

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management

Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal

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Our Mission

To protect people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

Our Values

Integrity: *We believe in being honest, fair, and doing the right thing in everything we do.*

Dedication: *We are committed to performing our work the best we can in support of our mission, our customers, our stakeholders, the public, and each other.*

Leadership: *We are committed to be a leader in the Oregon fire service, to lead our organization, and lead ourselves as individuals in our day to day work.*

Partnerships: *We believe our success and the success of others depends on collaboration with our stakeholders.*

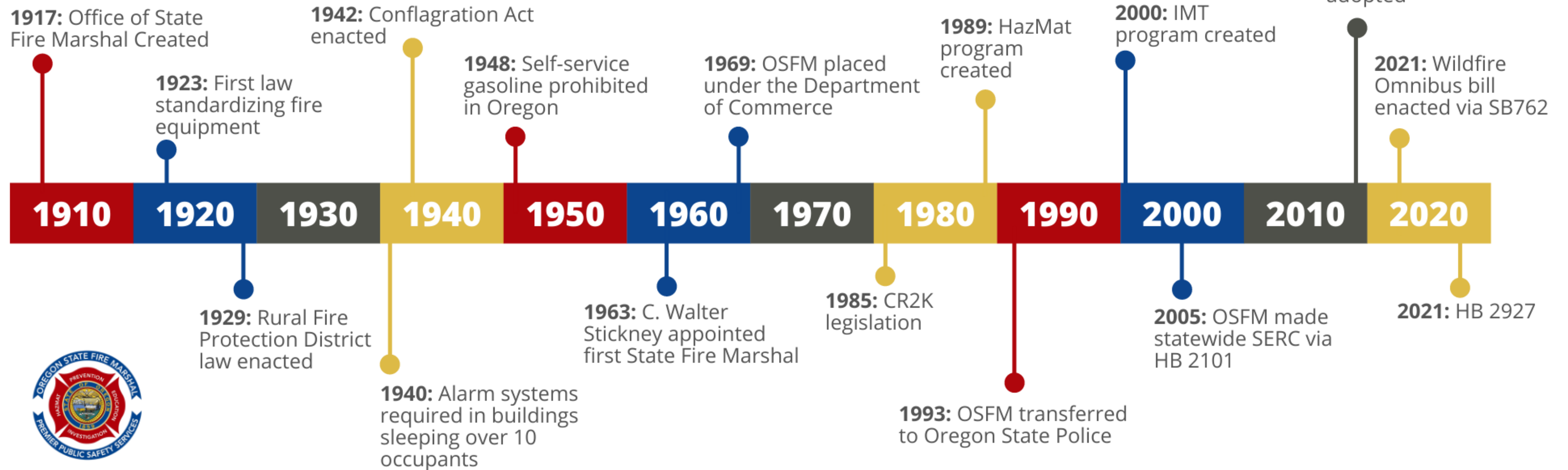
Service to Others: *We believe that serving others is a cornerstone of our mission, our day to day work and is all inclusive.*



History of OSFM

Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Historic Timeline



OSFM Divisions



Emergency Response Services

Fire & Life Safety Education

Fire & Life Safety Services

Regulatory Services

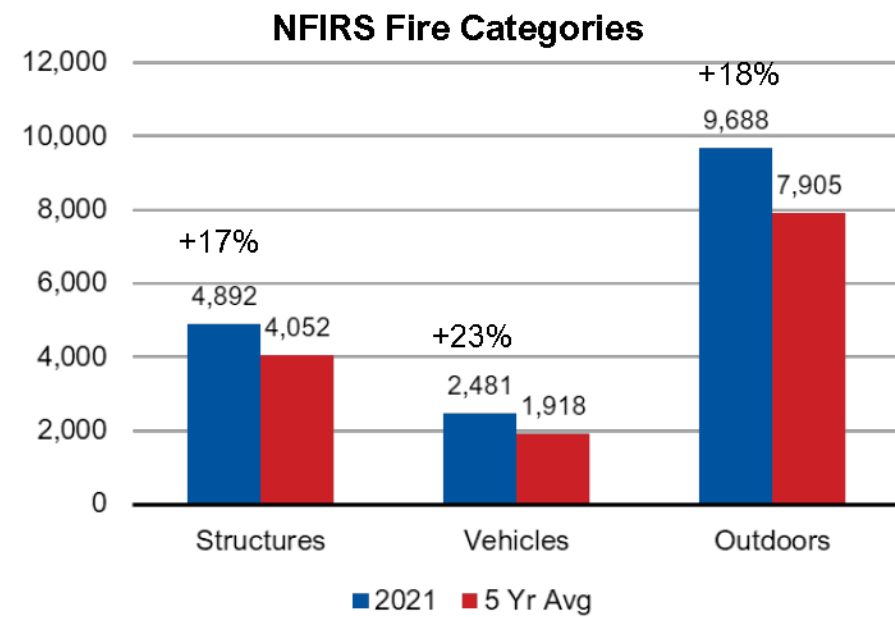
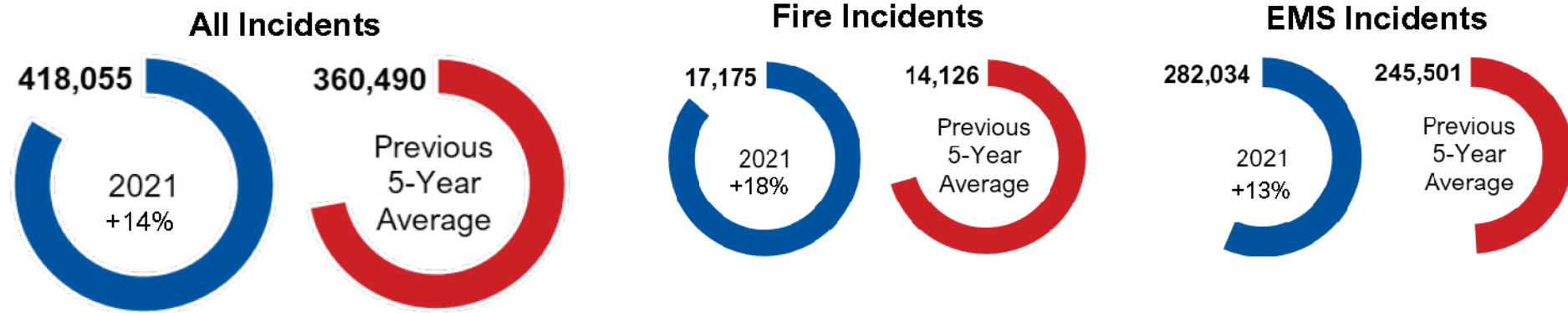


Fire & Life Safety Education

- Programs and services to reduce fire impacts to people and property
- Analytics and Intelligence Group focused on data and methods to reduce fire
- Practitioners in the field supporting actions
- Wildfire Prevention Programs – Bigfoot



2021 Fire Statistics vs 5-year Average



Fire Casualties, Estimated Loss, & NFIRS Reporting

	Fatalities				Injuries				
	5 Yr Avg	2021	2021 vs 5 Yr Avg	5 Yr Trend	5 Yr Avg	2021	2021 vs 5 Yr Avg	5 Yr Trend	
Female	19	22	14%	10%	Civilian	282	239	18%	9%
Male	31	42	26%	11%	Firefighter	148	160	7%	37%
Total	50	64	22%	2%	Total	430	399	8%	10%

	Estimated Dollar Loss			
	5 Yr Avg	2021	2021 vs 5 Yr Avg	5 Yr Trend
All Fires	\$188M	\$206M	9%	22%
Residential Fires	\$93M	\$107M	13%	6%
Residential Pct of All Losses	49%	52%		

Agency NFIRS Reporting	
2021	5 Year Average
Active Agencies 308	Active Agencies 312
Pct Reporting 90%	Pct Reporting 88%

Sources: ImageTrend Elite ~Fire Incidents~ dataset/AFG_Data; FireBridge ~Incidents~ dataset/Hazmat with Resources; OSFM Annual Report Supplements 2016-2020; OSFM/A&I ~Fire Fatalities 2016 - 2021~.

Red numbers indicate a negative value or downward trend.

Youth Involved Fires & Interventions



Regulatory Services

- Community Right to Know
 - Regulate facilities that store Hazardous Materials to ensure public members and fire service safety
- Fireworks
 - Permits for retail sales and professional displays
- Cardlock Program
 - Inspections and audits of licensed facilities
- Self-Serve Fueling





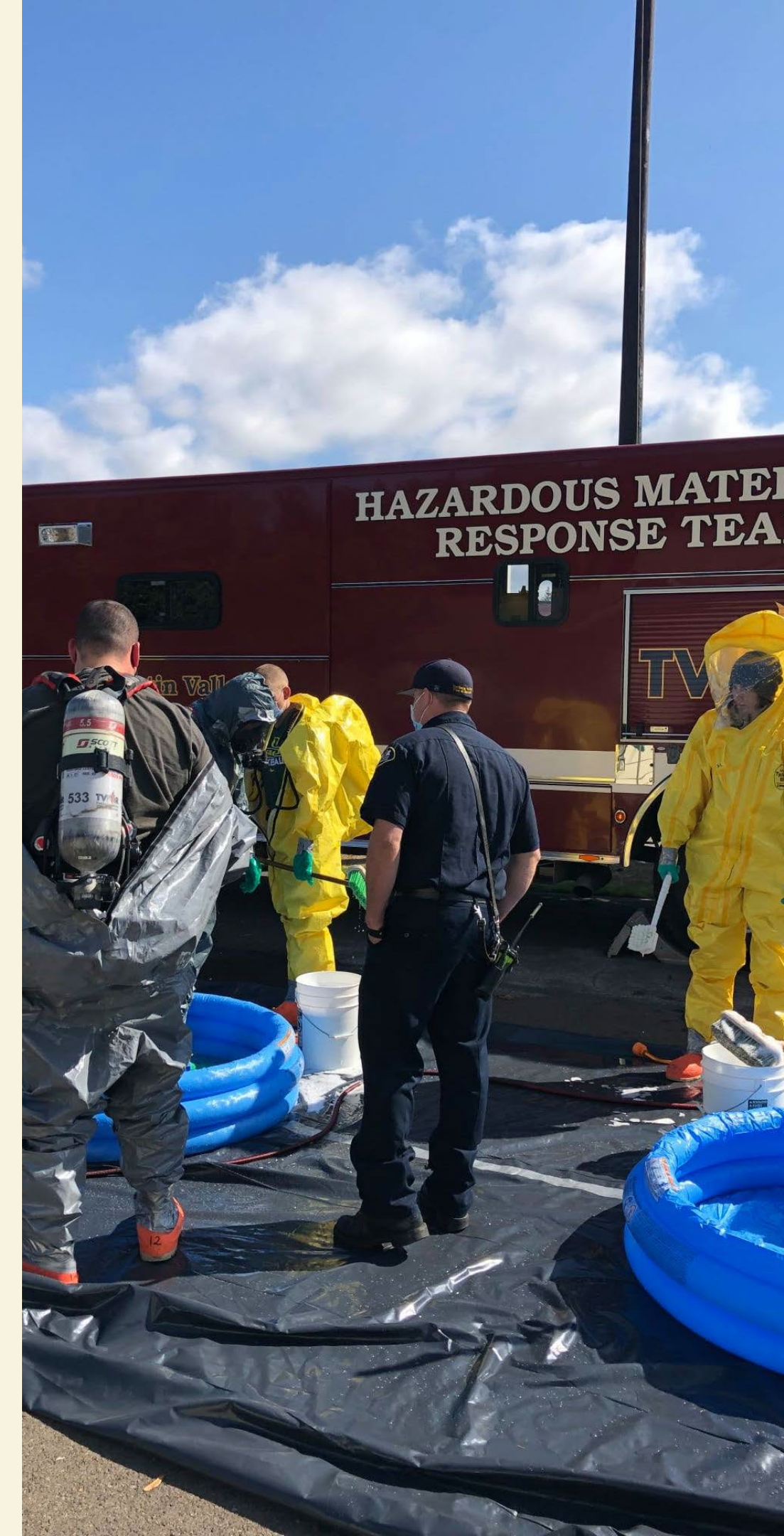
Fire & Life Safety Services

- Oregon Fire Code (OFC) adopted every 3 years
 - Food Carts
- Conduct fire investigations and fire code inspections
- Fire Marshal Competency Recognition Program
- **Priority Focuses:**
 - Adoption of the 2022 Oregon Fire Code
 - Completion of the Competency Recognition Program with a rewrite of the Rules
 - Increase prevention and investigation training for the fire service throughout the State
 - Adoption of Defensible Space Code



Emergency Response Services

- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
 - 305 Fire agencies
 - 11,200 firefighters
- Incident Management Teams
 - All hazards
- Conflagration Mobilizations
- Regional HazMat Teams
- HazMat by Rail



Senate Bill 762

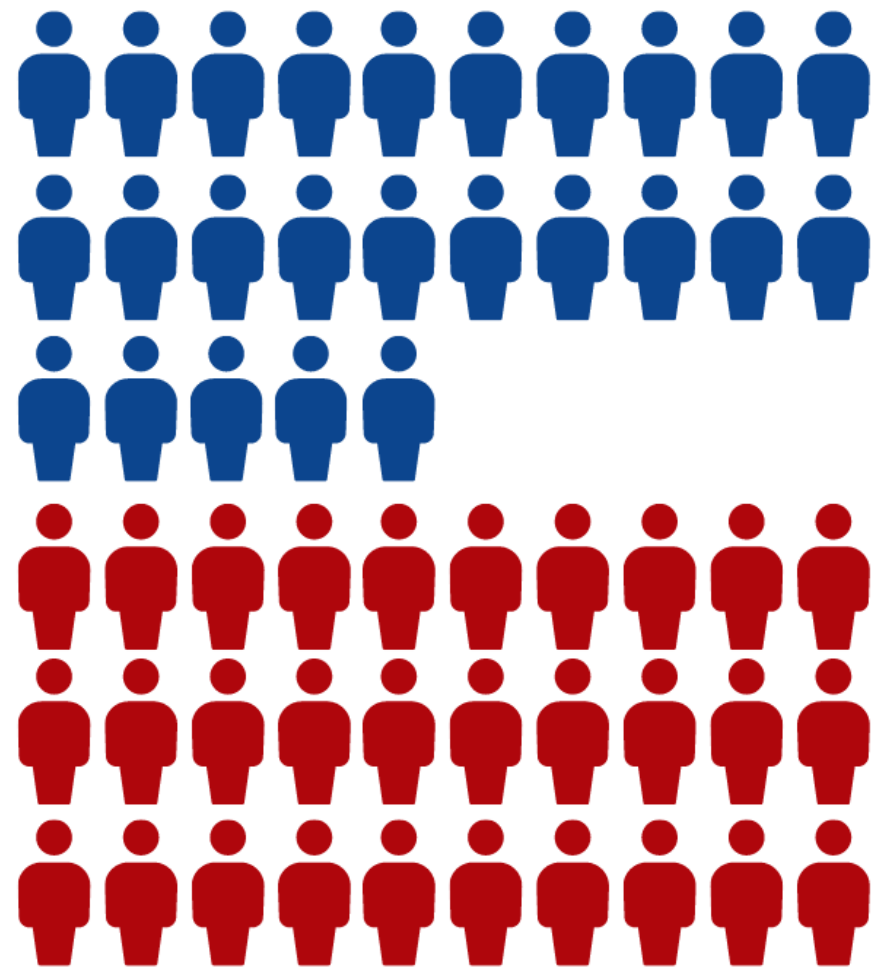
First report was delivered on February 1st, 2022

- New initiatives
 - Fire Adapted Oregon
 - Response Ready Oregon
- Engine Program
- Defensible Space Code framework and stakeholder engagement
- Community Risk Reduction Program
- Listening and Understanding Sessions



Staffing & Hiring Process

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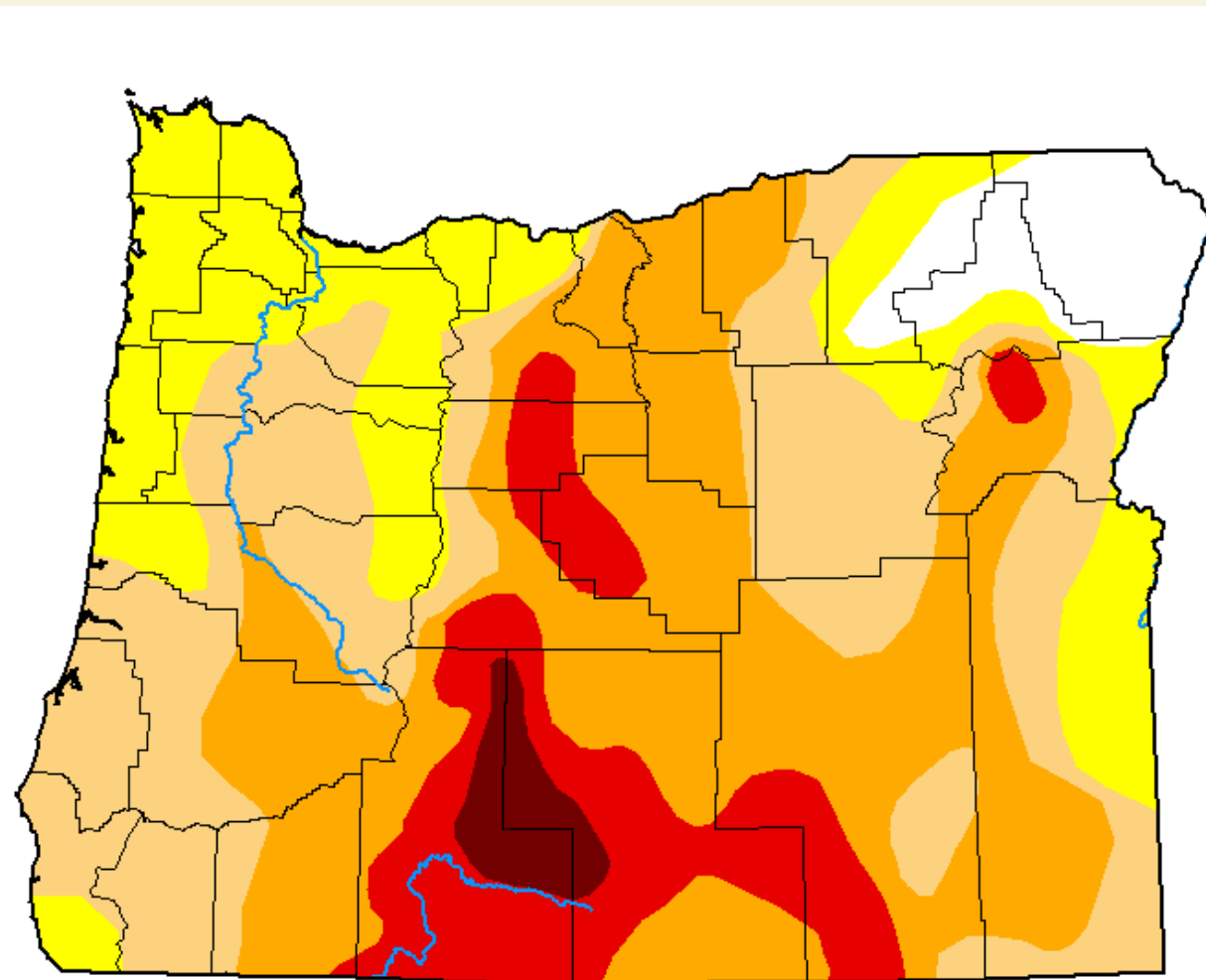


OSFM 2021 Fire Season: By the Numbers

- Response
 - 57 Oregon Task Forces
 - 12 EMAC Task Forces/Strike Teams from 3 states: CA, UT, WA
 - 121 Oregon Fire Agencies
 - Approximately 394 pieces of fire apparatus
 - Approximately 821 Oregon fire personnel assigned
 - Responses in 11 Counties
- **802,415 Total acres burned in Oregon**
- Loss
 - 1 firefighter and 0 civilians
 - 12,046 Structures Threatened
 - \$1,417,779,436 Estimated value of saved residences
 - 166 Residences lost
 - 265 Other buildings lost
- **OSFM Costs to Date**
 - Over \$21,000,000**



2021 Fire Conditions and Responses



Intensity:

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

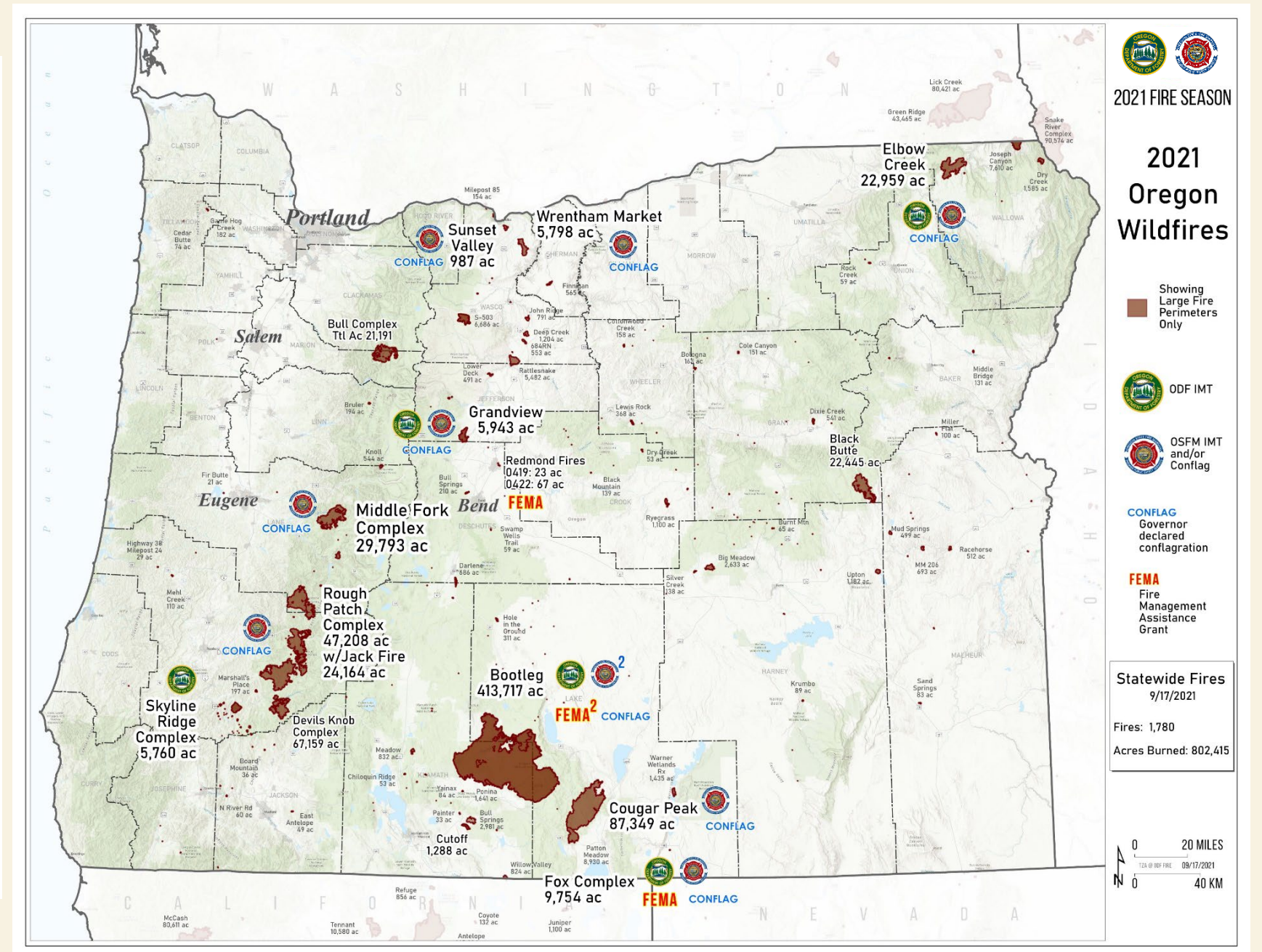
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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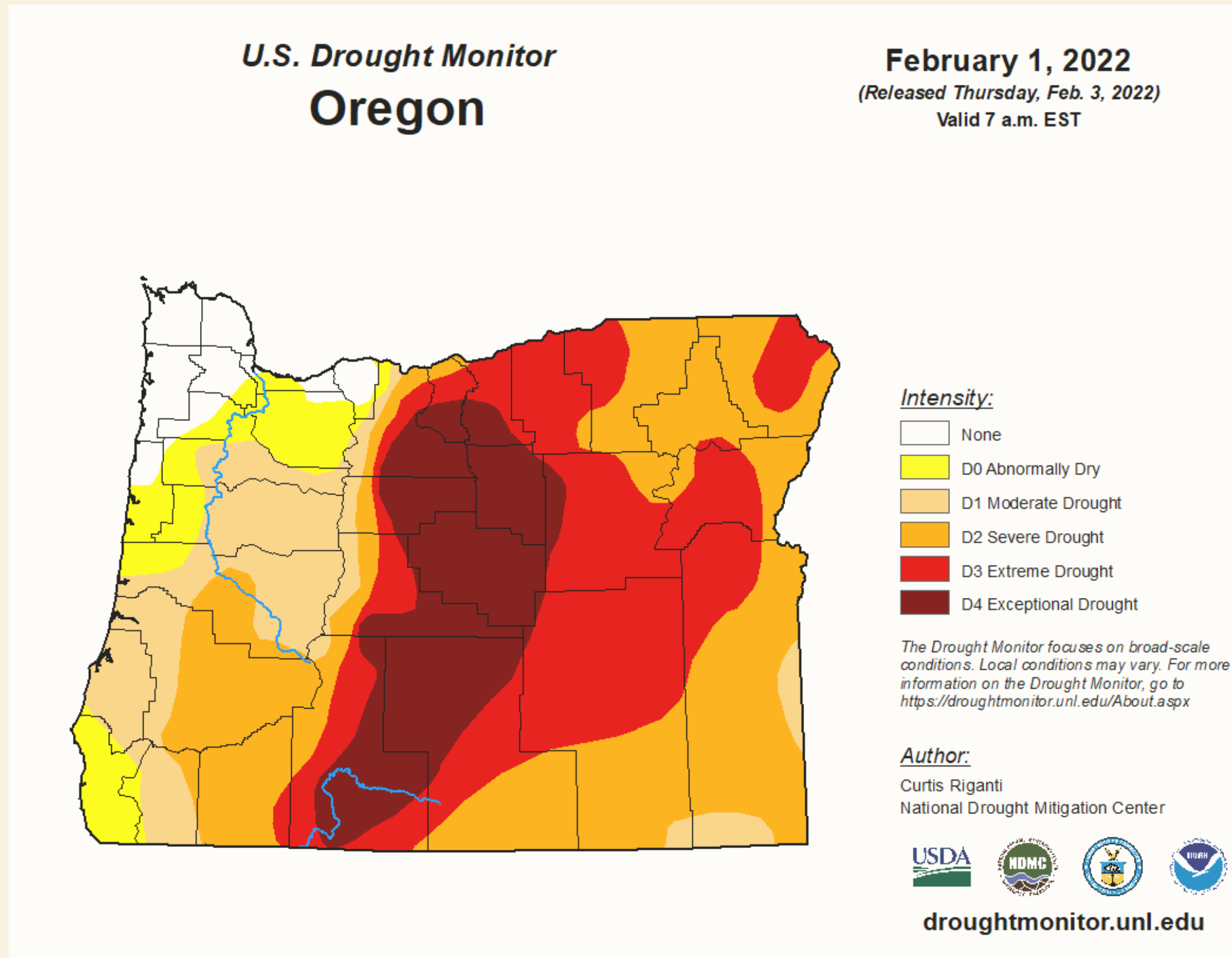
Richard Heim
NCEI/NOAA



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Current Drought Conditions – February 2022



Strengths

- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
- Passage of Senate Bill 762
- Investment in severity suppression resources to keep fires small and out of communities
- Cross Boundary collaboration

Weaknesses

- Fire Service capacity
- How large fires are funded

Opportunities

- Continued investment in Senate Bill 762
 - Lead to success in fire adapted communities, resilient landscape goals, and effective wildland fire response
 - National Cohesive Strategy
 - One time funding for some programs
- Development of effective education and prevention materials

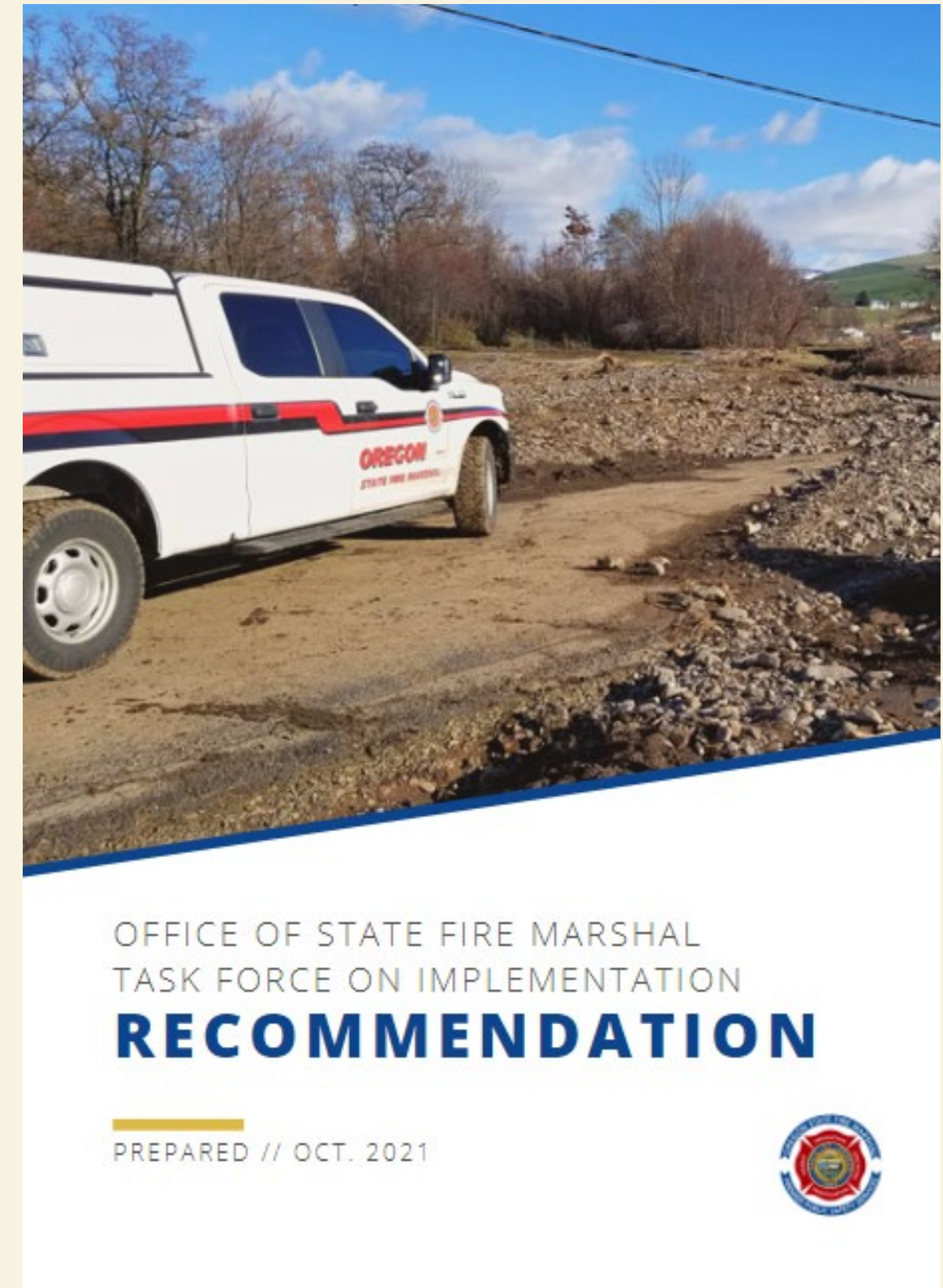
Threats

- Fuel conditions
 - Persistent drought
- Increased population
 - More people living in areas that will be impacted by wildfire
 - Forecasted to see a 40% increase in WUI population in 10 years



House Bill 2927 Agency Transition

- Taskforce report completed on time and presented to the Legislature on **November 16th, 2021**.
- Affirmed the recommendation of OSFM as a stand-alone agency.
- Submitted a letter with funding request for Special Purpose Appropriation in February 2022.

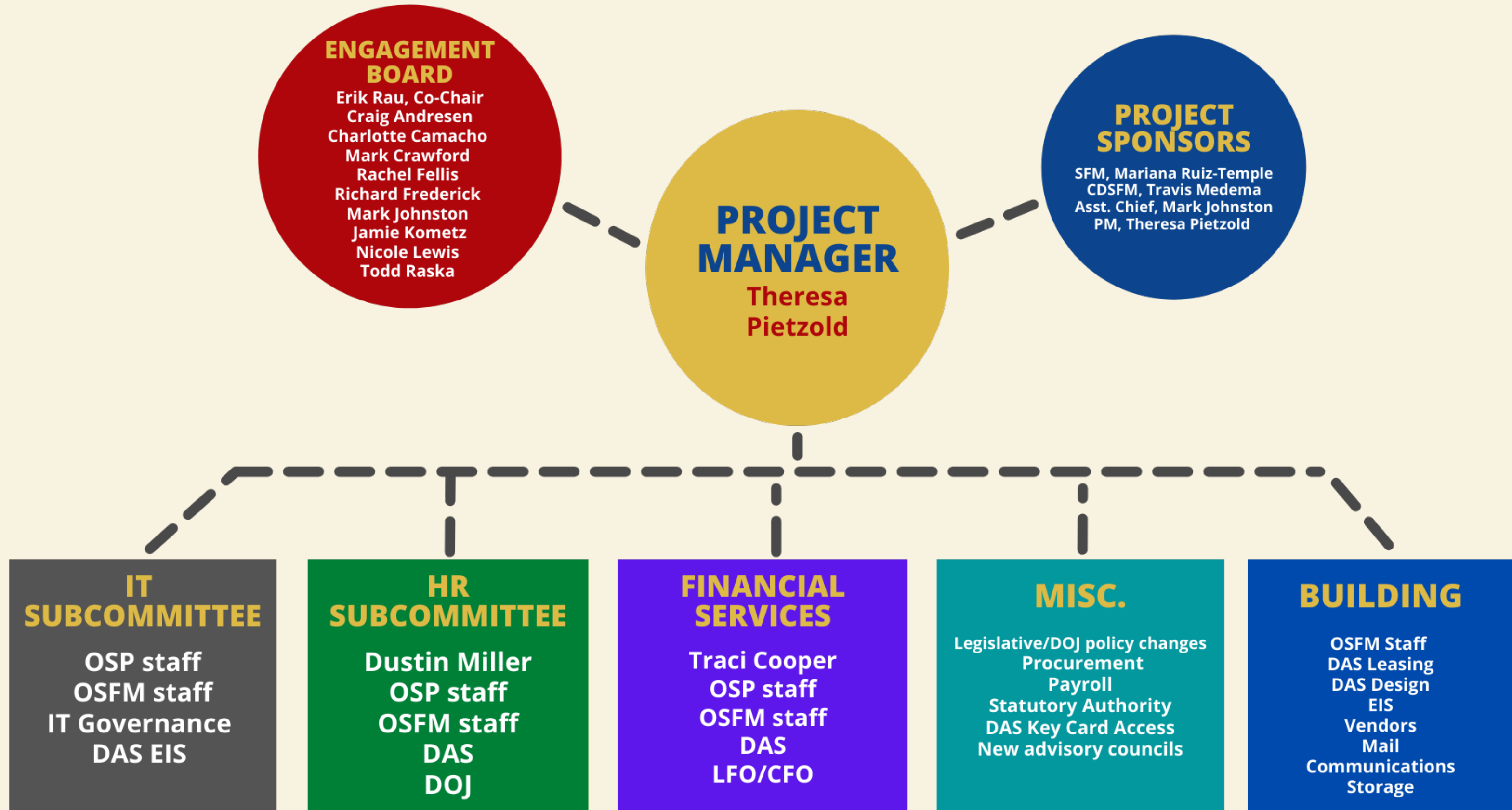


Current Transition Focuses

- Project Manager on Job rotation
- Work with Real Estate Broker to locate possible locations for OSFM Headquarters
- Developed an employee led transition team to support OSFM Staff throughout agency transition
- Transition framework and workgroups



OSFM Transition Model



Looking to the Future



- Following a successful agency transition likely will need some statutory clean up to account for OSFM's new status
- Review of fee programs for a sustainable future
- Durable and sustainable investments in wildfire initiatives to ensure success
- Large fire funding
- Evaluation of the Oregon Fire Service

