House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Oregon State Fire Marshal

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Mobilization Cost Fund Need

- OSFM incurs cost of mobilizing local fire service to conflagrations
- Wildfires are increasing in size, frequency and duration
- No designated line item in current budget
- Federal grants or E-Board are the current funding streams
- Three key problem areas:
 - Local fire service holds state debt
 - Timelines the agency holds federal debt
 - Timelines the agency can request conflagration costs



Wildfire Season Cost Timeline

	CURREN												RENT	T BIENNIUM		
		1st Year														
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Fire Season						•										
Reimbursement packets sent to local fire agencies.*																
Reimbursement packets received by OSFM.**									×							
Payment for reimburseable costs due from OSFM to local fire agencies.												•				
First opportunity to access funds for OSFM and local agency fire costs.						•	Pa	yment	Gap	•						
Reimbursement of eligible fire costs from FEMA.						•						FEMA	Reimb	oursem	ent for	
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*Agencies must return packets to OSFM within 60 days of receipt. **OSFM must pay Fire Agencies within 90 days of receipt of a

completed packet.



Wildfire Season Cost Impacts



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Gross Cost Per Biennium



Biennium



Mobilization Cost Fund

- Creates a dedicated fund
- Creates confidence and capacity in the Oregon fire service
- Reduces sole reliance on E-Board and federal funding
- Creates a responsive funding model for conflagrations

Questions?

