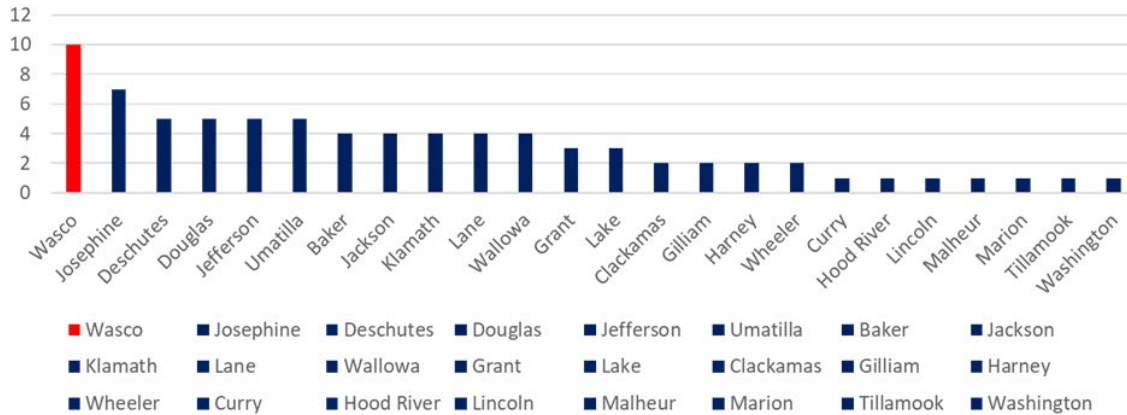


Department of The Oregon State Fire Marshal Budget

February 19th, 2025

Committee Members,

As Fire Chief of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Fire Defense Board Chief of Wasco County, I support the proposed budget for the Oregon State Fire Marshal. The Department effectively supports and organizes fire services with strategic decision-making, including rapid resource deployment for complex conflagration responses. Key aspects of the budget include upstaffing grants, wildfire hazard mitigation programs, and resources for effective conflagration fire response, which are crucial for Wasco County due to its wildfire threat. According to the Data and Analytics team at OSFM, over the last 10 years no other county relied on this functioning system to the frequency our high-risk area has.



Programs focused on providing fuel mitigation and firefighters on scene quickly to mitigate emergencies certainly reduce the impact of costly conflagration deployments. It is my hope that the proposed Fire Marshal’s Budget will be sufficient to ensure their mission is fulfilled. I am also hopeful through the budget process, the Oregon Mutual-aid system will be supported to the extent it remains rapidly expandable and responsive to emergencies.

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