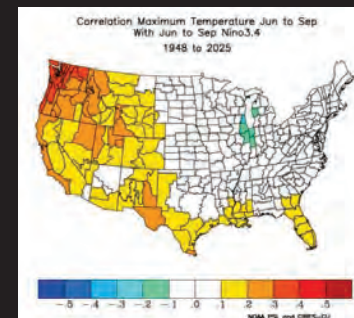
In the Northwest, El Niño tends to bring warmer and drier falls and winters with more rain than snow

Summer correlation 2026: warmer, with variable precipitation, potentially longer fire season

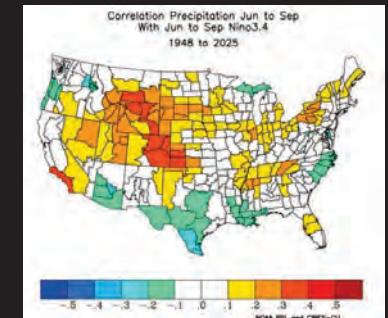
ENSO neutral conditions are present, 82% chance of El Niño May-July, to persist through 2026



correlation temps
Jun-Sep 2026



correlation precip
Jun-Sep 2026



Climate.Gov, NOAA PSL, NOAA NCEI, Jon Bonk NWCC-BIA

Pete Parsons' Seasonal Climate Forecast

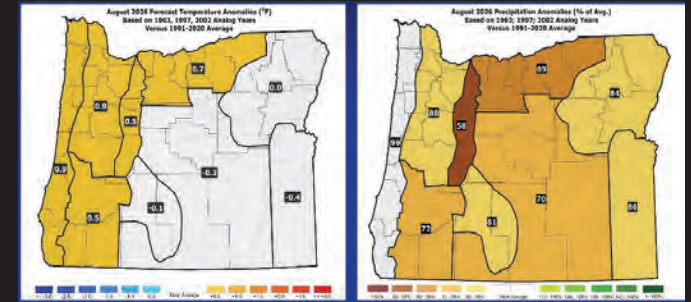
May 23, 2026

compares current conditions with analog years
with similar conditions in ENSO, PDO, snowfall,
drought, temps, & precip

analog years:

1963, 1997, 2002

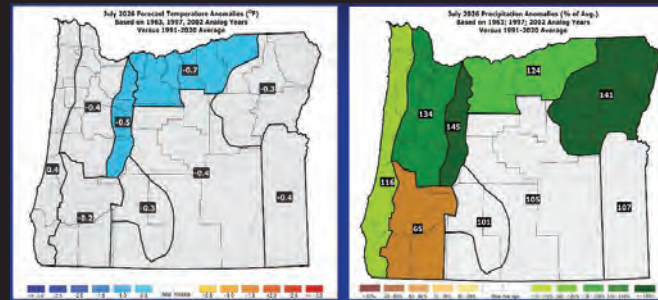
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temps

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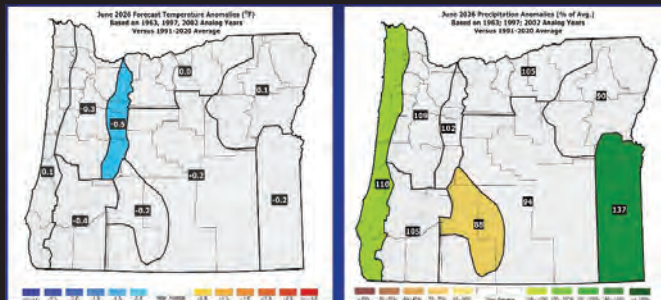
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temps

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June
2026



temps

precips

monthly forecast actually shows near average
conditions, differing from previous forecast in April
over the three months: near average with troughing
over Oregon, hotter weather chances in August

ODA+ODF, Pete Parsons

NWCC-BIA Jon Bonk's Outlook

May 4, 2026

compares current conditions with analog years with similar conditions in ENSO, snowpack, along with lightning and fire history

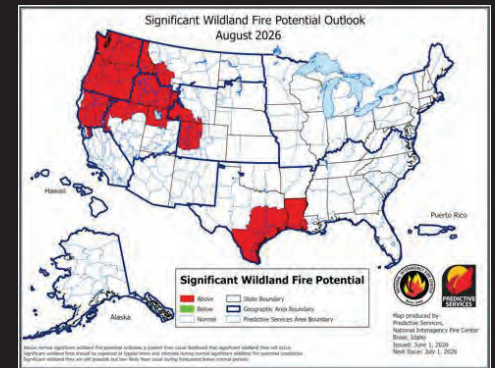
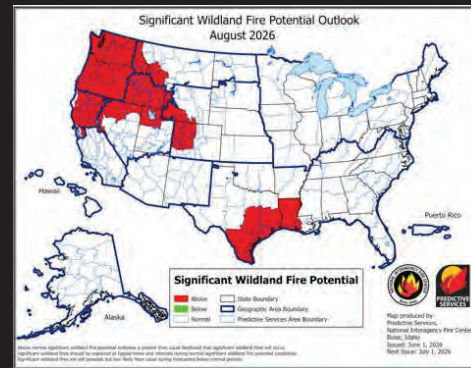
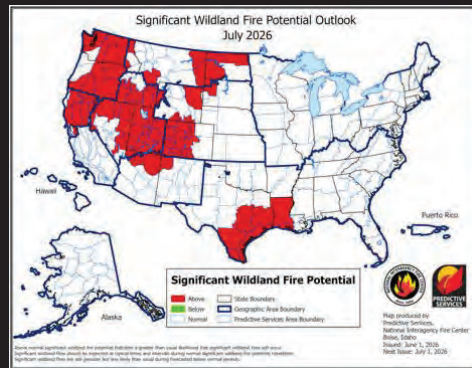
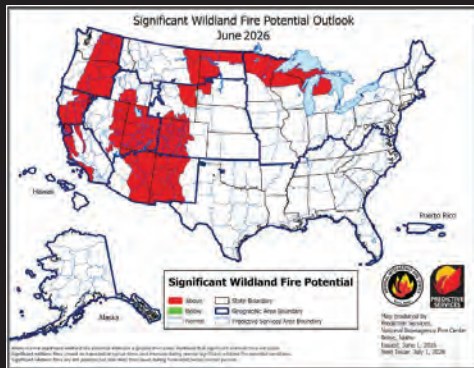
analog years:

2015, 2018 (favored)

2015 warmest and driest, very early season start, deep drought, more frequent thunderstorms, hottest summer on record

2018 warmer and drier but less extreme than 2015, less lightning

For both analog years, fire starts peaked in July, large fire growth continued into August



NWCC-BIA, Jon Bonk

comparison/analog years – acres burned

Pete Parsons:

1963: 6,985 (ODF)

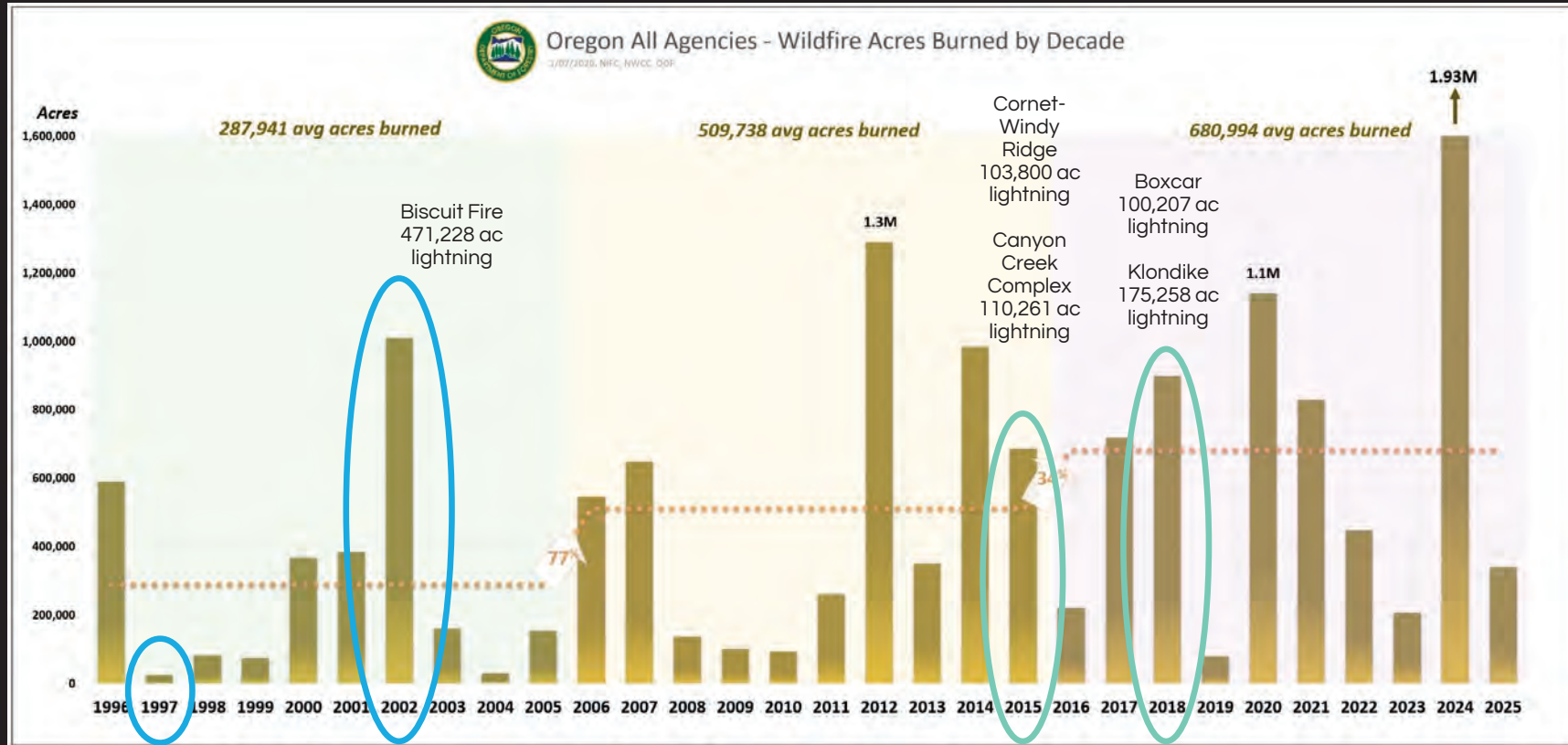
1997: 24,548

2002: 1,010,952

Jon Bonk:

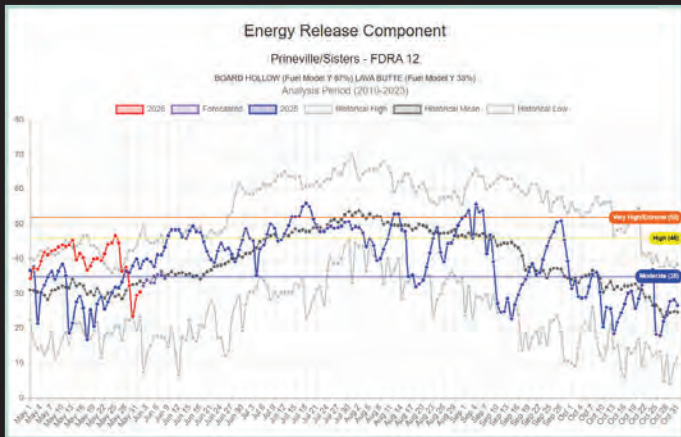
2015: 685,809

2018: 897,263

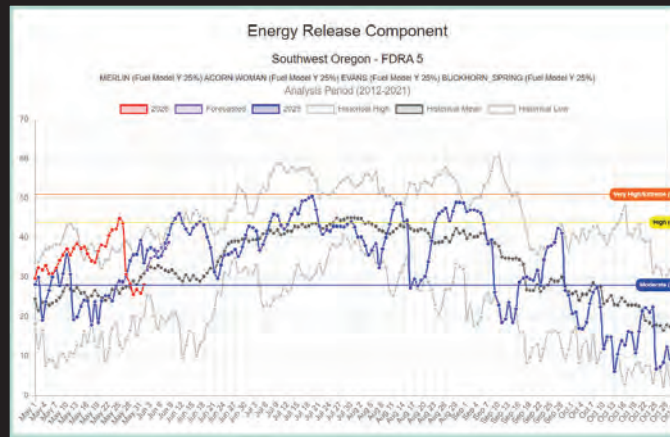


ODF TzA, NWCC, NIFC, Pete Parsons

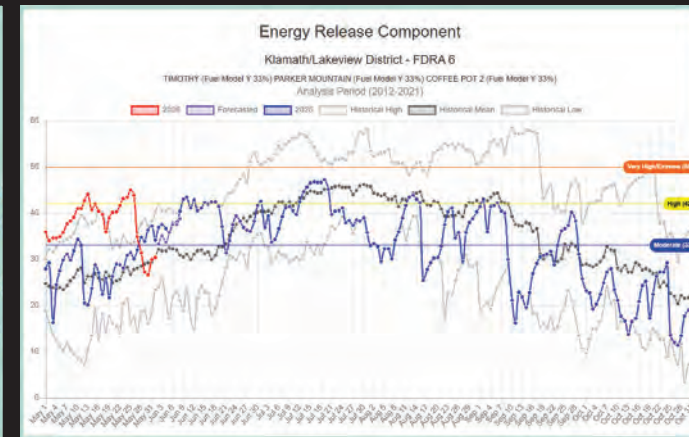
ODF significant fire potential - ERC



Central Oregon



SWO



Klamath-Lake

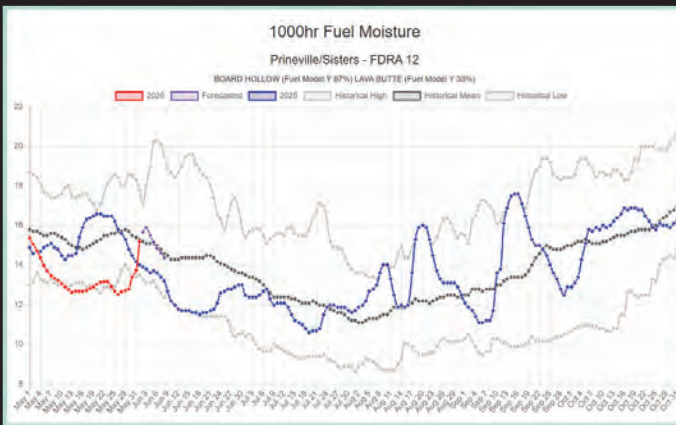
The potential for large costly fires in each District is shown as ERC thresholds from NFDRS, using a cost factor in addition to fire history and climatology.

Energy Release Component (ERC)

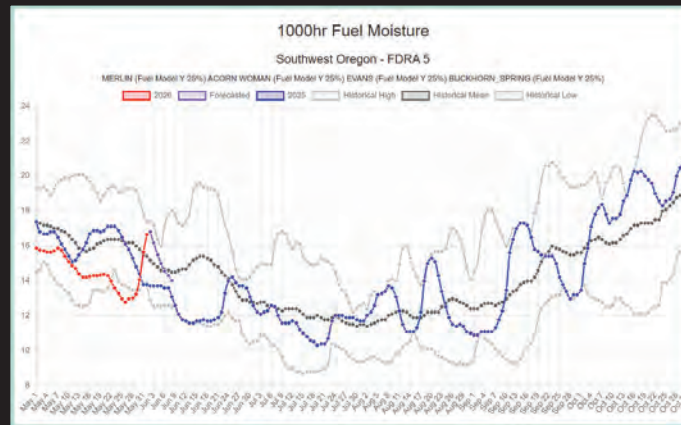
Related to available energy at the flaming front of a fire, weighted toward heavy dead fuels and tracks the influence of drought over the season

ODF, FEMS

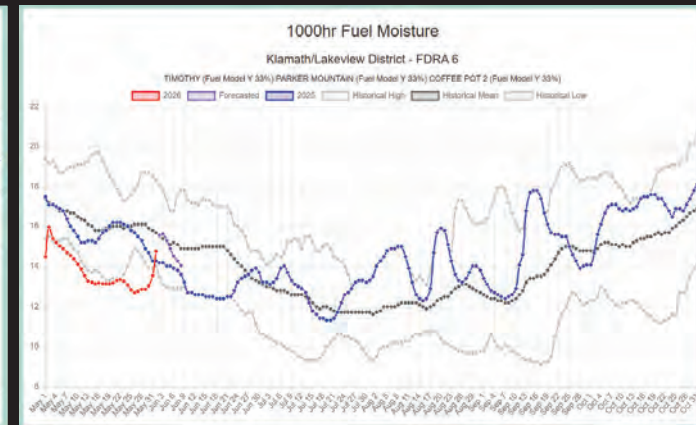
ODF significant fire potential – 1000-hr FM



Central Oregon



SWO



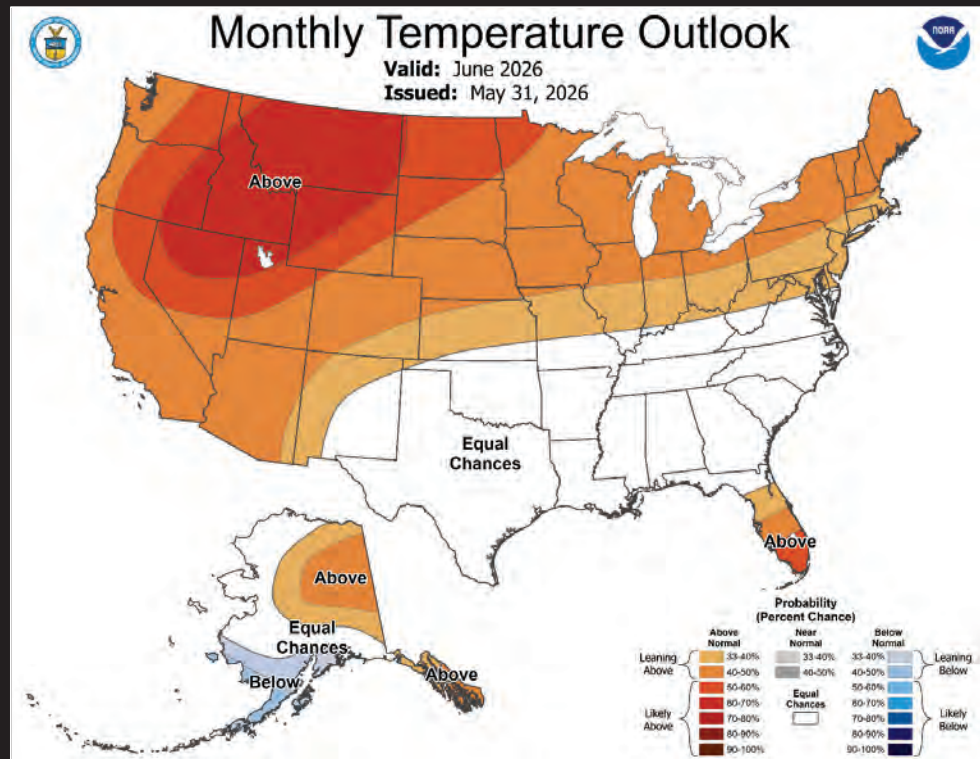
Klamath-Lake

1,000-Hr Fuels

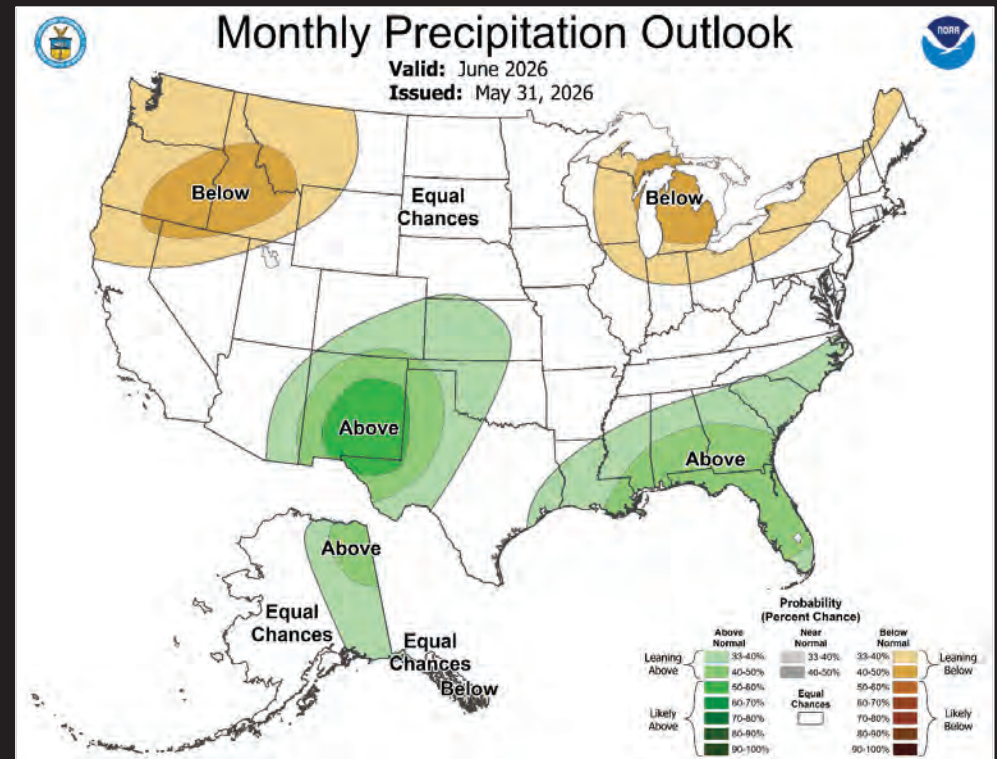
Dead roundwood 3–8" in diameter. These fuels are large, coarse, and change moisture content very slowly in response to weather, making them a good indicator of drought conditions and overall fire danger

ODF, FEMS

NOAA monthly outlook



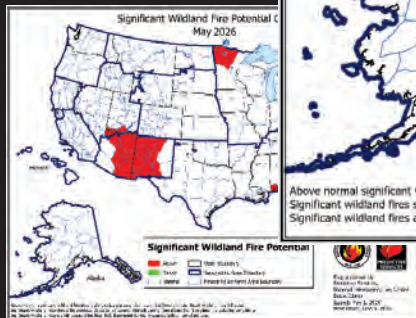
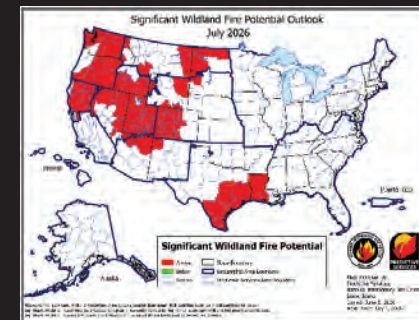
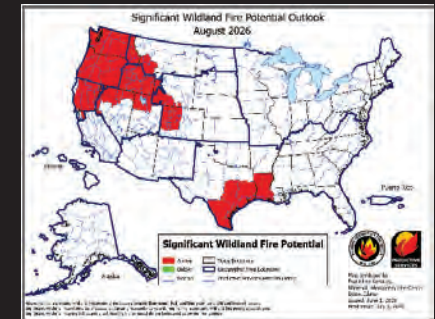
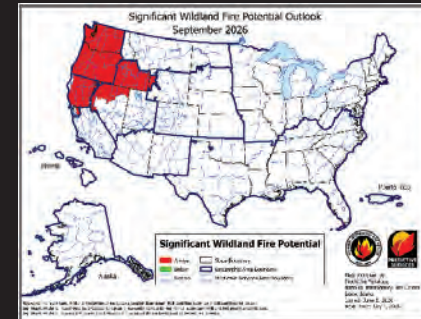
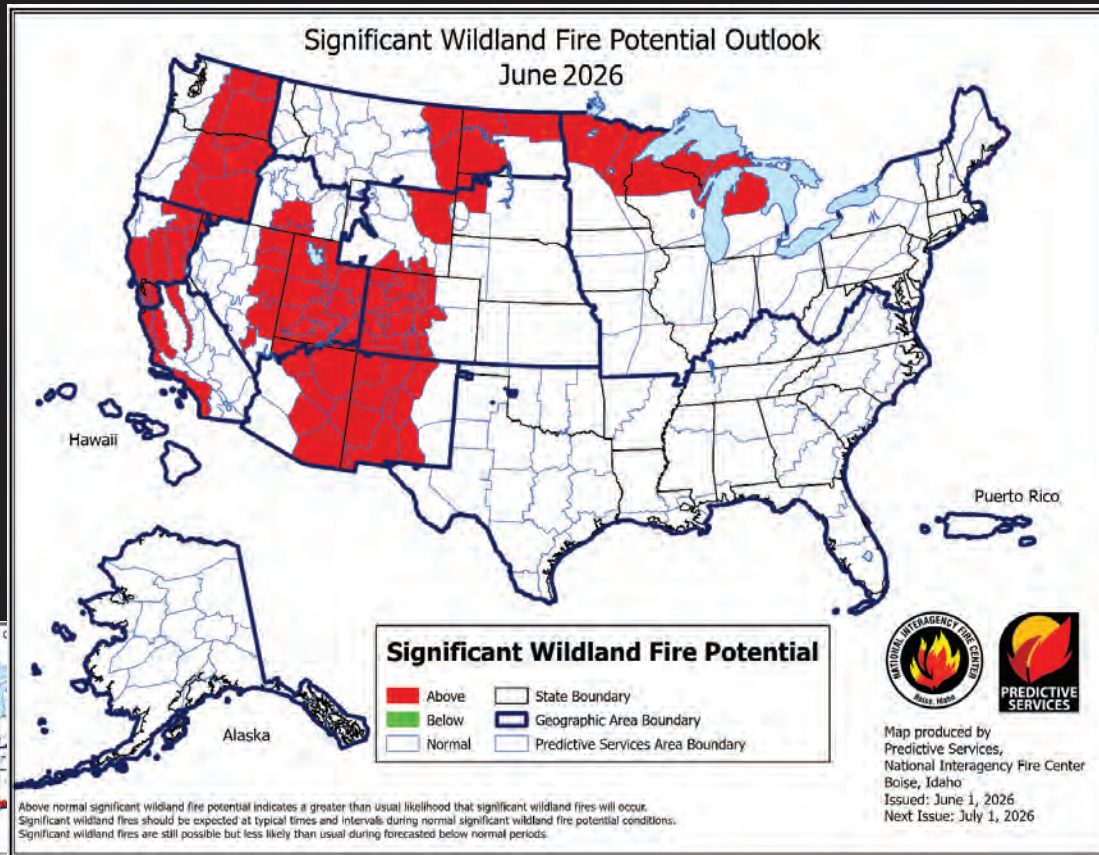
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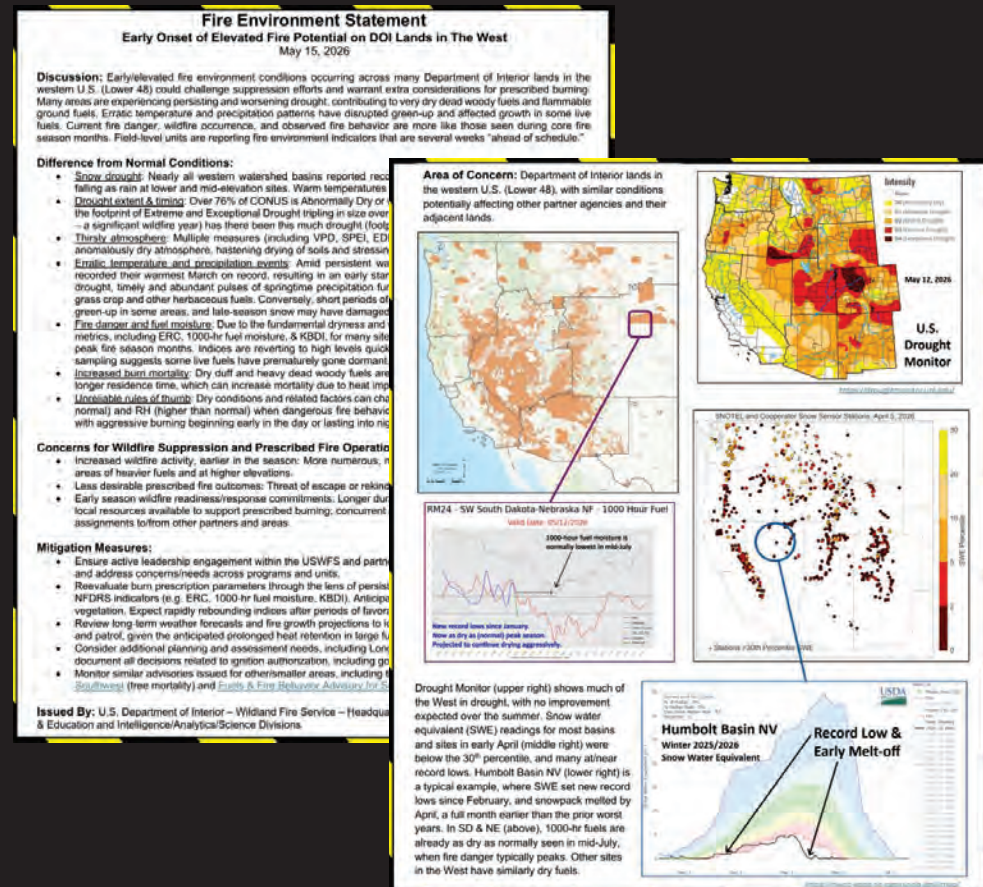
NOAA CPC

national significant wildland fire potential outlook

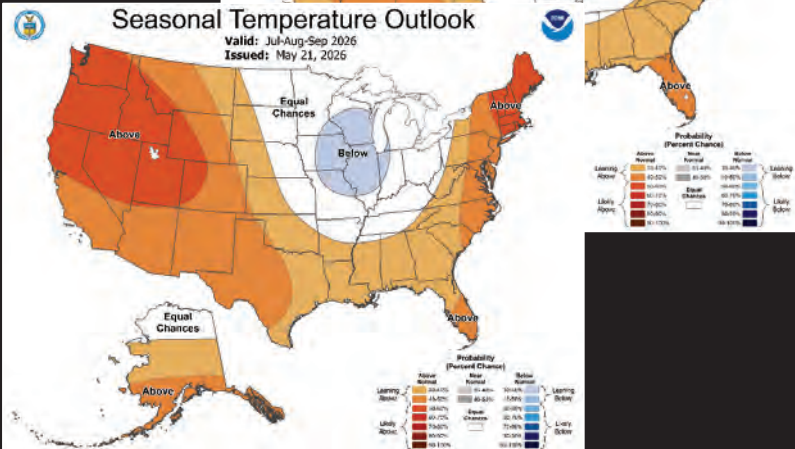
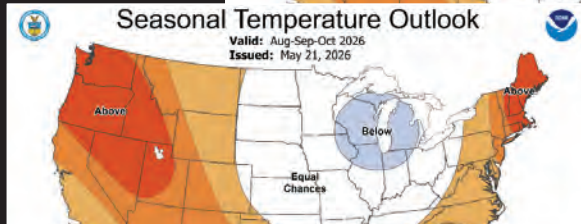
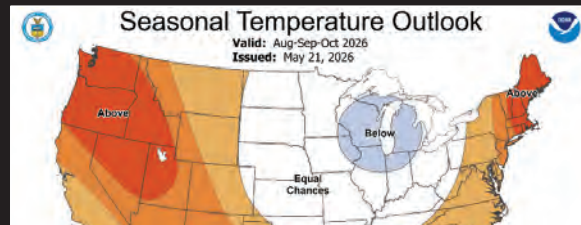


USWFS fire environment statement May 15, 2026: early onset of elevated fire potential in the west

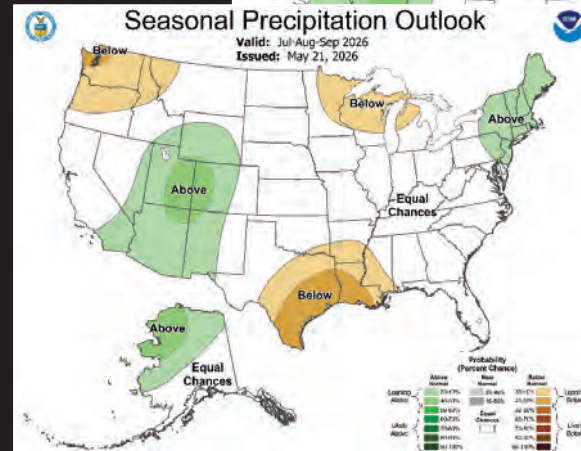
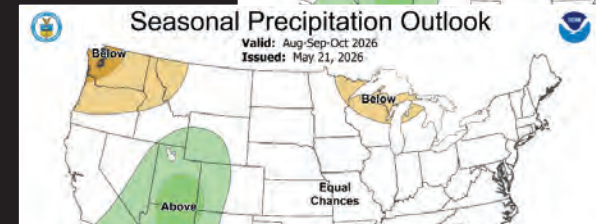
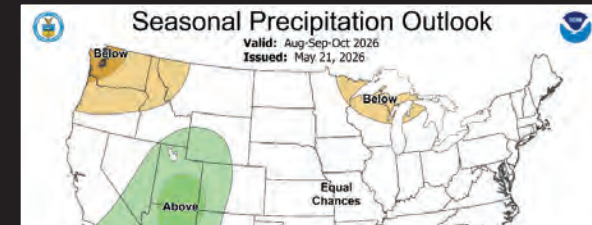
- snow drought
- drought extent & timing
- dry atmosphere
- erratic temp & precip
- live fuels prematurely going dormant, NFDRS indices typical of peak fire season
- increased fire sizes and intensities already seen
- critical thresholds for dangerous fire behavior differ from normal: ↓ winds, ↑ RH, longer burn periods



NOAA 3-month seasonal through Oct



temperature



precipitation

NOAA CPC

summary

- record high temperatures over winter, record low snowpack, below normal precip, drought conditions forecasted to worsen
- El Niño forecasted, potentially strong, correlated with warmer conditions in PNW
- SW U.S. Monsoonal influence and thunderstorms may bring some residual moisture north, but also brings wind and lightning
- **Pete Parsons' forecast** mostly average June, July, warmer and drier in August
- **Jon Bonk's outlook** indicates above normal starting east side in June, earlier start and potentially longer season like 2015, large fire growth continued into August in 2015 and 2018
- Special fire environment statement: early onset of elevated fire potential in the west
- NOAA forecasting above normal temperatures and below average precipitation through October and beyond – **all long range forecasts will change**

ODF FEMA/Public Assistance Status

FEMA/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ROLLUP						
Fire Year	Claim Type	Estimate to Invoice	Total Pending Review	Amount Obligated	Payment Amount Requested	Grand Total Due to ODF
TOTAL:		\$38,800,054	\$45,424,794	\$35,652	\$7,762,529	\$92,023,028
2020	Admin - FMAG	\$85,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,250
2020	Admin - PA	\$17,017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,017
2020	Fire - PA	\$0	\$0	\$35,652	\$261,568	\$297,219
2021	Admin - FMAG	\$43,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,950
2022	Admin - FMAG	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
2023	Admin - FMAG	\$32,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,500
2023	Fire - FMAG	\$0	\$1,533,807	\$0	\$0	\$1,533,807
2024	Fire - FMAG	\$17,723,253	\$7,433,557	\$0	\$0	\$25,156,810
2024	Fire - PA	\$9,230,499	\$36,457,430	\$0	\$7,500,961	\$53,188,890
2025	Fire - FMAG	\$11,655,586	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,655,586

2026 Fire Season Severity Budget Status

Severity Allocation Status

Fiscal Year	GF Allocation	Allocation Balance	Remaining % Allocation	OSFM Funding	Projected Allocation Balance	Projected % Allocation
2026	\$1,886,790	\$1,871,719	100%	\$500,000	\$2,784,340	20%
2027	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000				
FS2026 Total	\$13,886,790	\$13,871,719	100%	\$500,000	\$2,784,340	20%

Strategic Investment (SI) Fund Recap

Updated Through: 04/30/2026

Description	Transferred Date	Transferred Amount	Totals
2020 Investments	Carry-Over Previous Funds		\$14,416.30
	6/26/2020	\$1,166,029.51	
	7/20/2020	\$338,930.42	\$1,504,959.93
Actual Spent			\$1,343,334.48
Pending Expenditures			\$0.00
Remaining Project Balance			\$176,041.75
Undistributed Funds			\$0.00

2020 Strategic Investment Project Expenditures

Updated Through: 04/30/2026

Strategic Investment Fund Investment						\$1,504,959.93		
Previous Strategic Investment Carry-Over						\$14,416.30		
Approved Projects	Project	Owner	Project Number (PCA 13273 & Unit Index)	Funds Approved	Actual Spent	Pending Expenditures	Remaining Project Balance	Project Status
1) EOA (KLD) Guard Stations								
a. Bly Guard Station	Teresa Williams		44101A-20	\$300,000.00	\$212,831.11	\$0.00	\$87,168.89	In progress
b. Chiloquin Guard Station	Randy Baley		44101B-20	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
2) SW Detection Center	Matt Fumasi		441002-20	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
3) EOA Detection Cameras								
a. COD #1 (Forest Watch Upgrade)	Gina Miner		44104A-20	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	In progress
b. COD #2 (Tamarack previously Baldy)	Gina Miner		44104B-20	\$50,000.00	\$108,313.92	\$0.00	(\$58,313.92)	In progress
c. NEO #3 (Weston Mt previously McEntire)	Gina Miner		44104C-20	\$75,000.00	\$67,971.24	\$0.00	\$7,028.76	In progress
d. NEO #4 (Eden previously TV Towers)	Gina Miner		44104D-20	\$75,000.00	\$45,455.31	\$0.00	\$29,544.69	In progress
e. KLD #5 (Warner Canyon)	Gina Miner		44104E-20	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
f. KLD #6 (Yainax previously Sage Hen & Drake's Peak)	Gina Miner		44104F-20	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
4) CFPA Microwave	Mike Robison		441005-20	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
5) EOA T3 Trailers	Gina Miner		441006-20	\$225,000.00	\$214,386.67	\$0.00	\$10,613.33	In progress
6) COD Grapple Dozer	Marc DesJardin		441007-20	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
7) DFPA Fire Web Licenses	Jonna Blomberg		441008-20	\$129,376.23	\$129,376.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	Completed
TOTALS				\$1,519,376.23	\$1,343,334.48	\$0.00	\$176,041.75	
	Undistributed Funds (includes Carry-Over)-->			\$0.00	\$176,041.75 <-- Cross Check			

Remaining SI Project balance will be forwarded to the next years' balance after all projects have been completed.

Project Status Reports	
1) EOA (KLD) Guard Stations	
a. Bly Guard Station	Project complete, waiting on funds to be moved to FOCIA for future rent payments.
b. Chiloquin Guard Station	Project completed.
2) SW Detection Center	
Project completed.	

3) EOA Detection Cameras	
a. COD #1 (Snow Mountain)	Cost analysis is within acceptable margins permitting Tamarack continues to come in under budget. Malheur NF is doing an analysis on which look out towers they intend to decommission, Snow Mt is part of this analysis. District is currently awaiting to be told the results of this study. If the site were to be decommissioned, that would include road maintenance and access, creating long term challenges. District is working through identifying secondary site. UPDATE: Snow MTN no longer a feasible site. Chair approved repurposing \$100,000 to upgrade equipment to be compliant and capable of running the new web based Forest Watch 4 system with enhanced imaging and AI technology to aid in detection on your eight existing cameras plus Tamarack when complete.
b. COD #2 (Tamarack <i>previously Baldy</i>)	District is awaiting structural and site analysis requests from the Umatilla National Forest, anticipate an update in Winter or early Spring 2025. Purchase of network and camera equipment has begun, anticipate having all purchases complete and equipment ready for install by February 2025 (pending expenses ~ \$12,500). Installation anticipated June 2025. UPDATE: Tamarack allocation adjusted to \$50,000 to complete and up running by July 1.
c. NEO #3 (Weston Mt <i>previously McEntire</i>)	Ground work is complete at the site. New mounts for the tower were needed and have been ordered. Once mount arrive camera install will commence, estimated early/mid June. Remaining funds (if any) will go towards 3rd identified camera site (Mt Harris). McEntyre is still a desirable camera site for the district and we will continue to communicate with the LO. UPDATE: Completed. Remaining funds - proposal to add new Glass Hill Camera. (Remaining Funds between Weston Mt and Eden estimated at \$35.5K).
d. NEO #4 (Eden <i>previously TV Towers</i>)	Eden Camera is operational effective September 25th, 2024. Any remaining funds will be combined with the other project and routed to Mt Harris and/or other future camera sites. New site identified as 'Glass Hill' and using leftover \$ for Fireweb/EVS license (\$20,000), rest of Glass Hill build will be combining funding with another grant. UPDATE TBD - See NEO #4
e. KLD #5 (Warner Canyon)	Project completed.
f. KLD #6 (Sage Hen)	Project completed.
4) CFPA Microwave	Project completed.
5) EOA T3 Trailers	The three communication trailers have been completed, distributed and were operational during the 2024 fire season. The final expenditures came in under costs and mobile repeater kits are being looked into to finish out the trailers. The cache trailer is in progress for WR with the remaining \$75,000 to finish out these projects. UPDATE: Cache Trailer complete except purchase of a generator for \$3,000. Leaves approximately \$7.6k for reallocation by EFCC.
6) COD Grapple Dozer	Project completed.
7) DFPA Fire Web Licenses	Project completed.

EFCC Meeting - June 2nd, 2026

This report is for presentation to the EFCC to provide a snapshot of cost collection activities and may not capture all cost collection fires for the Department and Associations. All cost collection actions are pursued under the authority granted to the Department under ORS 477.068, 477.085, 477.089 and 477.120. Limited information can be shared about the fires within this report as they are, or may be, involved in litigation.

Claims Under Active Cost Collection:

Fires included in these totals have been demanded and are progressing through the cost collection process.

- Total outstanding demands - \$30,119,687.41
- 2020 – \$29,865,776.68
- 2024 - \$80,634.65
- 2025 - \$173,276.08

Claims Under Long Term Collection Action:

Fires listed in this section are either under a payment plan, ordered for restitution through the court, or have been sent to the Department of Revenue for collection.

- Total - \$9,654,081.81
- Two large fires make up \$8,177,340.73 of that
- Remaining \$1,476,741.08 spans the last 10 years

Yearly Collection Amounts

Total collections during the calendar year

- 2024 - \$2,148,093.37
- 2025 - \$2,432,237.87
- 2026 YTD - \$562,282.24

End of report

A person wearing a yellow hard hat, a dark jacket, and safety gear is using a chainsaw to cut a log in a forest. The background is filled with tall pine trees and dense foliage. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

Mitigation Planning and Implementation

2026

Jenna Nelson

State Initiatives Grant Coordinator

Forest Resources Division



HB 5006 (2025)

\$7 Million one-time
funding

HB 3940 (2025)

Tax imposed on Oral nicotine
products: 1/3 of the moneys
are deposited in the
Landscape Resiliency Fund.

Oregon Rainy Day Fund: (a)
Transfer 6.7% percent of the
amount calculated is
deposited in the Landscape
Resiliency Fund.

Landscape Resiliency Program 2026-2029

Current Process:

- ODF LRP Implementation Group
- Request For Proposals for ODF Areas (3 per area (9) and 1 rangeland)
- Applications emphasize collaboration and partnership at the local level.
- Review by 3rd party scorers.
- Final decision making based on ranking of the scorers.
- Funding of the projects (3)
- Sharing outcomes via media, web site and articles.
- AAR



\$9.6 Million

- Funds are now rolling out through the ODF district offices with local partnerships
- Focus is on areas that are ready to work now
- LRAFT
- Landscape Scale Plans



2021–2023 BIENNIUM

Southern Oregon

Jackson, Josephine & Curry

\$6.5M | 6,800 acres

Ashland, Rogue Basin & Applegate

Central Oregon

Deschutes & Jefferson

\$5.8M | 40,100 acres

Bend, Sisters & Sunriver Corridor

Eastern Oregon

Grant, Harney & Malheur

\$7.1M | 162,000 acres

High Desert & John Day

Willamette Valley / Gorge

Lane & Wasco

\$1.6M | 2,500 acres

Oakridge, Westfir &

Gorge Communities

2023–2025 BIENNIUM

Southeast / High Desert

Harney & Malheur

\$3.8M | 25,528 acres

Southern Oregon / Tribal Lands

Klamath

\$2.0M | 4,553 acres

Klamath Tribes

Northeast Oregon

Union

\$0.9M | 1,074 acres

Grande Ronde

South Willamette

Lane

\$1.05M | 341 acres

Oakridge & Westfir

Southwest Oregon

Jackson

\$2.25M | 1,621 acres

River Project & Butte Falls

2026 FUNDED PROJECTS

Little River

Josephine & Jackson

\$1,286,018 | 400 acres

Fuels breaks for Lane Mountain,
Little River drainages, and
Cavitt Creek

Hotshot Rx Connect

Douglas

\$4,849,350 | 2,664 acres

Mechanical treatment and
prescribed fire

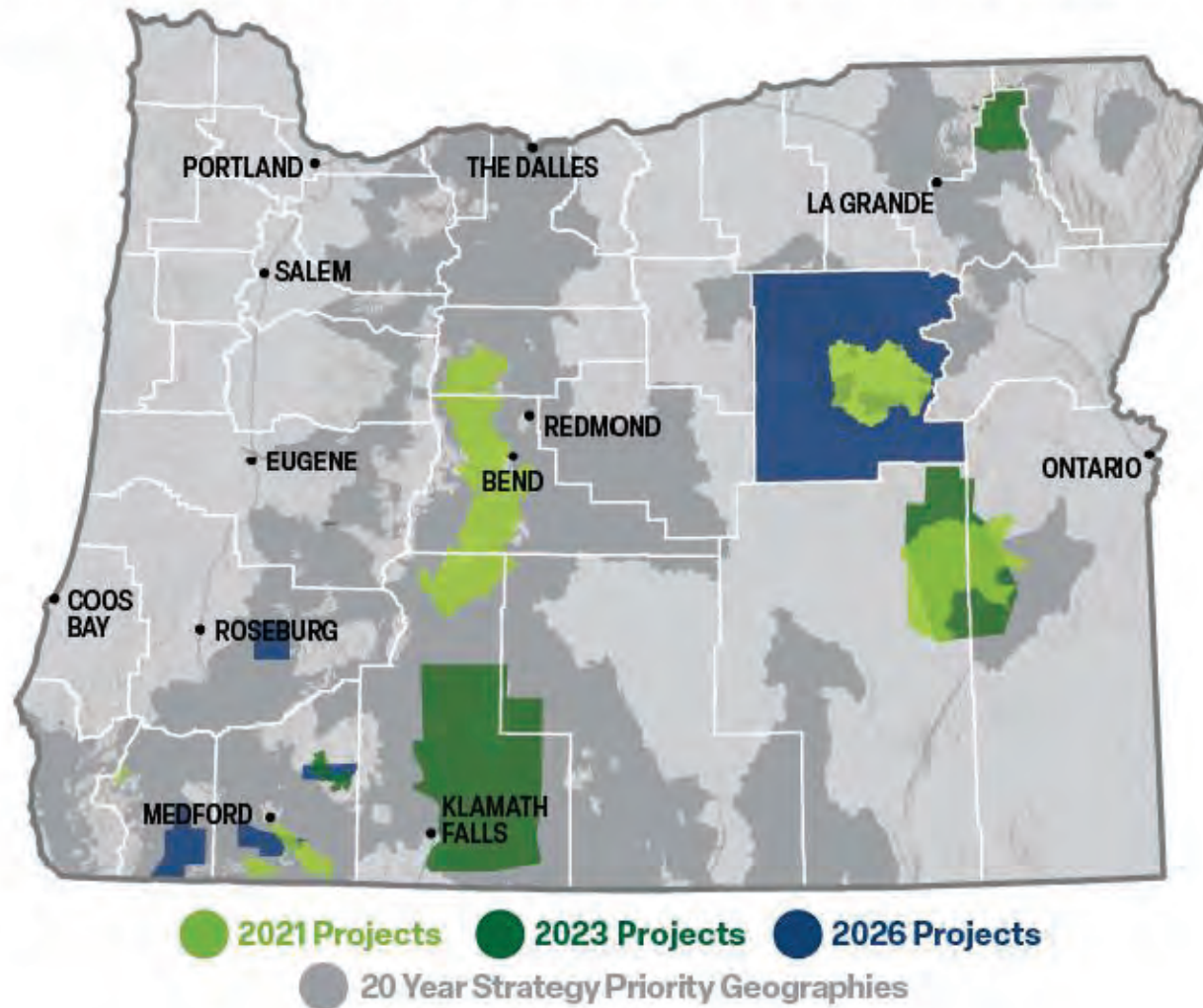
John Day

Grant

\$3,461,413 | 3,400 acres

Thinning, juniper removal,
and fuel planning

2021-2026 LPR PROJECT DISTRIBUTION MAP



The Future

- 20-year Landscape Resiliency Strategy connector between programs
- Landscape Scale Plans
- Rx Fire
- Treatments across property lines (all land ownership)
- Partner and Sister agency implementation at the local level
- Landscape Resilience and Reduction of Fuels



Questions?



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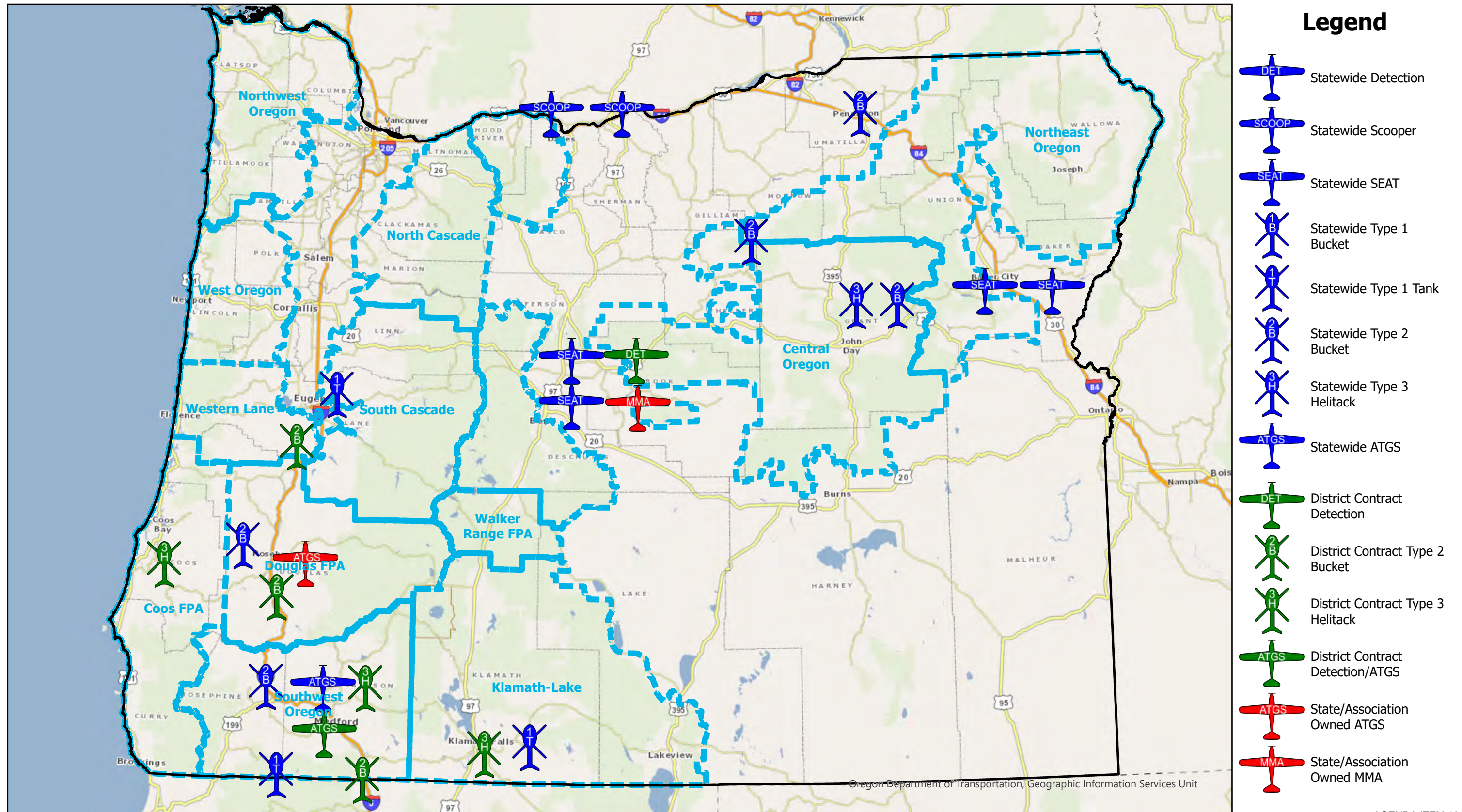
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