

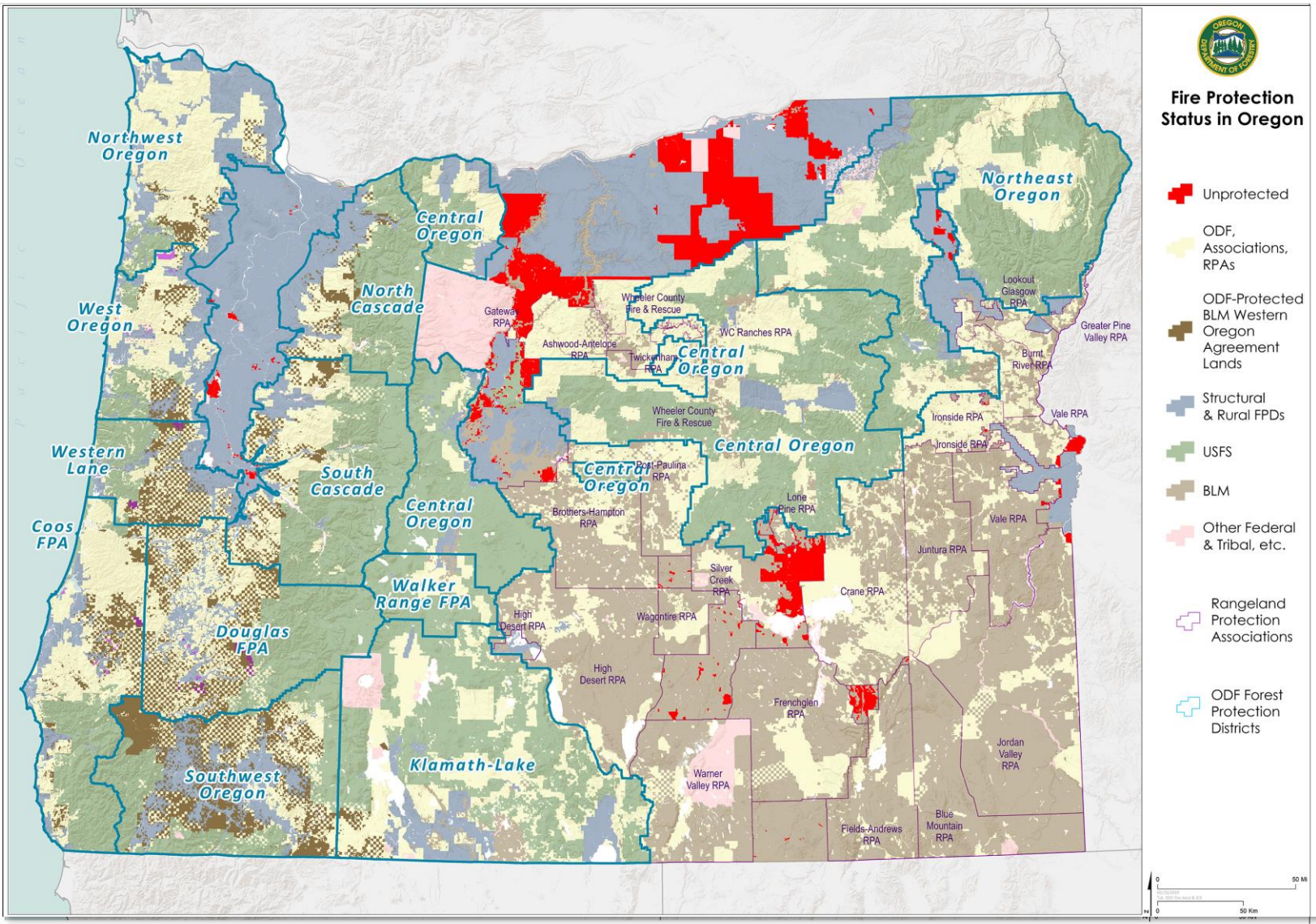


# Oregon Wildfire and Electric Collaborative Workshop

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# Wildfire Protection in Oregon



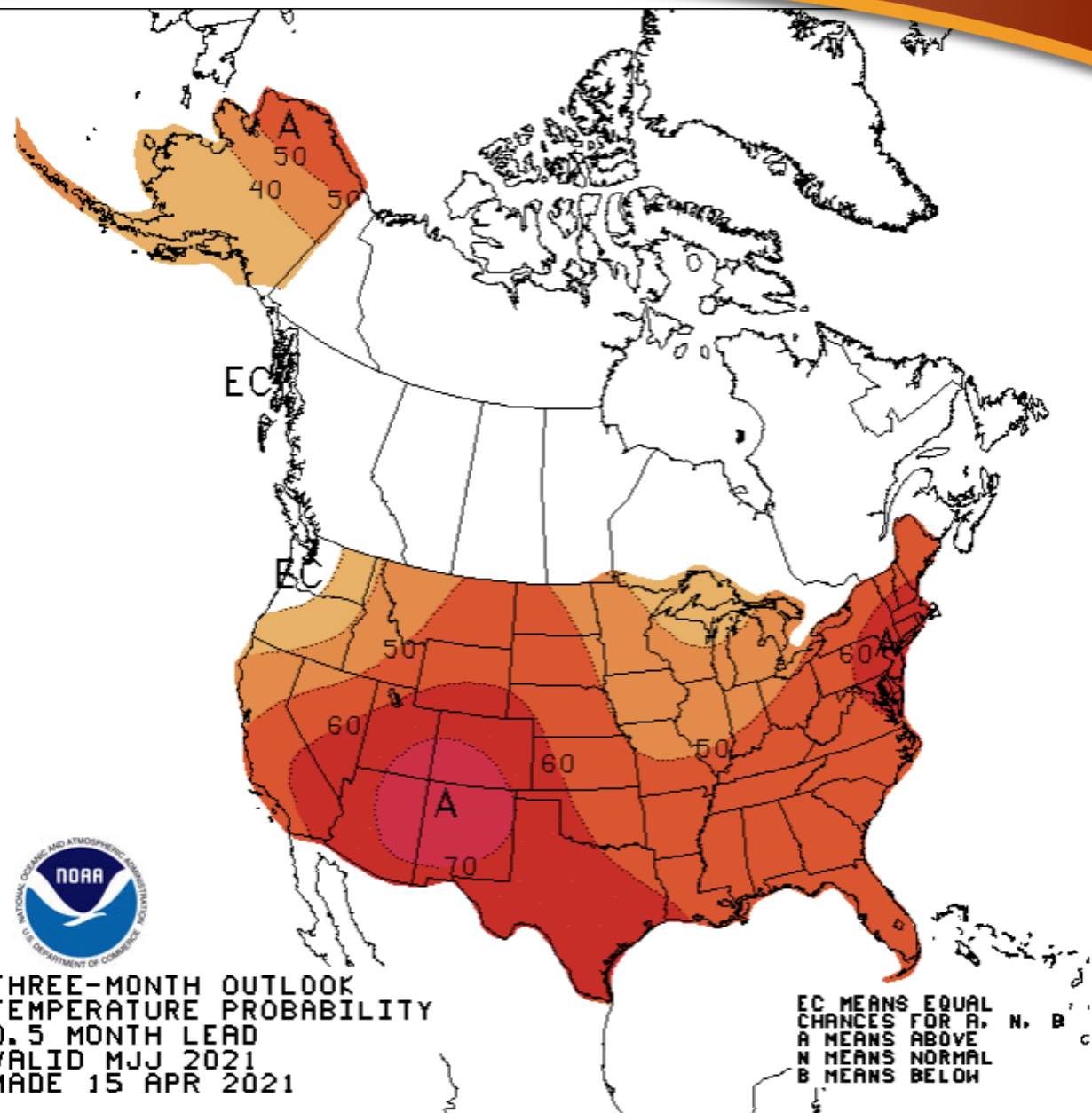
## Fire Protection Status in Oregon

- Unprotected
- ODF, Associations, RPAs
- ODF-Protected BLM Western Oregon Agreement Lands
- Structural & Rural FPDs
- USFS
- BLM
- Other Federal & Tribal, etc.
- Rangeland Protection Associations
- ODF Forest Protection Districts



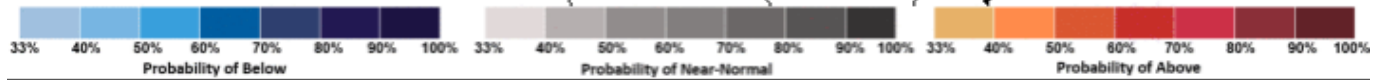
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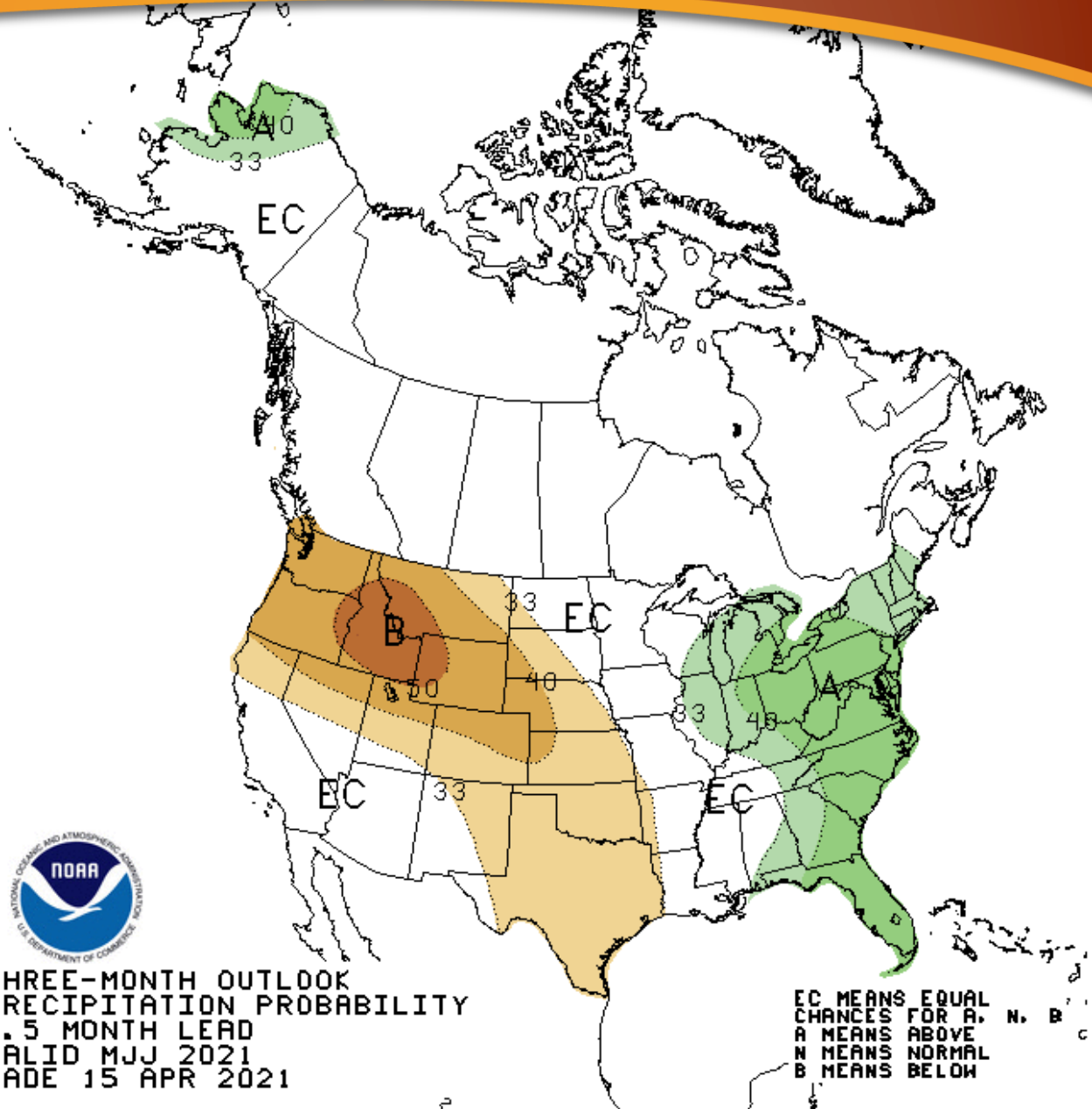




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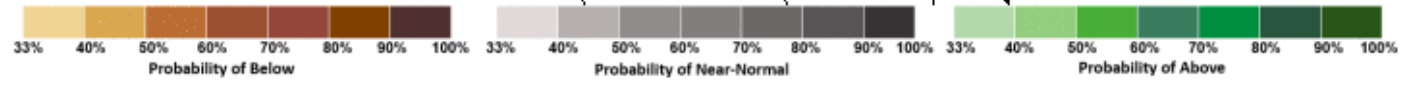
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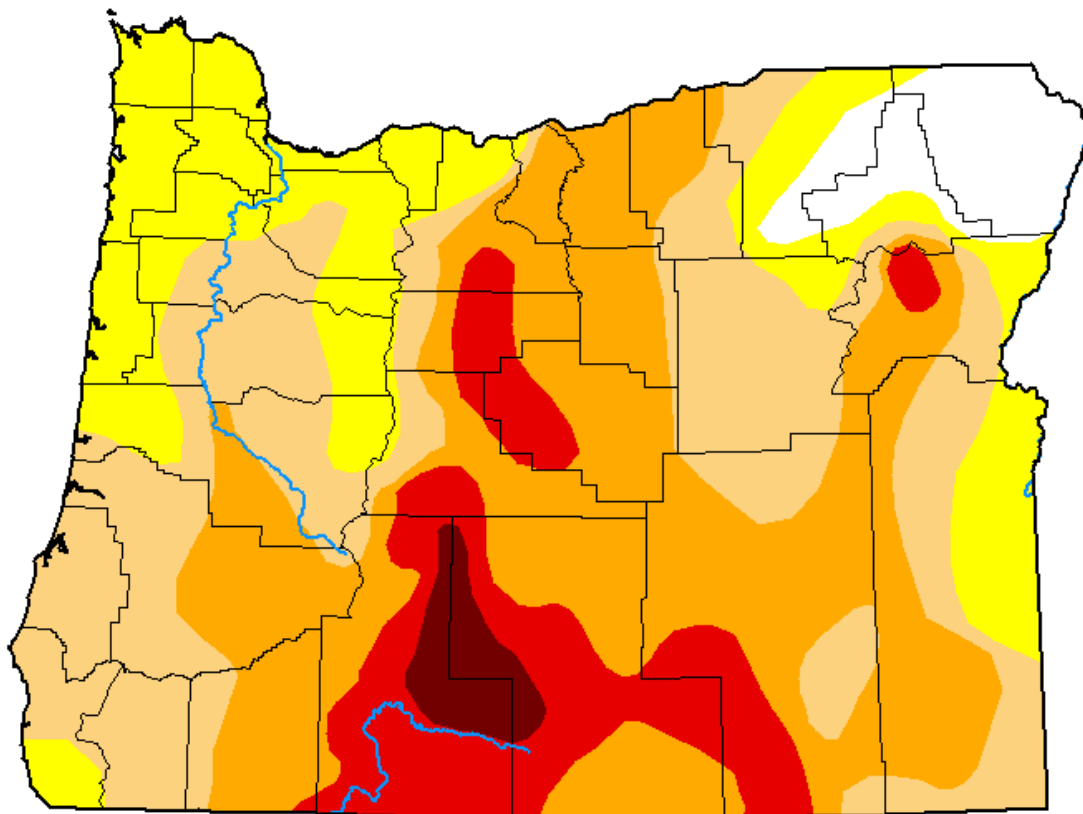
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

**April 20, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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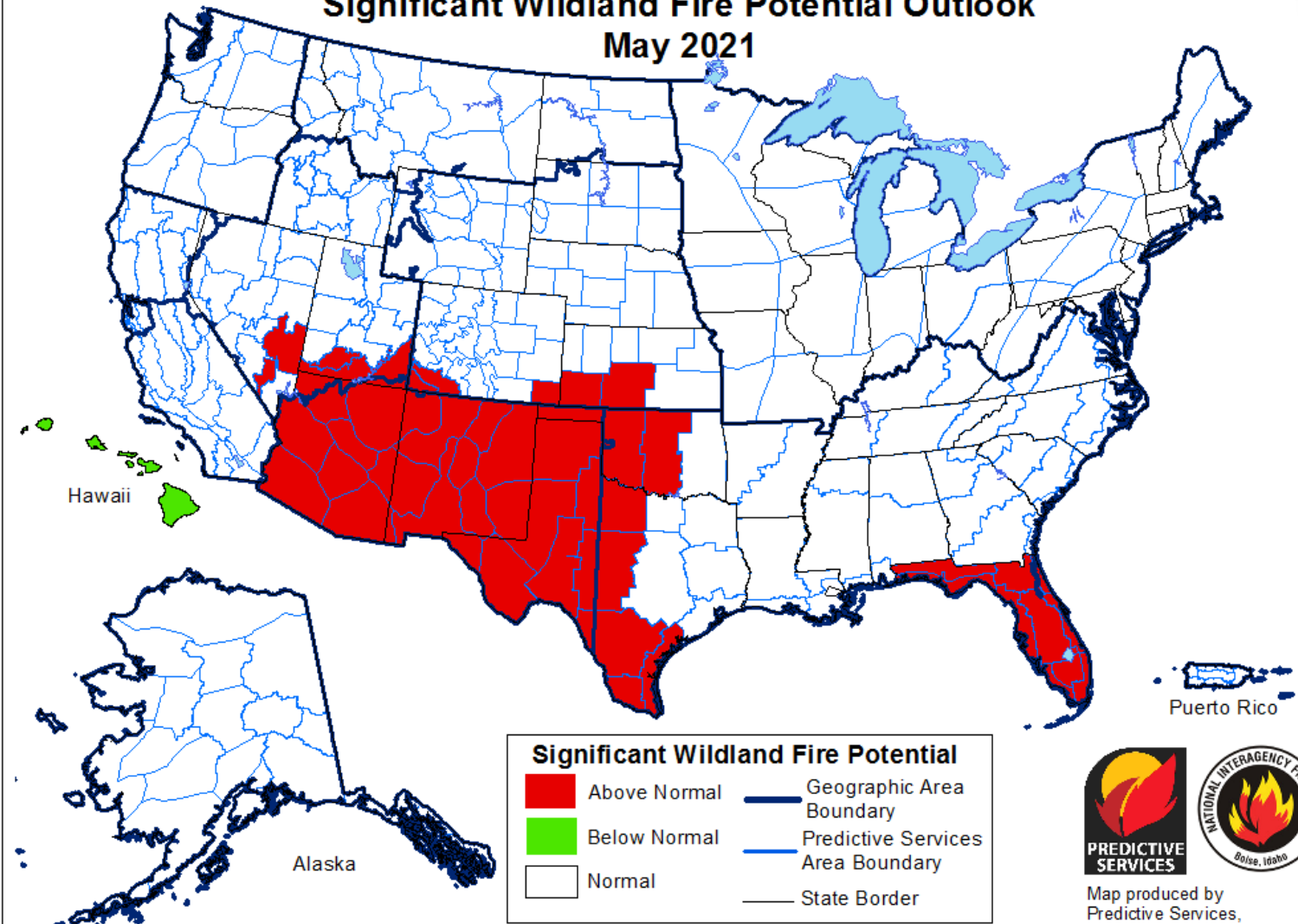
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## Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook May 2021



Hawaii

Alaska

Puerto Rico

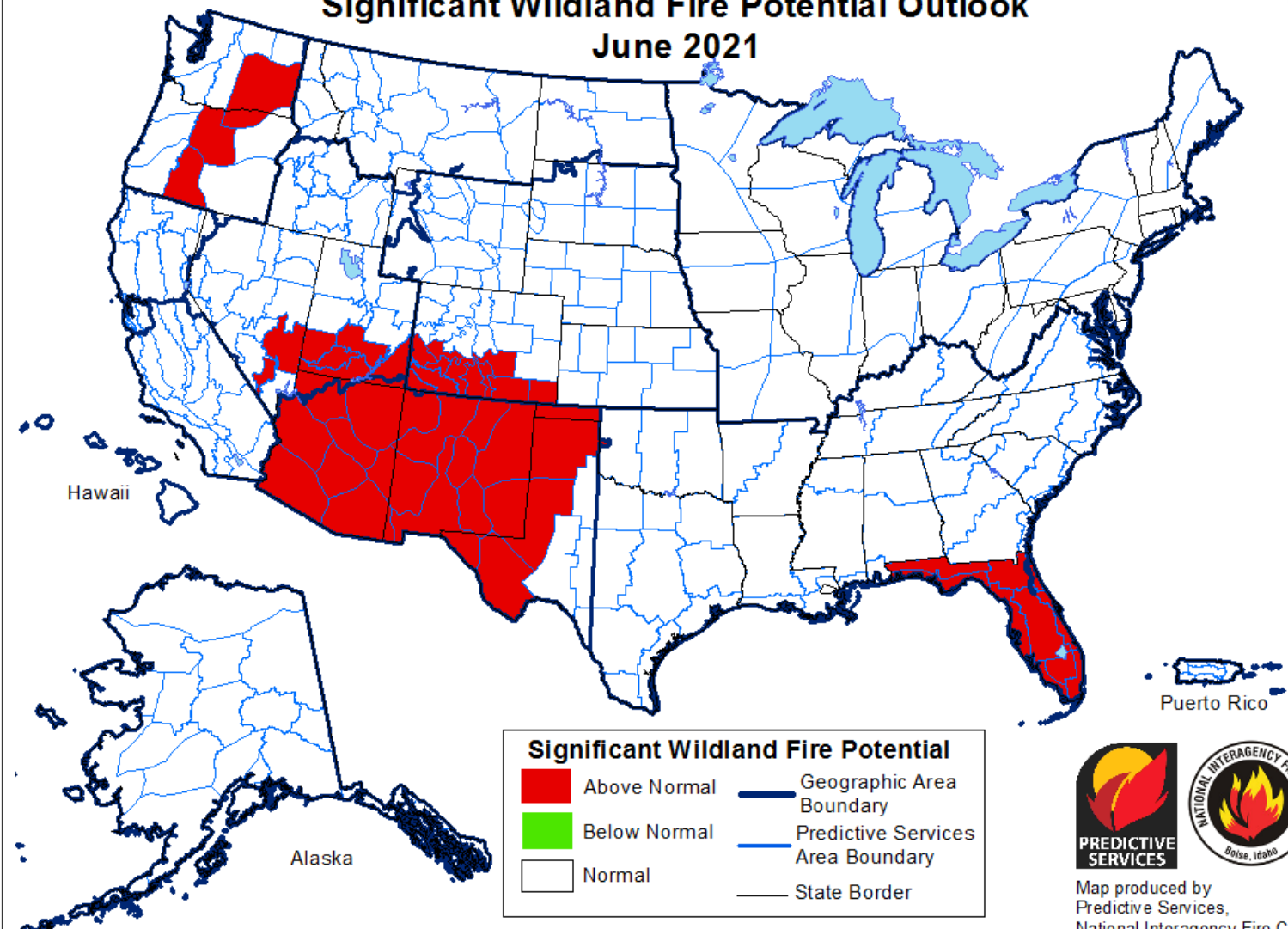


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# Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook June 2021



**Significant Wildland Fire Potential**

	Above Normal		Geographic Area Boundary
	Below Normal		Predictive Services Area Boundary
	Normal		State Border



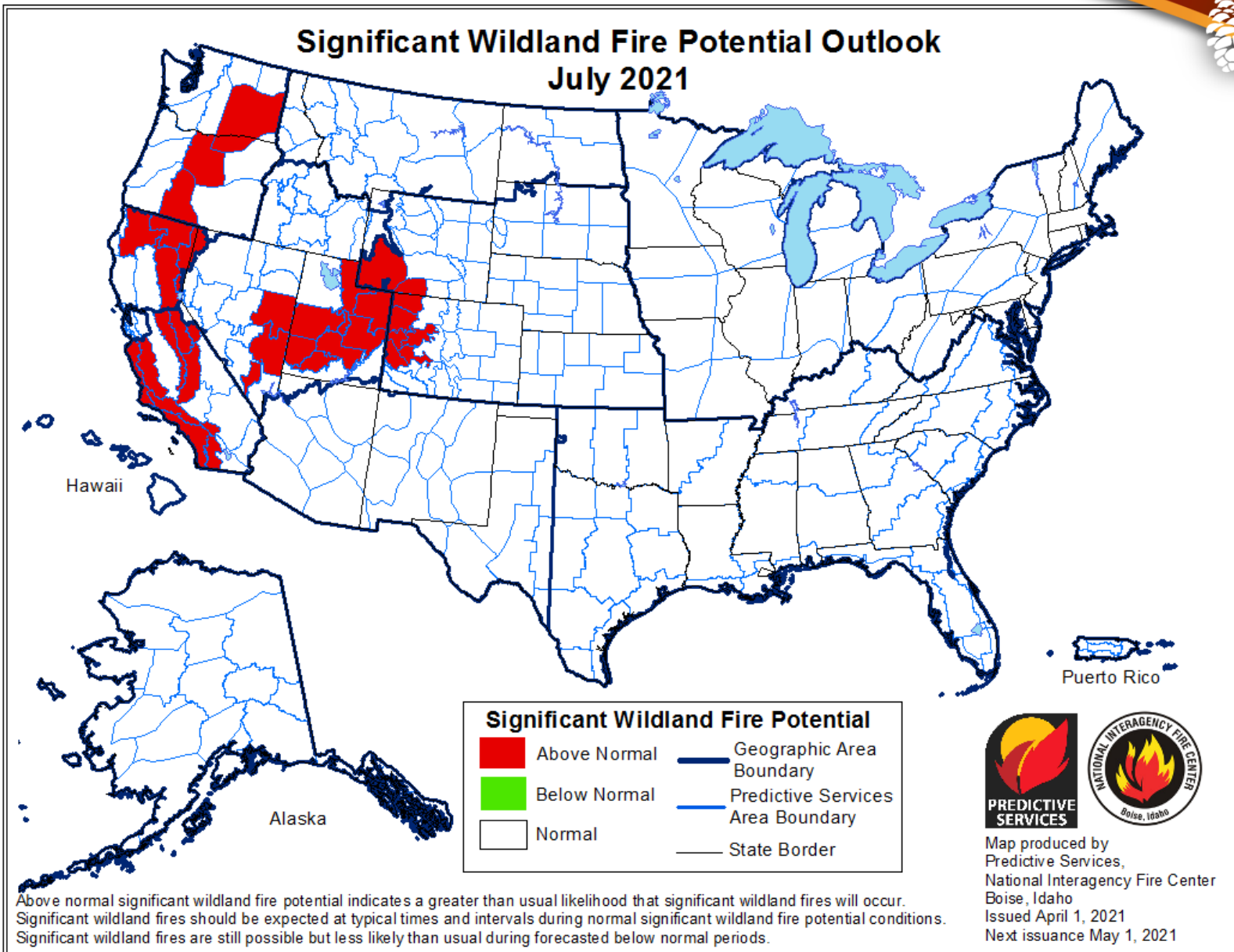
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# Advancing Fire Protection: Legislative Investments

- \$13M
- 33 LD positions full-time plus seasonals
- ODF investments
  - Fire Response - \$3M:
    - Fire Line Leadership & Support
  - Aviation Capacity - \$5M:
    - Next Generation Air Tanker and Heavy Helicopter
  - Wildfire Risk Mitigation - \$5M:
    - Strategic fuel reduction projects around communities



# Fire statistics to date

*May 7, 2021*

## 2021 Year To Date

	Fires	Acres
Lightning	0	0
Human	182	1,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,869</b>

## 10-Year Average (2011-2020 Year To Date)

Lightning	7	4
Human	60	386
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>390</b>



### *2021 vs 10 Year Average*

- *2.7x more human fires*
- *5x more acres burned*

# Fire Season



Declared by the State Forester through written proclamation.

Start and End varies by ODF district based on conditions

Forest operations must follow requirements and restrictions

Public outdoor debris burning is now regulated.



**FIRE**  
**RESTRICTIONS**

# Fire Season Industrial Operations



## Must follow fire season requirements

Permit to operate power-driven machinery (PDM)

No Smoking

No use of fuse and caps for blasting

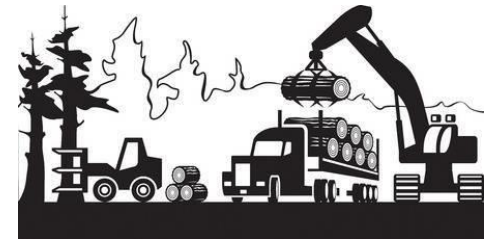
Provide Firewatch service

Provide fire tools and water supply

Spark arresters required and maintained in good operating condition

Adhere to fire prevention requirements on cable operations

Follow Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL)/Written Order Requirements



# Fire Season – Industrial Operations



## Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

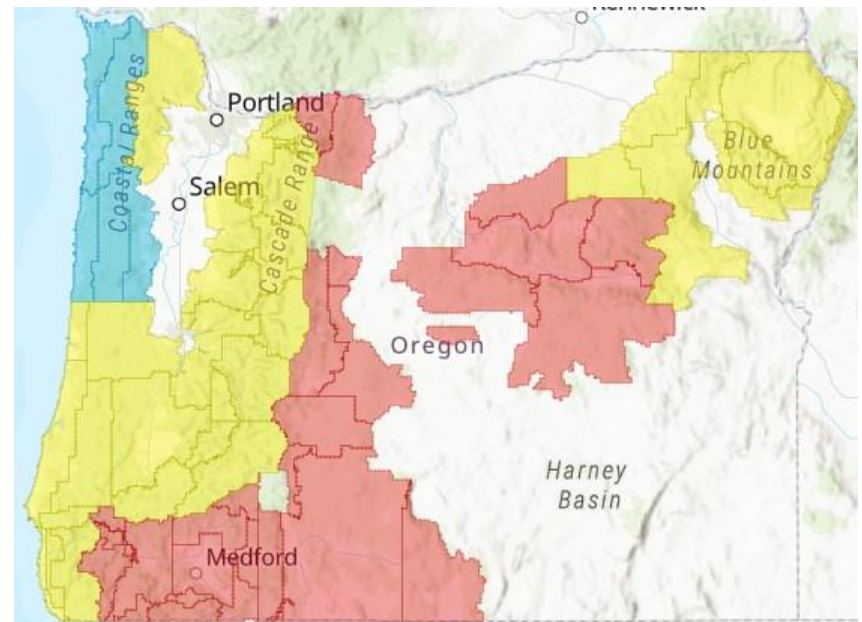
**IFPL 1: Fire Season Requirements in Effect**

**IFPL 2: Some activities are prohibited between 8pm and 1pm**

**IFPL 3: Some activities are prohibited entirely. All others between 8pm and 1pm**

**IFPL 4: All activities prohibited.**

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# Fire Season – Public



As stated earlier, outdoor debris Burning requires a permit when fire season goes into effect.



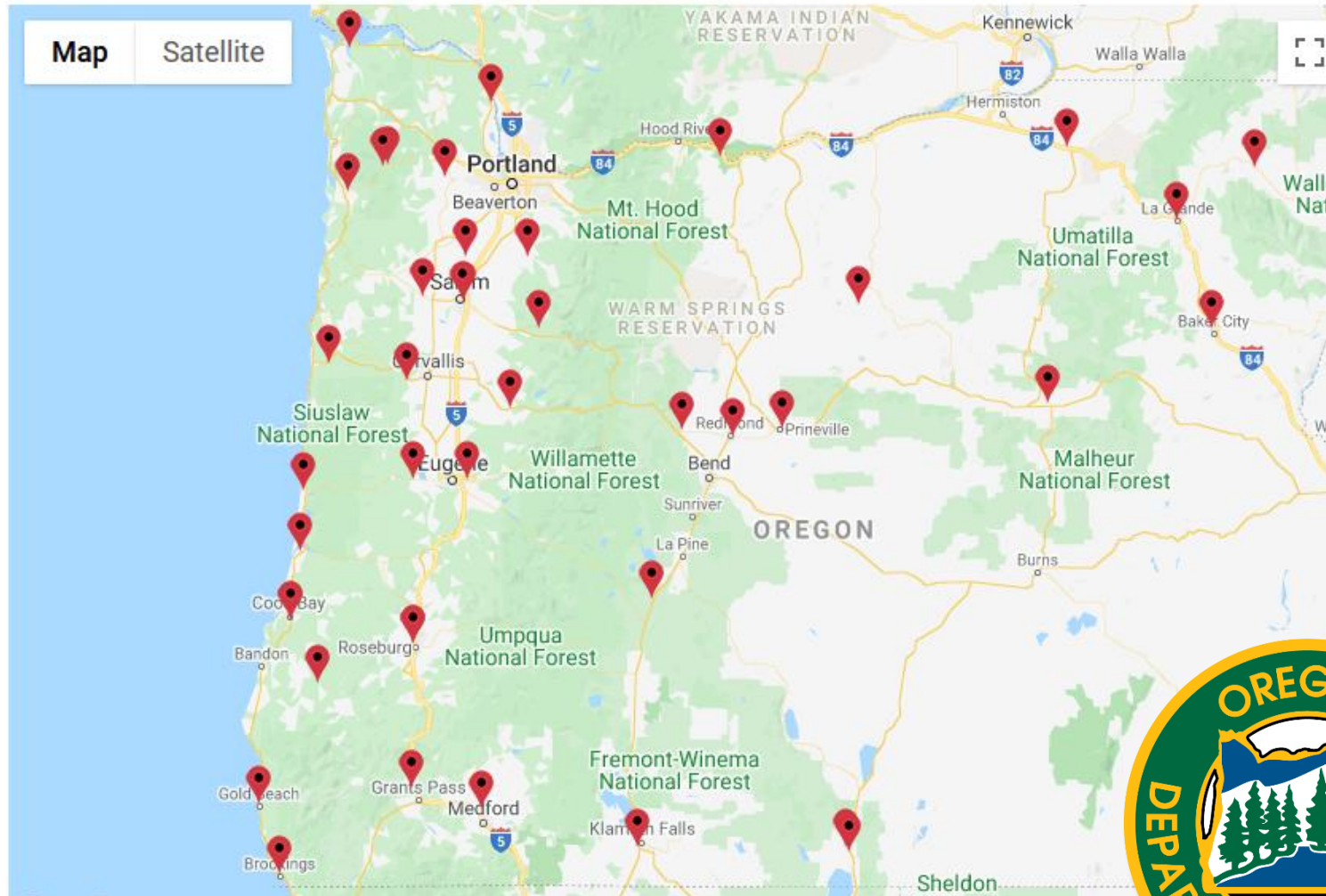
Regulated Use Closures are imposed at the district level when conditions warrant...sometimes weeks after fire season declaration.

**Restricts certain activities prone to start fires in that area.**

- Smoking
- Campfires
- Fireworks
- Mowing dry grass
- Power saw use
- Other spark emitting equipment or activities
- Off-road driving
- Cutting and welding



# Please coordinate with your local ODF/Protection Association District



**Thank You**

