



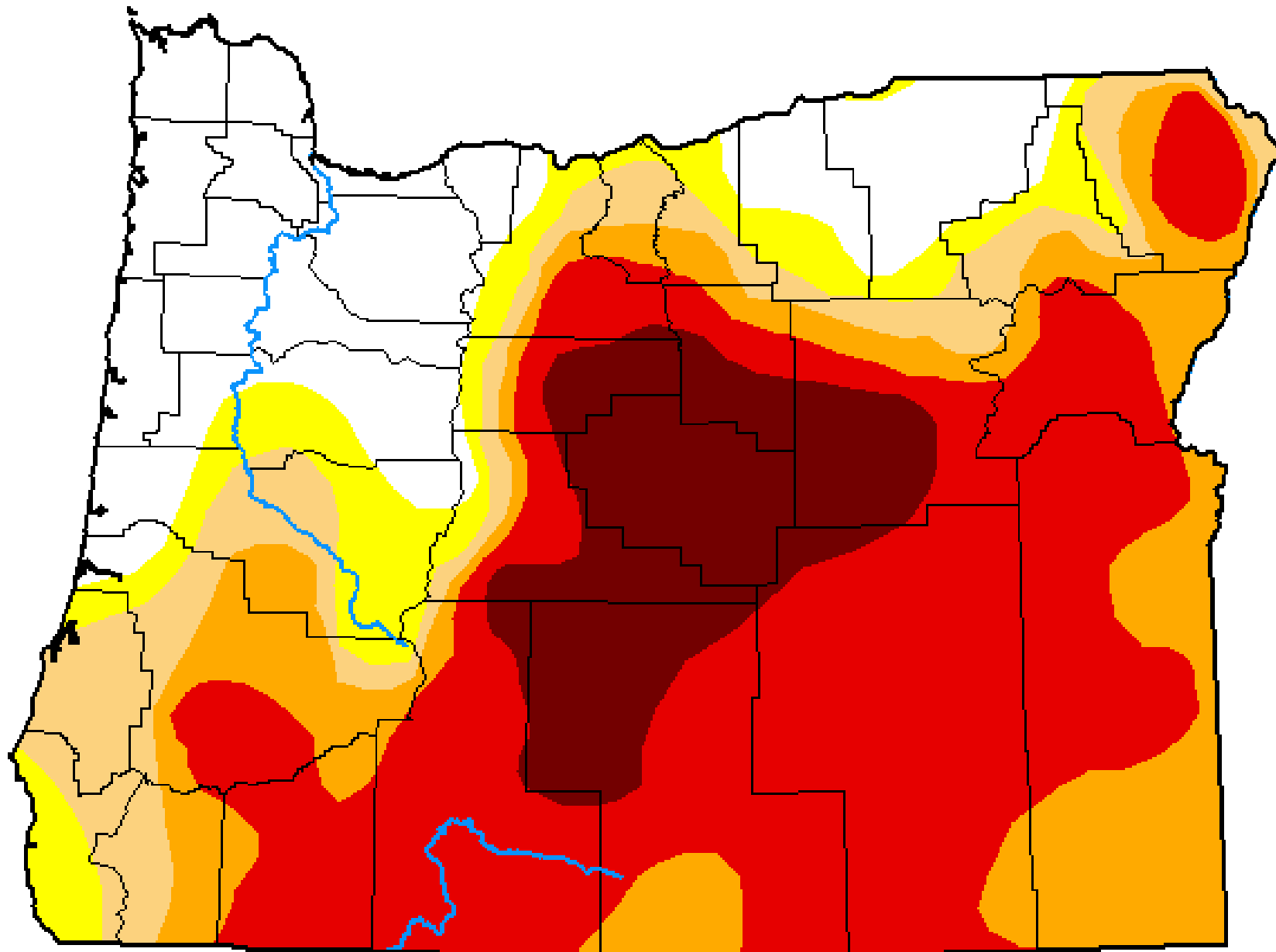
# **Joint Interim Ways and Means on Natural Resources Subcommittee**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

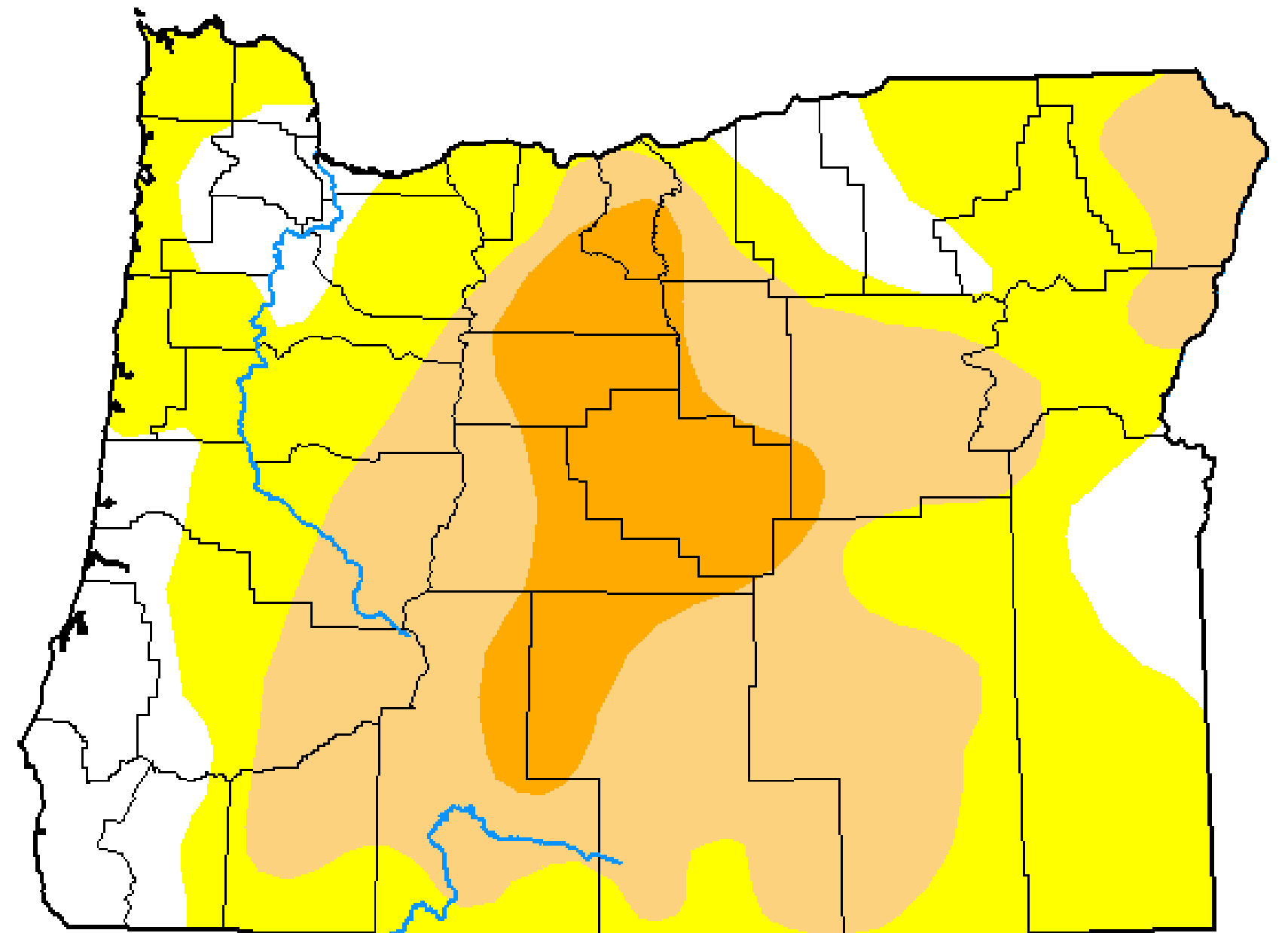
Mariana Ruiz-Temple  
State Fire Marshal



# 2023 Wildfire Conditions



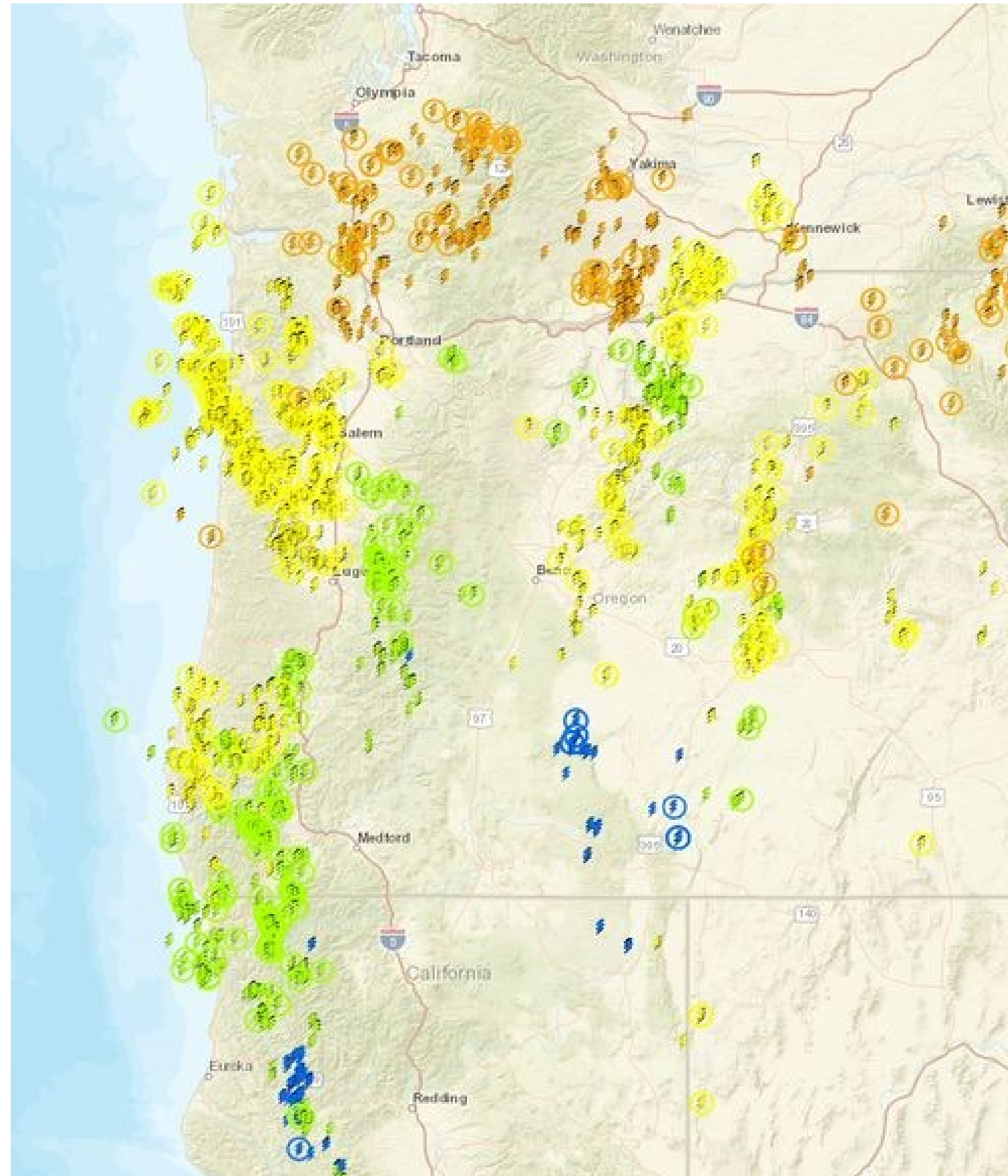
May 31, 2022, drought conditions



May 30, 2023, drought conditions



# 2023 Key Fire Season Events

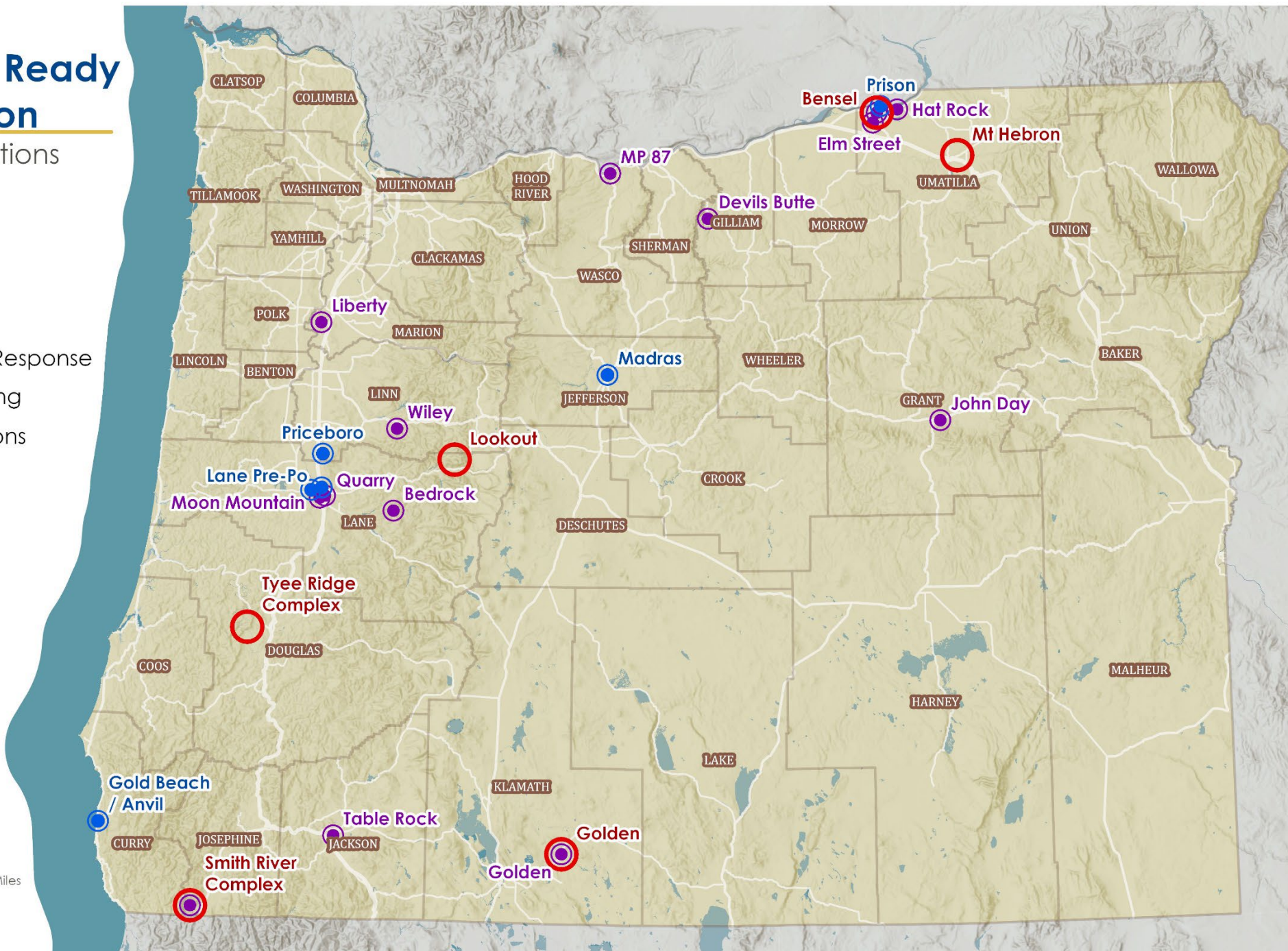






## Conflagrations 2023

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- The map shows the Gulf of Mexico with a compass rose indicating North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W). A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances in miles from 0 to 50. The logo for the Gulf of Mexico States Fire Museum is centered in the Gulf, featuring a fire truck and the text "GULF OF MEXICO STATES FIRE MUSEUM" and "SERVING SINCE 1977".



- Seven (7) conflagrations
- 17 immediate response or pre-positioning assignments





# OSFM Wildfire Season - by the Numbers

## Conflagration outcomes

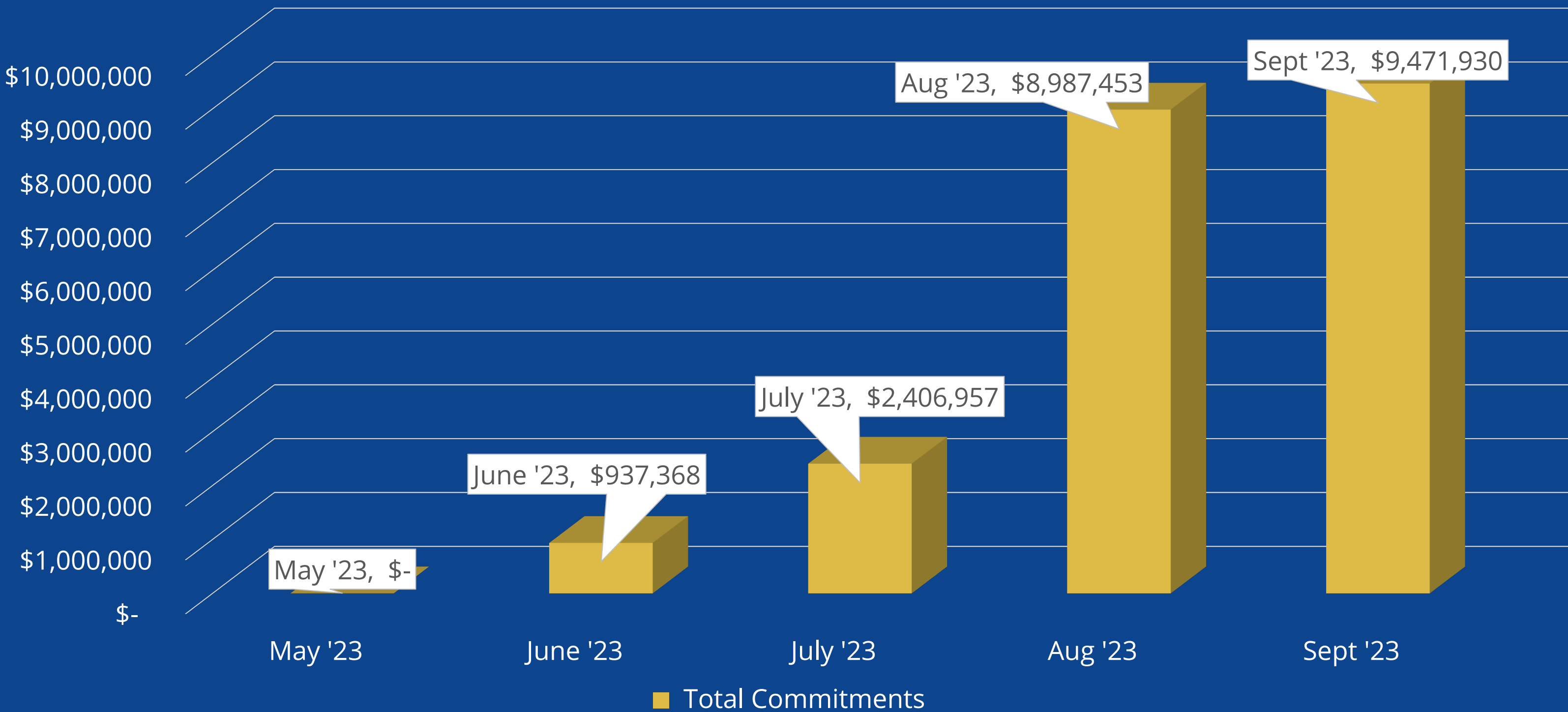
- 6,322 structures threatened
  - \$2.2 billion estimated value of protected residences
- Zero structures lost after OSFM Incident Management Teams assumed command.

## OSFM Cost to date

- Over \$9.4 million on conflagrations
- Over \$3.0 million on immediate response and pre-positioning

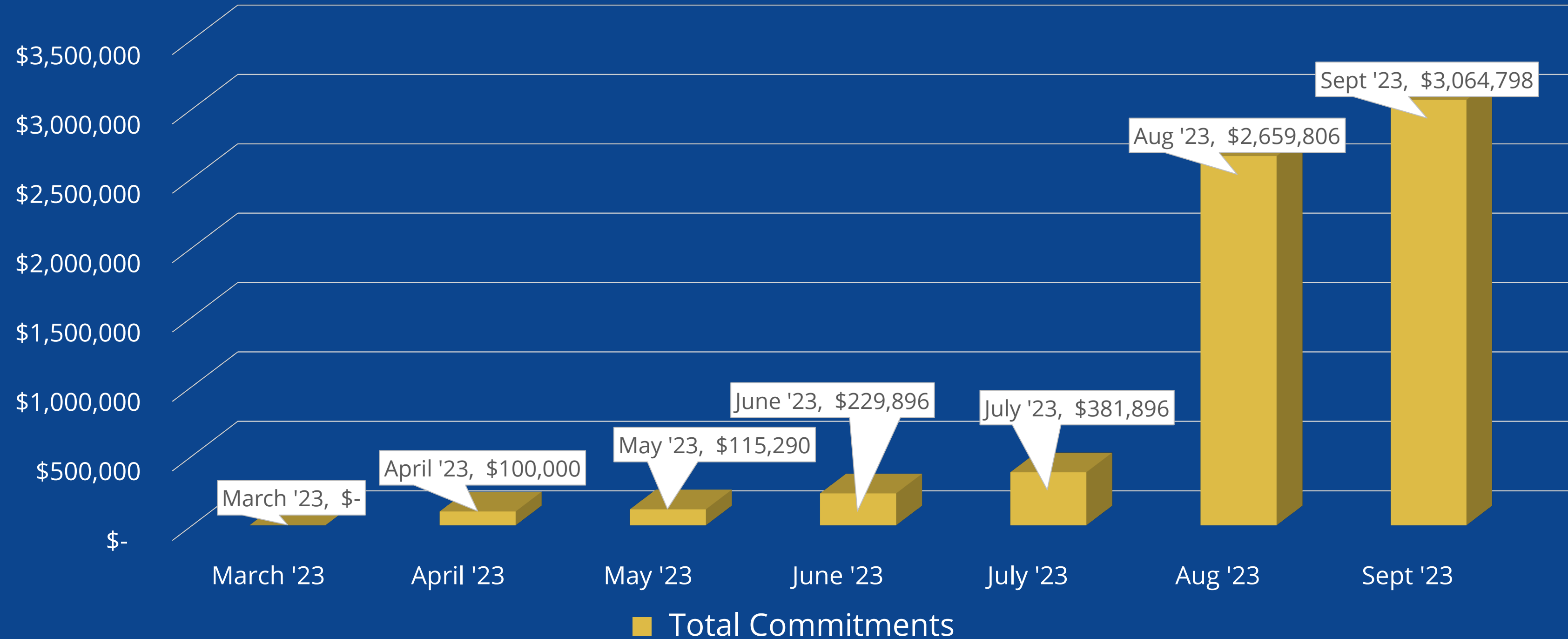
# 2023 Mobilization Costs

## Conflagration Costs



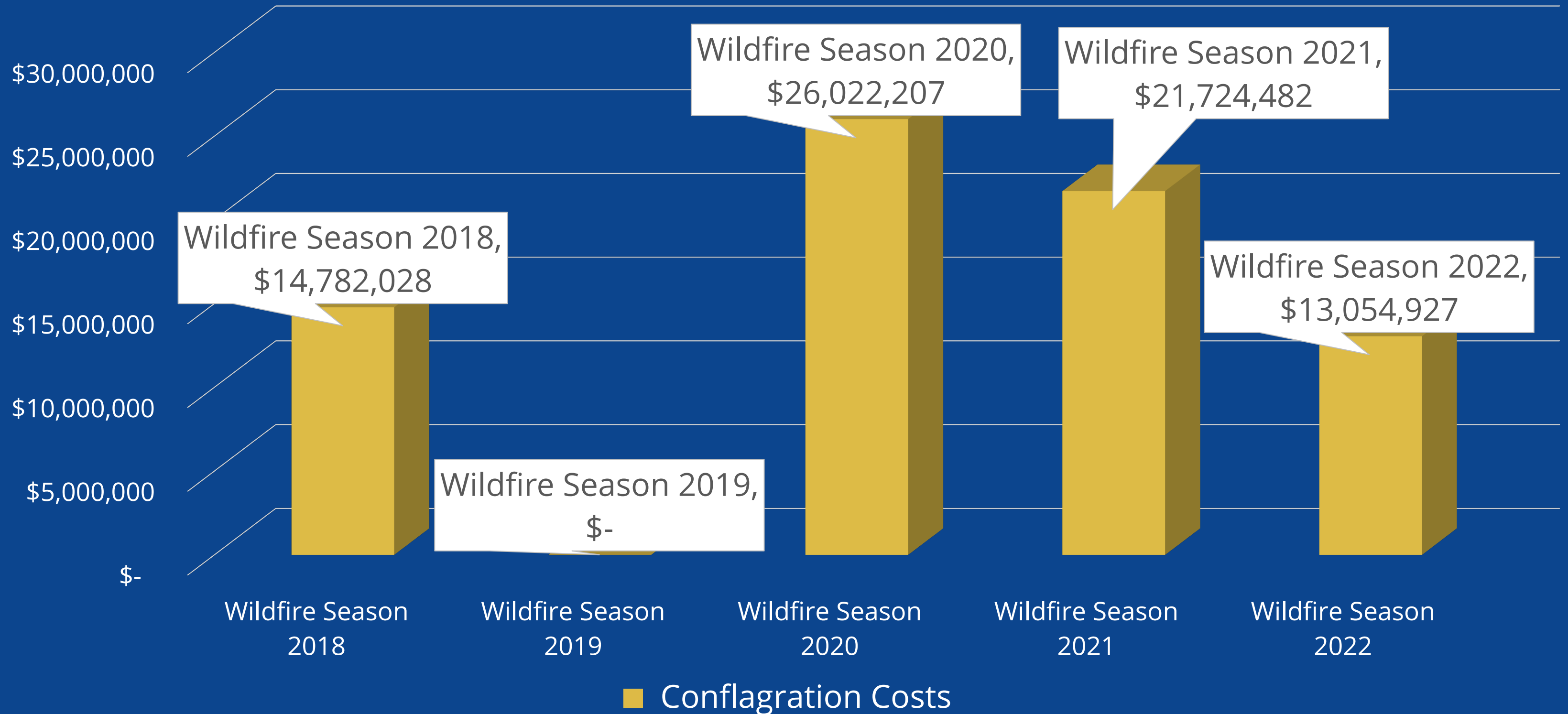
# 2023 Mobilization Costs

## Immediate Response and Pre-Positioning Costs



# 5-year Mobilization Costs

## Conflagration 5 year comparison







# Financial Impacts of Wildfire Season

- Allocated **\$2 million** to the newly established Mobilization Fund for emergency mobilizations
  - Emergency mobilization costs are approximately **\$9.5 million**
- Allocated an **additional \$2 million** in budget for immediate response and pre-positioning
  - Immediate response and pre-positioning costs are approximately **\$3 million**
- Total cost for fire season is approximately **\$12.5 million**
- OSFM has already paid out **29%** or **\$3.6 million**
- This leaves no allocated funding for fire season 2024



# MOBILIZATION COSTS TIMELINE

## FIRST YEAR OF BIENNIUM

July 1 - beginning of biennium. Operating budget allocated.

OSFM holding mobilization debt (minimum 7 months)

First opportunity to request funds - Short Session

July      Aug      Sept      Oct      Nov      Dec      Jan      Feb      Mar      Apr      May      June



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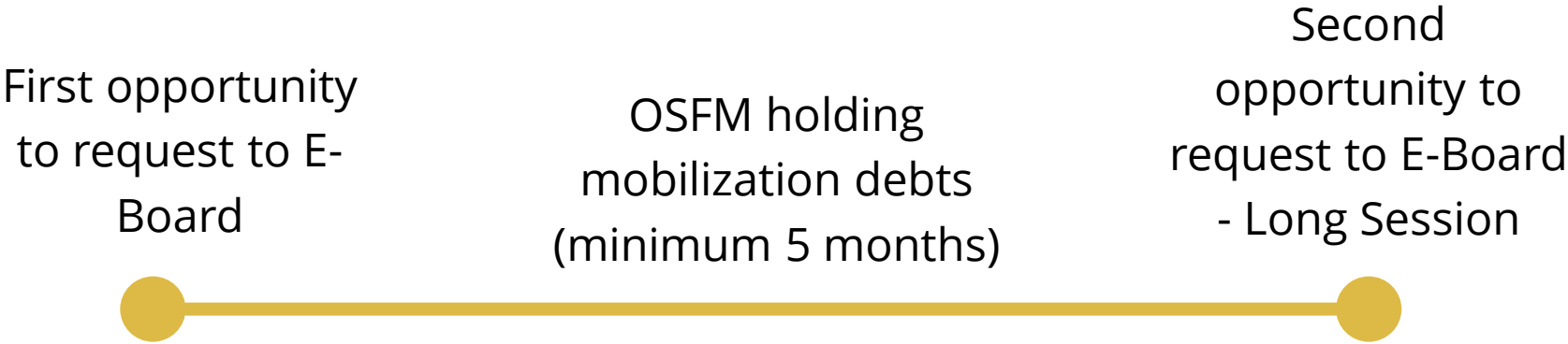
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# MOBILIZATION COSTS TIMELINE

## SECOND YEAR OF BIENNIUM



July      Aug      Sept      Oct      Nov      Dec      Jan      Feb      Mar      Apr      May      June



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# OSFM WILDFIRE PROGRAMS

## Grants and Investments

### Cross Cutting Investments

#### **Tribal Nations Investments**

\$4.5 million invested

#### **Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program**

\$13.5 million awarded to 33 fire service agencies

#### **Firefighter Apprenticeship Pilot**

\$3 million awarded to two pilot apprenticeship programs.

### Response Ready Oregon

#### **2022 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant**

\$6 million awarded to 181 fire service agencies

#### **Apparatus Program**

\$25 million awarded to 76 fire service agencies

#### **2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant**

\$6 million awarded to 185 fire service agencies

### Community Wildfire Risk Reduction

#### **Defensible Space Incentive Grant**

\$271,000 awarded to protect community infrastructure

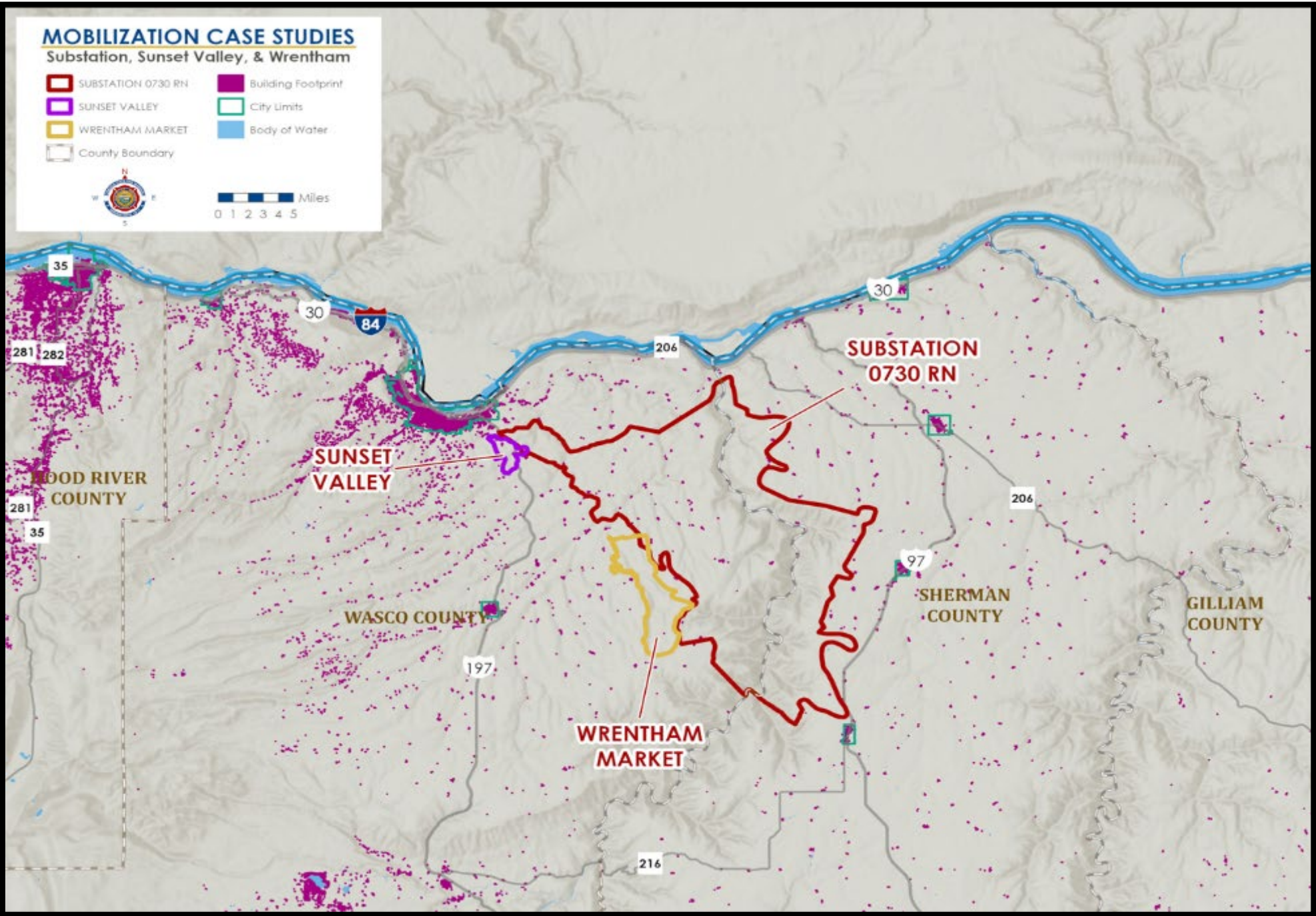
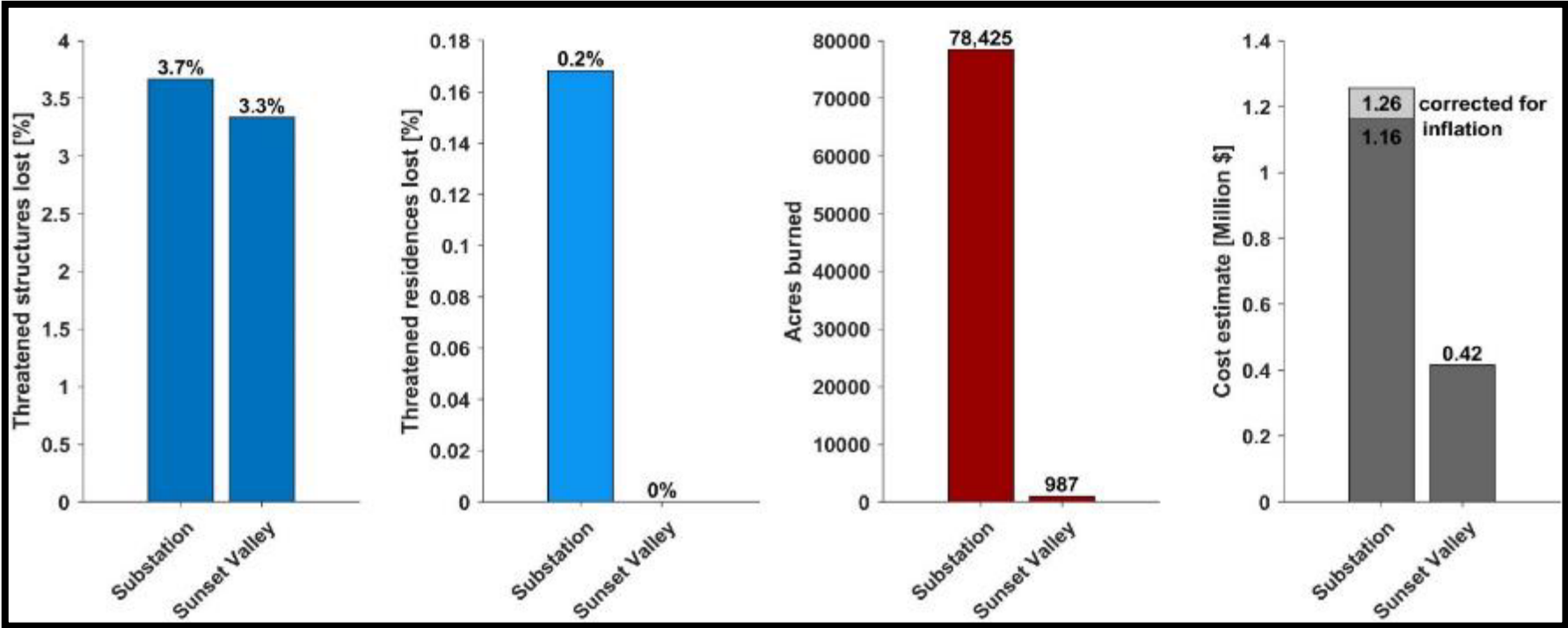
#### **Community Wildfire Preparedness Planning Areas**

\$2.7 strategically invested to support CWPP implementation

#### **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant**

\$18 million was awarded to 106 projects statewide

# Mobilization Case Study: Substation vs. Sunset Valley Fire



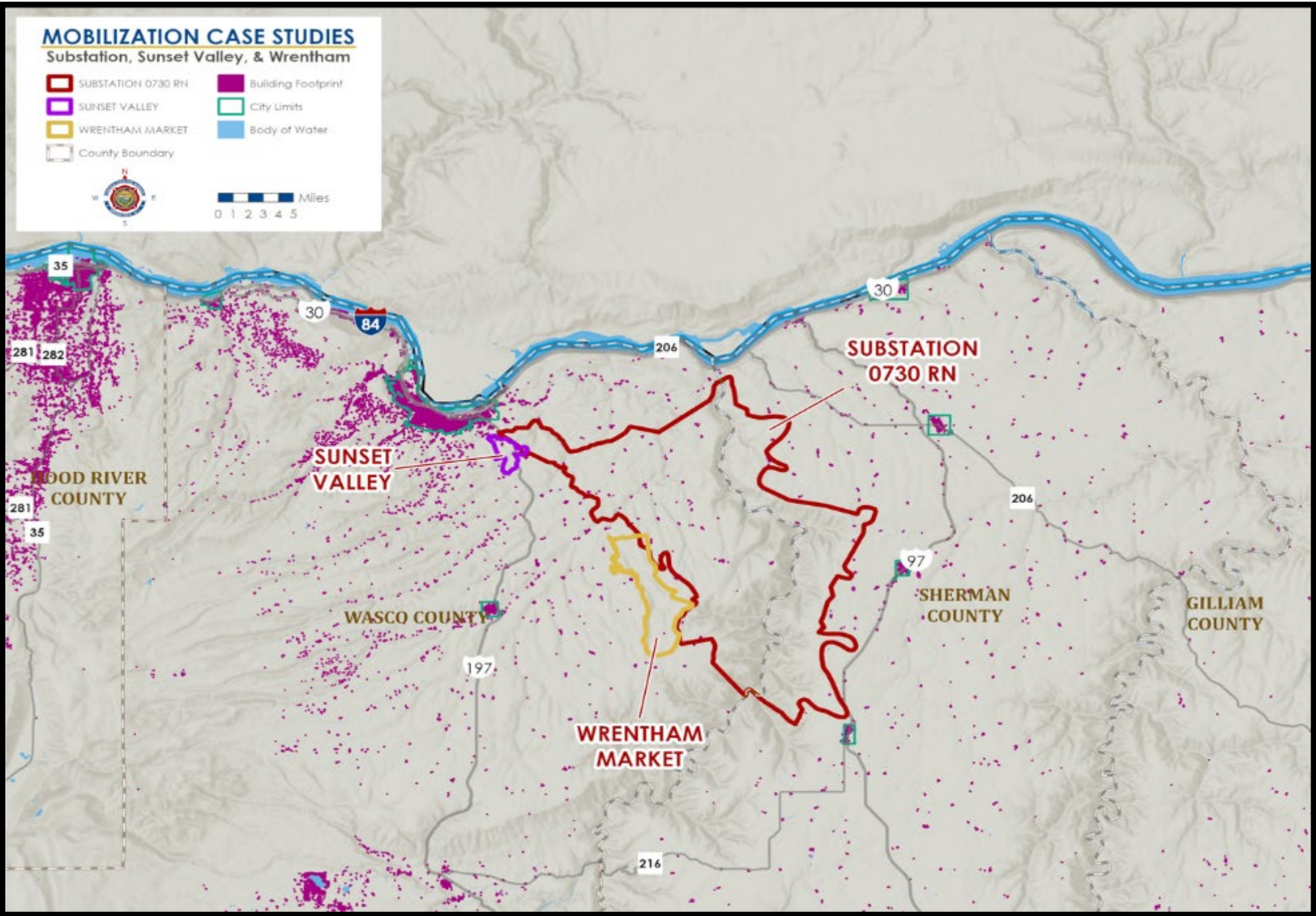
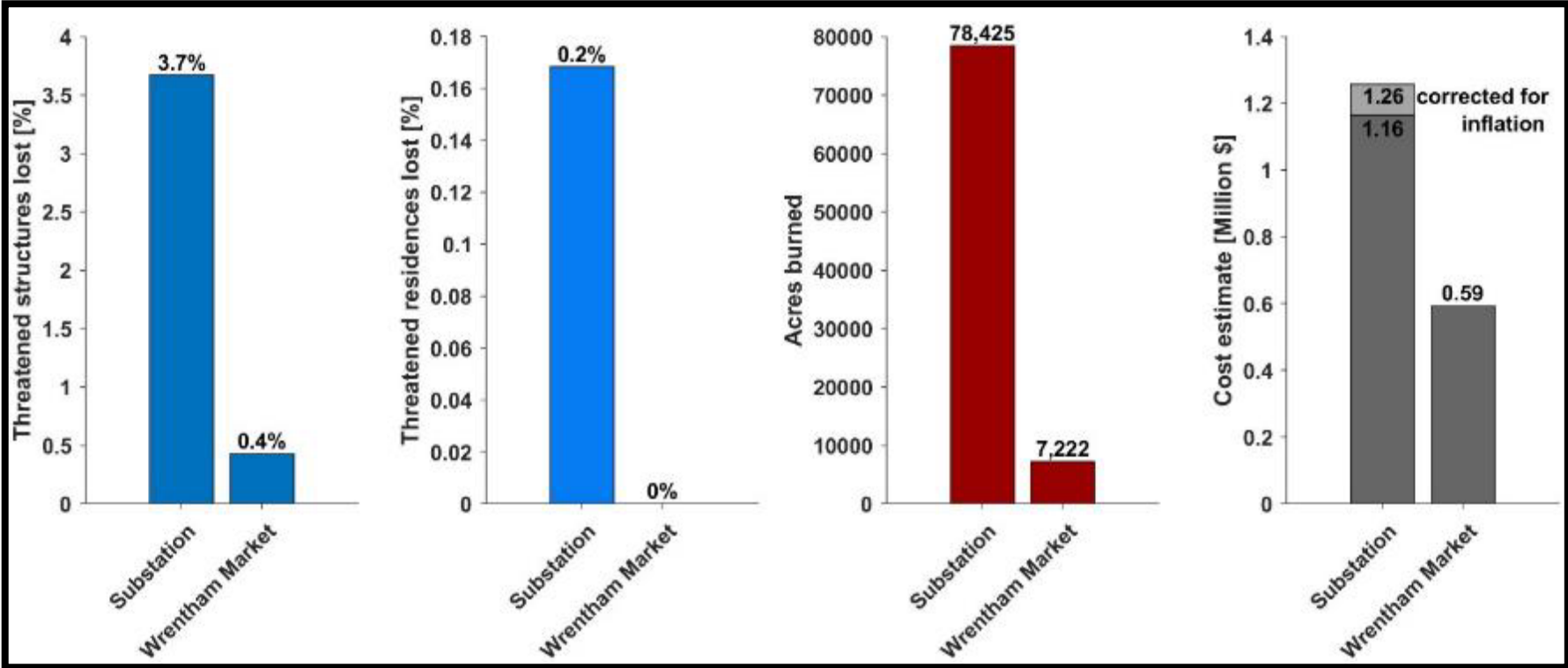
## Substation

## Sunset Valley

Start Date:	July 17, 2018	July 1, 2021
Location:	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)
Temperature:	89 degrees Fahrenheit	75 degrees Fahrenheit
Wind Speed:	9 mph average (North direction)	6 mph average (Northwest direction)



# Mobilization Case Study: Substation vs. Wrentham Market Fire



## Substation

## Wrentham Market

Start Date:	July 17, 2018	June 29, 2021
Location:	The Dalles Oregon (Wasco County)	Dufur Oregon (Wasco County)
Temperature:	89 degrees Fahrenheit	88 degrees Fahrenheit
Wind Speed:	9 mph average (North direction)	6 mph average (North direction)



**Thank you.**

