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Oregon wildfire prevention and suppression should be funded by existing state funding source(s) or or existing or new federal funding source(s). It would be patently unjust to assess private timber owners a new tax that would disproportionately shifts these public costs to private individuals or businesses when in fact 97% of all acreage burned in Oregon in recent years is attributable to wildfires started on federal forestlands.

If the state is unable to keep up with these costs, then the appropriate course of redress should be sought with the appropriate federal land agencies where the overwhelming wildfire mitigation responsibility rightly lies.