

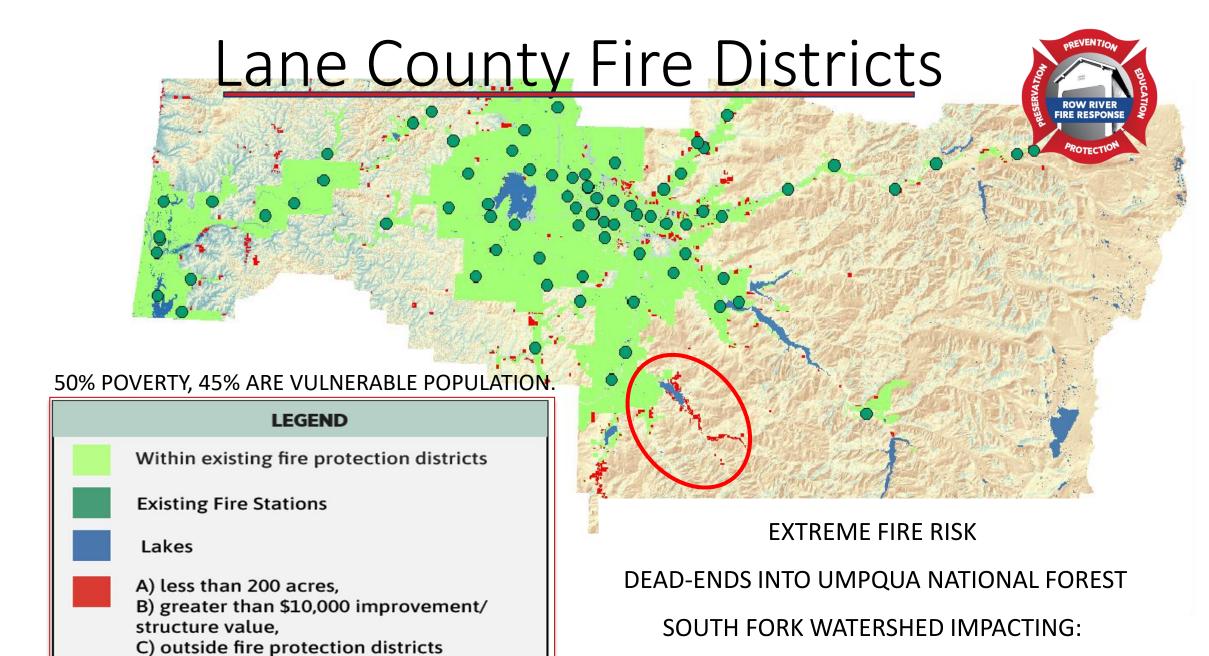
# Row River Fire Response

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2.5MM PEOPLE, 65% OREGON POPULATION

## 2023 LEGISLATURE





Rising temperatures and prolonged droughts in Oregon are impacting forests, leading to longer and more intense fire seasons. Oregon's forests cover over 30.5 million acres, nearly half of the state's land.

11 NATIONAL FORESTS24 WILDERNESS AREAS10 BLM DISTRICTS

#### **LEGEND**

Within existing fire protection districts



**Existing Fire Stations** 



Lakes

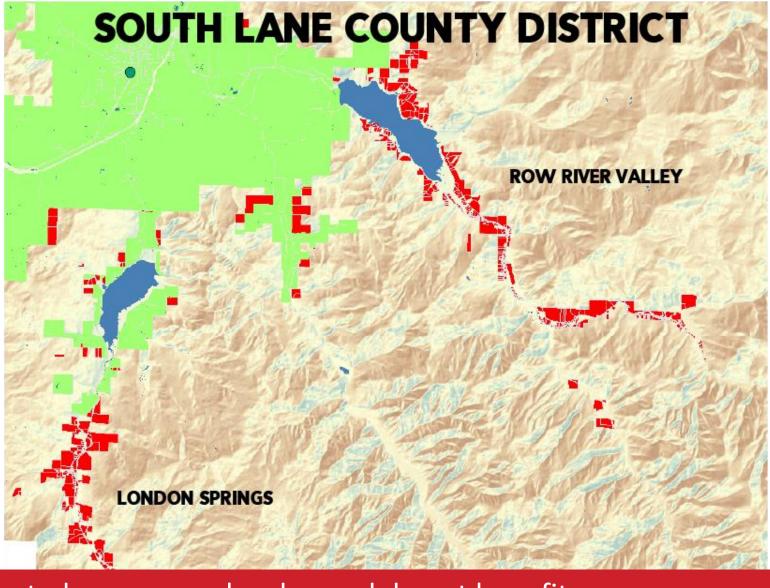


A) less than 200 acres,

B) greater than \$10,000 improvement/ structure value,

C) outside fire protection districts





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### SOUTH LANE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE









#### PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP





The RRFR has effectively tackled the challenge, paving the way for a replicable model in fire protection. This success includes:

- Formation of a partnership with a neighboring professional fire district as a transitional auxiliary unit, ensuring a legal fire division, acquiring insurance, training, mentorship, administrative support and equipment.
- Achievement of local firefighting service with 20 active firefighters within four months,
- Establishment of three Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and service within six months,
- On the ballot for a fire district within one year.



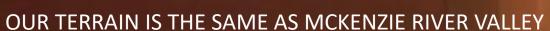
# Now

(Fortunate Beneficiaries)



## HOLIDAY FARM FIRE | Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020





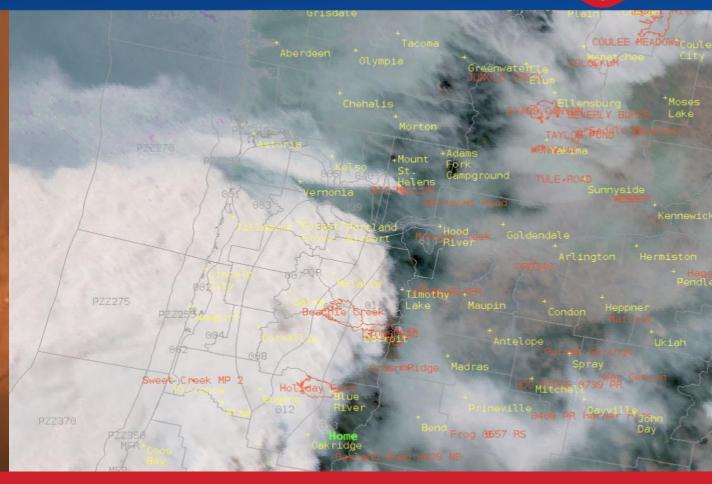
\$442.4MM MOST EXPENSIVE IN OREGON'S HISTORY

2500 Displaced

150 Homes lost

100,000 Residents without power or communication

All Western Oregon blanketed in Smoke



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# Temporary Station and Volunteers





# Prototype for the Future











Site development spans approximately 72,000 square feet

ASSEMBLY POINT, SHELTER-IN-PLACE, EVACUATION POINT.

A 7,200 square foot <u>temperature-controlled</u> <u>warehouse</u> equipped with ADA restrooms serves as storage for fire and EMS vehicles and related equipment.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER AND MULTI-AGENCY COMMAND CENTER



### Benefits of Multi-Use | Multi-Agency



#### **REGIONAL:**

#### In case of a local and/or regional disaster:

- Provide stability for continuation of government
- Serve as overflow for regional disaster evacuees and their pets
- Minimize influx/oversaturation of disaster evacuees with Safety Zone
- Prevent/Delay the emergency's impact on governmental agencies
- Preventing the spread of an incident impact to surrounding communities
- Serve as incident command in the event of a forecasted disaster
- Create a network of resiliency across forest-gateway communities.

### Phase 1- \$3.9MM



#### We don't want any unprotected areas in Oregon

#### **Provides:**

- Fire Station
- Safety Zone
- Community Center
- Multi-Use/Multi-Agency Emergency Center

- Saves Lives and Property
- Protects our National Forests
- Protect the Watershed
- Strengthen Local Economy
- Legacy of History and Hope

