

Assessments for Fire Prevention and Suppression

NON-TAX REVENUE SOURCES AND USES



Fire Prevention and Suppression Categories Based on Budgeted Resources



Statutory Policies and Duties

*“The preservation of the forests and the conservation of the forest resources through the prevention and suppression of forest fires hereby are declared to be the **public policy** of the State of Oregon.” – ORS 477.005*

“Each owner and operator of forestland on which a fire exists or from which it may have spread, notwithstanding the origin or subsequent spread thereof, shall immediately proceed to control and extinguish such fire when its existence comes to the knowledge of the owner or operator, without awaiting instructions from the forester, and shall continue until the fire is extinguished.” – ORS 477.066

“During the season of the year when there is danger of fire, every owner of forestland shall provide adequate protection against the starting or spread of fire thereon or therefrom, which protection shall meet with the approval of the State Board of Forestry.” – ORS 477.210

Statutory Assessments – Base Protection

ORS 477.230 (Forest Patrol Assessments)

- Within each forest district, the annual cost of protection is expressed as a per-acre charge based on the classification of the land as either timberland or grazing land
- Amounts levied against lands not owned by public agencies cannot exceed 50% of this per-acre charge.

ORS 477.295 (Minimum Lot Charges)

- Each taxable parcel or lot is subject to a minimum assessment of \$18.75. Of this amount, \$15 is used for base-level protection and suppression
- This assessment is reduced subject the balance of the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund.

ORS 477.060 (Forestland-Urban Lot Charges)

- Assessment of up to \$25 for each real property lot within the forestland-urban interface.
- Intended to defer the special or additional cost of fire protection in the forestland-urban interface.
- ODF does not currently recognize any revenue under this statutory authority.

Per-Acre Assessments – ORS 477.230

FY 2020 Per-Acre Rates by District

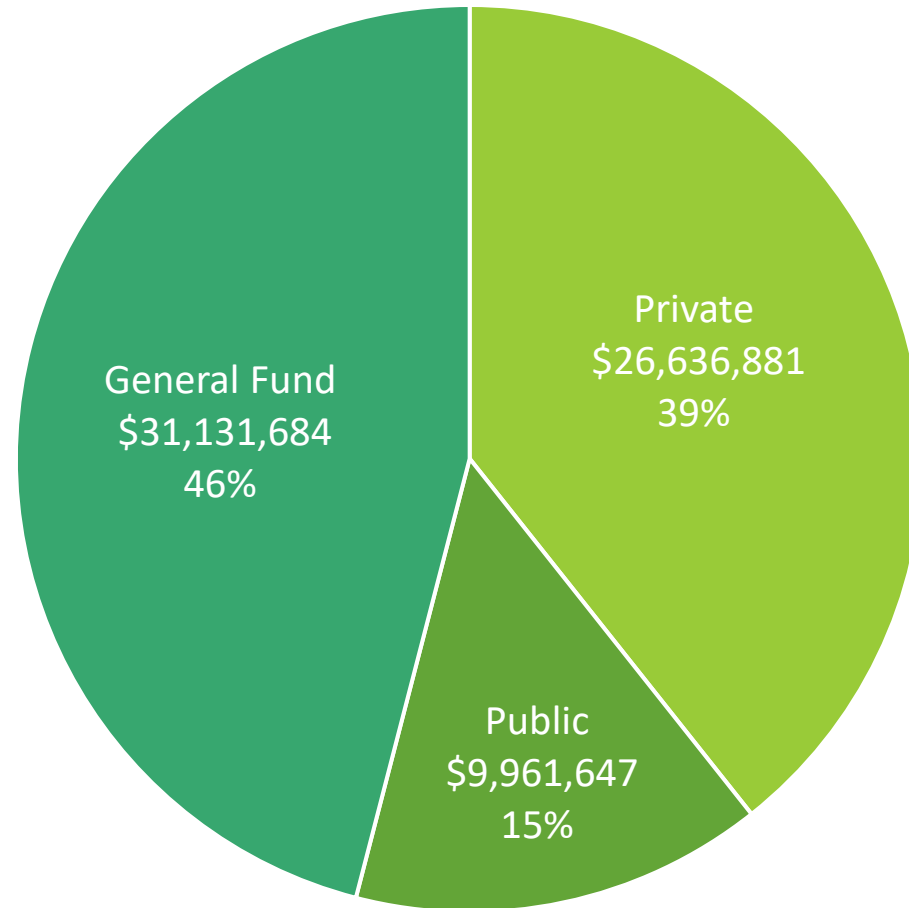
		Northwest	West Oregon	North Cascade	Southwest	Coos FPA	Douglas FPA
FY20	Public Timber	\$ 2.7777	\$ 2.8690	\$ 3.7829	\$ 4.9875	\$ 3.6926	\$ 4.2583
FY20	Public Grazing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.6391	\$ 2.9638	\$ 2.1432
FY20	Private Timber	\$ 1.1529	\$ 1.1985	\$ 1.6555	\$ 2.2578	\$ 1.6103	\$ 1.8932
FY20	Private Grazing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.0961	\$ 1.2584	\$ 0.8481

		South Cascade	West Lane	Central Oregon	Northeast	Klamath Lake	Walker Range FPA
FY20	Public Timber	\$ 3.4823	\$ 2.9174	\$ 4.8379	\$ 3.9212	\$ 4.0040	\$ 4.1655
FY20	Public Grazing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.2543	\$ 1.6630	\$ 2.0282	\$ 1.0279
FY20	Private Timber	\$ 1.5052	\$ 1.2227	\$ 2.0094	\$ 1.5510	\$ 1.5924	\$ 1.6732
FY20	Private Grazing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.7176	\$ 0.4219	\$ 0.6045	\$ 0.1044

- Rates vary by district based on district budgets developed by association boards
- Public rates include pro-rata share of agency indirect costs
- Private rates limited to no more than 50% of per-acre cost of protection
- General Fund matches private landowner per-acre revenues
- General Fund pays all non-public landowner funded share of pro-rata agency indirect costs

Base Protection Funding by Source

Fiscal Year 2020



Amounts are estimated

Statutory Assessments

Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF)

ORS 477.277 (Improved Lot Charges)

- Each improved parcel or lot is subject to an assessment of \$47.50.
- This assessment accounts for roughly two-thirds of the revenue for the OFLPF.

ORS 477.295 (Minimum Lot Charges)

- Each taxable parcel or lot is subject to a minimum assessment of \$18.75. Of this amount \$3.75 is deposited in the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund.
- This assessment is reduced subject the balance of the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund.

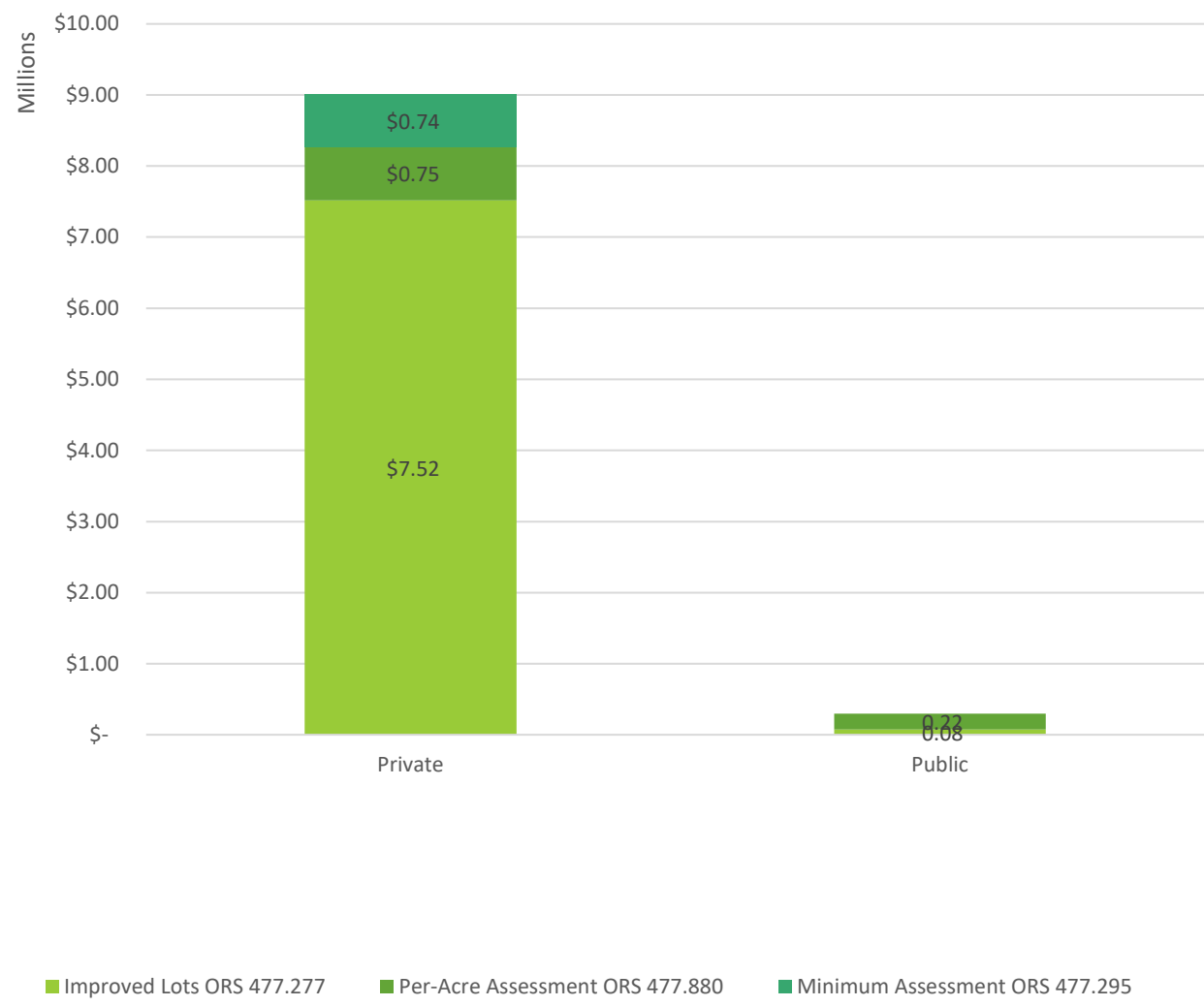
ORS 477.880 (Per-Acre Assessments)

- Forestlands east of the summit of the Cascades and class 3, agricultural class forestlands \$0.075 per-acre
- All other forestlands, \$0.05 per acre

Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund Assessment Revenues

FY 2020 By ownership type

Total \$9.3 Million

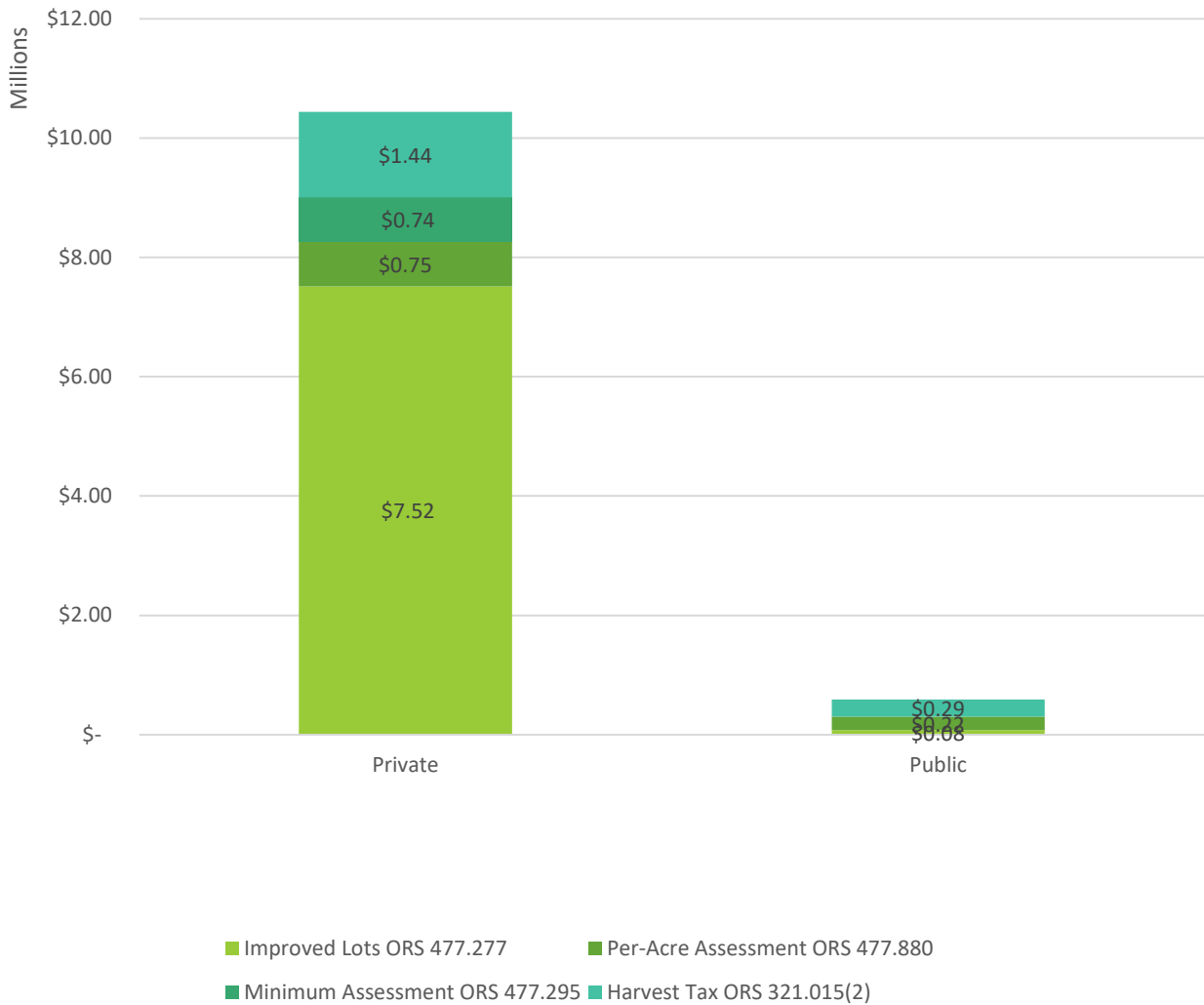


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Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund Total Revenues

FY 2020 By ownership type

Total \$11.03 Million



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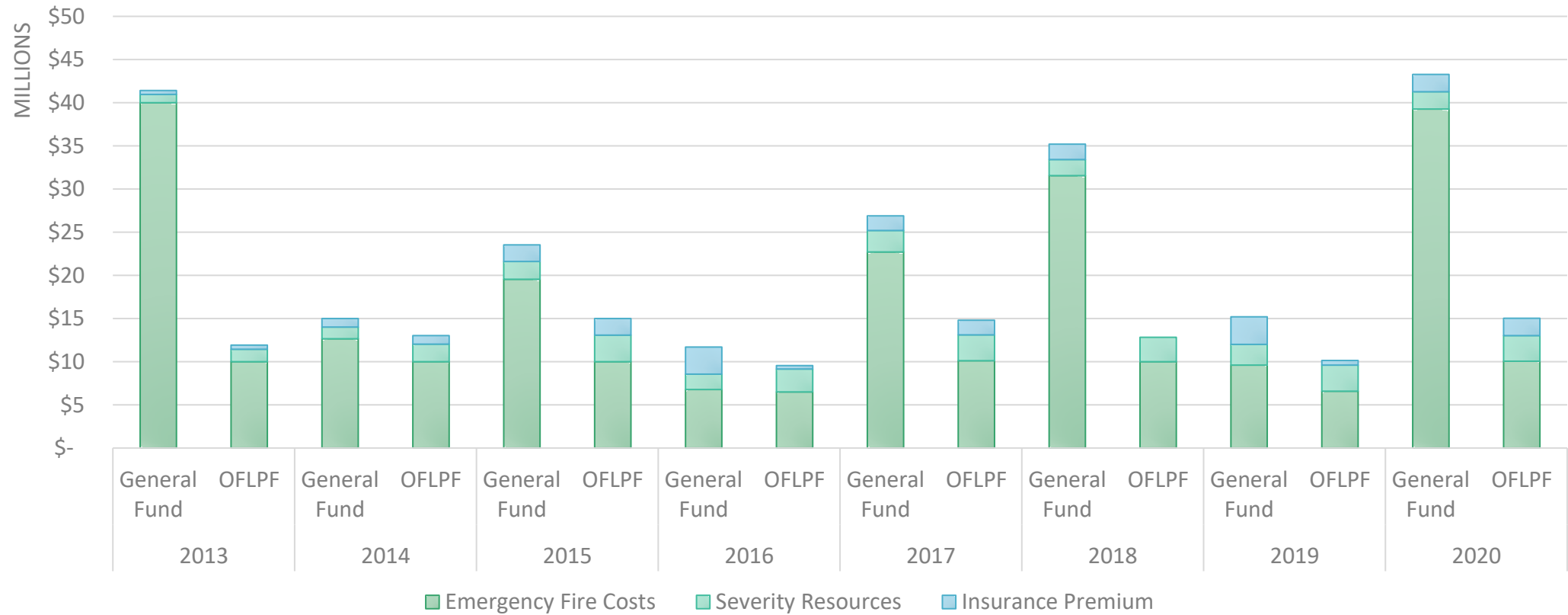
OFLPF Expenditures

ORS 477.755(3)

Annual expenditures from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund are limited to the lesser of:

- \$13.5 Million or the sum of:
 - The lesser of \$10.0 million or 50% of eligible annual fire suppression costs
 - Necessary administrative expenses of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee
 - Contributions to the payment of emergency fire insurance premiums
 - The lesser of \$3.0 million or three-fifths of severity resources costs
 - Non-routine purchases of supplemental fire prevention, detection or suppression resources

OFLPF Fire Season Expenditures



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