

# Oregon Department of Forestry 2024 Fire Season Update

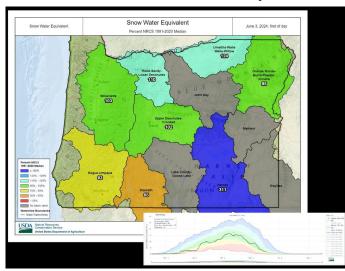
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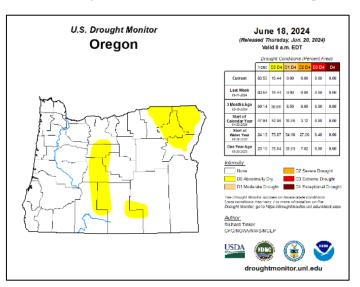
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Battle Mountain Complex 8/04/24

#### Reasonable snowpack



#### Mostly recovered drought

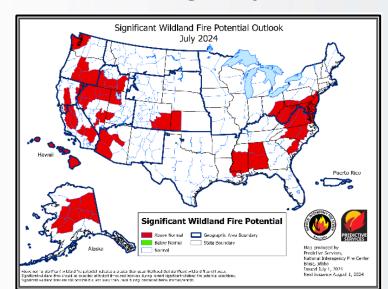


- Oregon was out of the severe drought we had been experiencing.
  - (sort of...)
- Potential started average, but quickly spiked for central & southeast OR

#### Before July

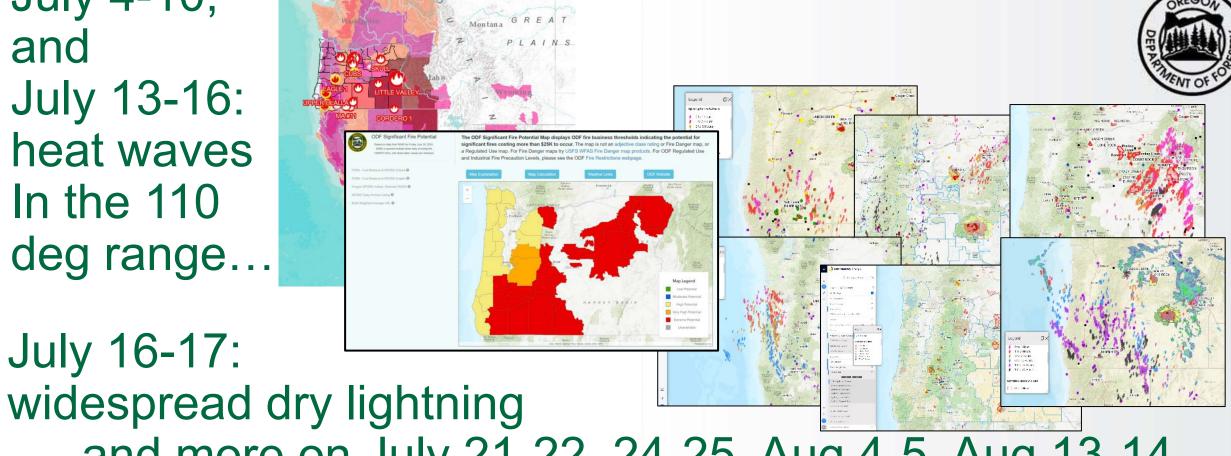


#### **During July**





July 4-10, and July 13-16: heat waves In the 110 deg range...



.....and more on July 21-22, 24-25, Aug 4-5, Aug 13-14

During the multiple storm event, over 6,100 strikes were recorded which ignited hundreds of fires. Indices were above the 97th percentile and fires exploded off the landscape. In addition, several large human-caused fires were already burning which only exacerbated the situation. Five of the fires grew into megafires of over 100,000 acres a piece! (falls, cow valley, durkee, lone rock, battle mountain complex)



3900 Upper Applegate Fire

- 6/20/2024
- 1,124 acres





# Darlene 3 Fire

- 6/25/2024
- 3,903 acres
  - FEMA
- Unified CMD BLM, OSFM Red Team



# BF Salt Creek Fire

- 7/07/2024
- 1,500 acres
- IMT 1 (Hessel)



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- 7/09/2024
- 16,240 acres
  - FEMA
- Unified CMD IMT 2 (Howard), **OSFM Green Team**



# Battle Mountain Complex

• 183,026 acres

• FEMA

Unified CMD

• ODF IMT 1
(Hessel) ODF
IMT 3
(McCarty)

OSFM Green





### Lane 1

- 25,267 acres
- North Carolina
   IMT
  - ODF IMT 1 (Hessel)
- Several fires in a complex burned into one



# Winding Waters

760 acres

ODF IMT 2



Five lightning fires all on ODF protection.

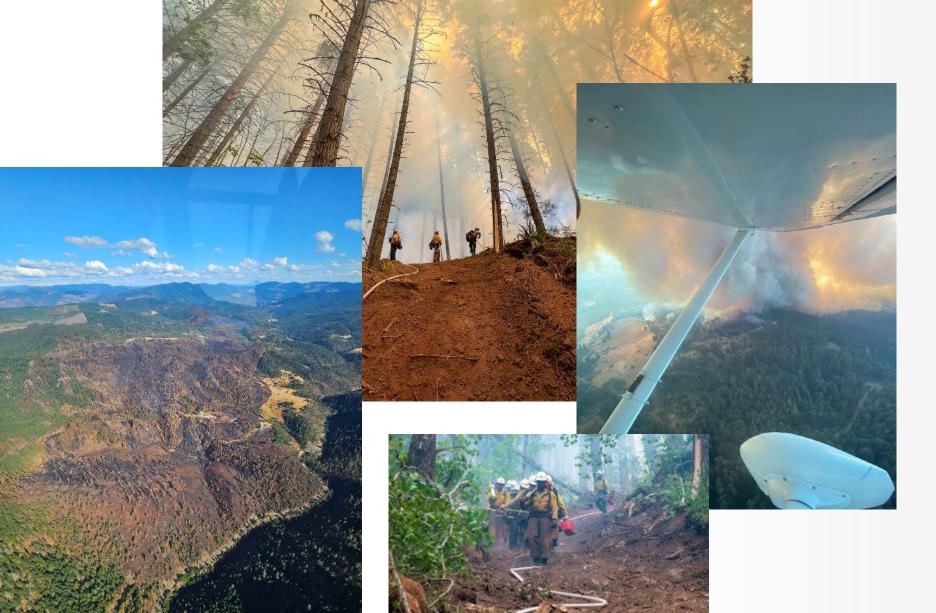
Extremely challenging terrain.

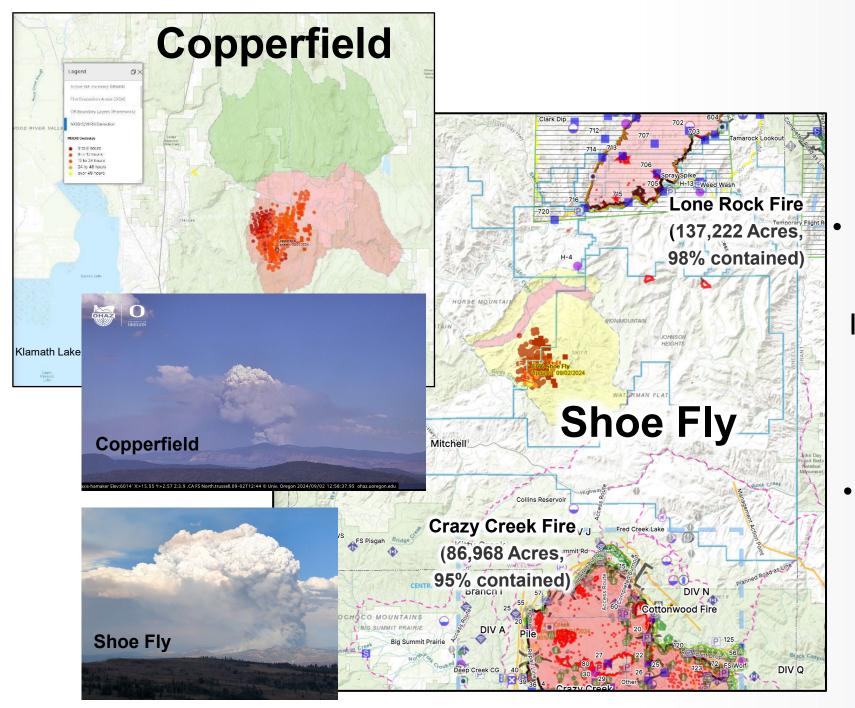


# Dixon



- Unified CMD
  - ODF IMT 2 (Howard)
- OSFM Green





## Labor Day Weekend Fires



Copperfield – Klamath-Lake
District

IMT3 (McCarty), OSFM Red

**FEMA Fire** 

9/01, **3,241** ac

Shoe Fly – Central Oregon
 District

IMT1 (Hessel)

9/02, ~3,000 ac

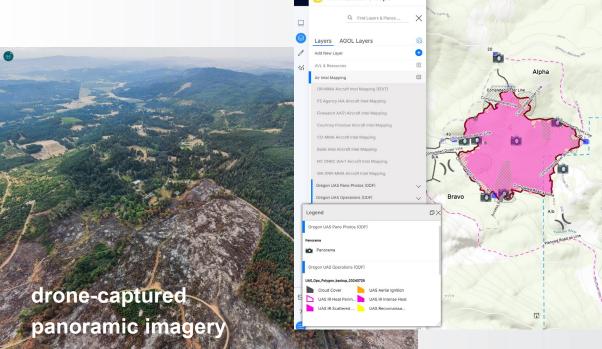
# Lone Rock Fire **Parish Complex Fires:** Wildhorse (99 ac) & Indian Hollow (102 ac) -- only 5 miles to town of Spray



Fire Boss dropping water on Silver Falls Fire

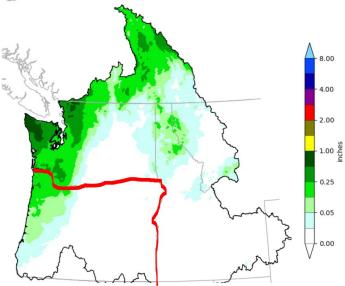
### IA Successes

- DEP PARTIENT OF CO
- Parrish Creek Complex COD-John Day
- Silver Falls West Oregon
- Lee Falls fire Forest Grove

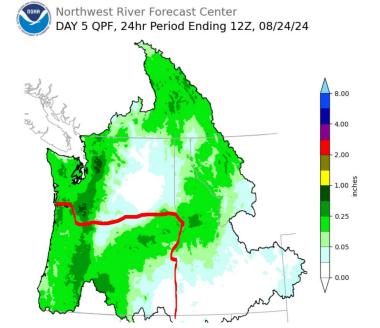


Day 3 (Wednesday): Precipitation Forecast ending Thursday, August 22 at 5 am



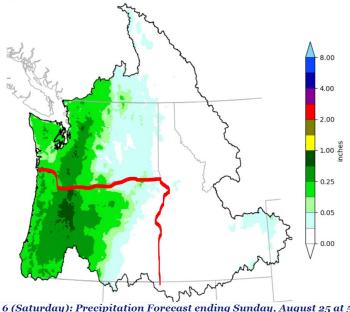


Day 5 (Friday): Precipitation Forecast ending Saturday, August 24 at 5 am

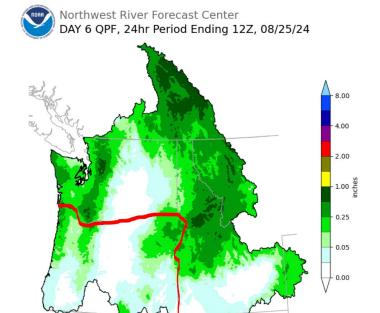


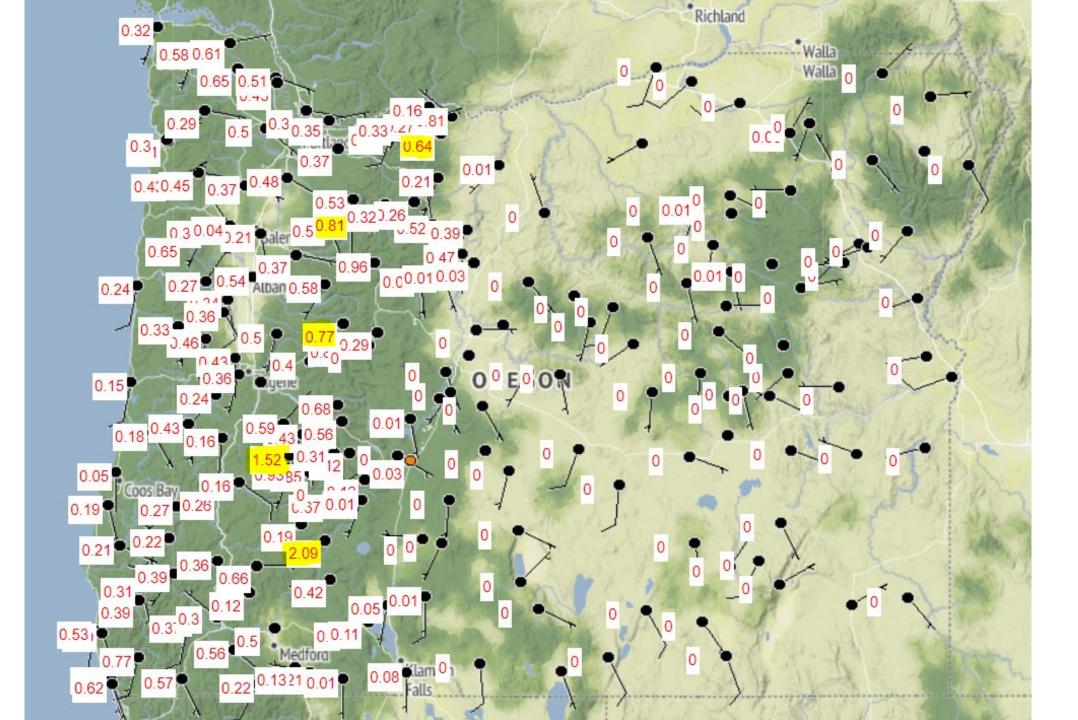
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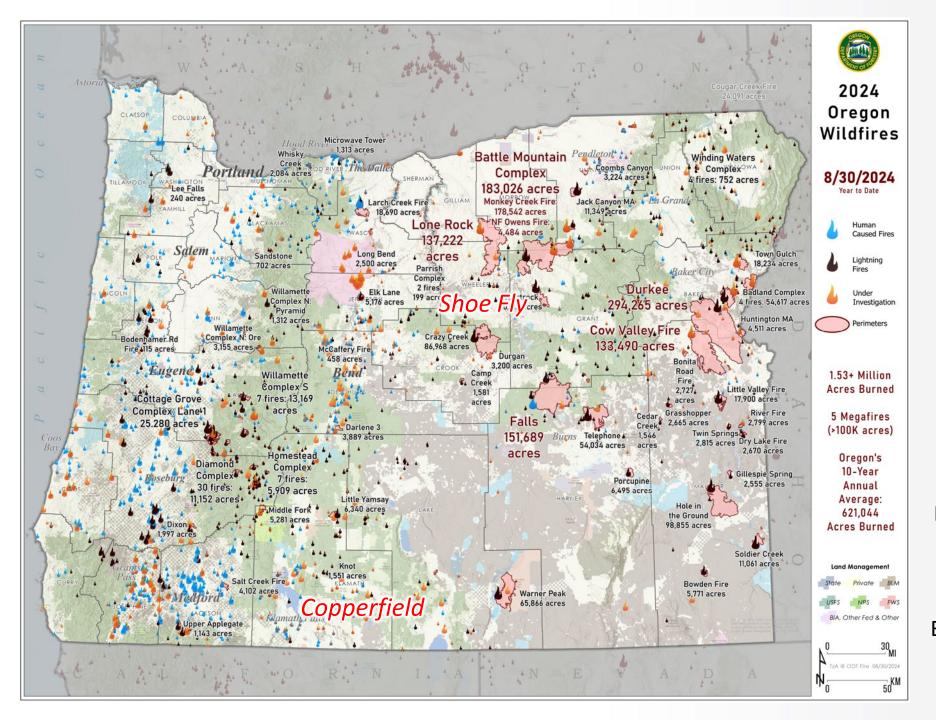




Day 6 (Saturday): Precipitation Forecast ending Sunday, August 25 at 5 am PDT









Year-to-date
Aug 30, 2024
Also showing locations of
Shoefly and Copperfield fires

#### 10 FEMA fires:

Darlene 3, Larch Creek, Lone Rock, Falls Fire, Battle Mountain Complex (Monkey Creek, Snake, NF Owens), Boneyard/Courtrock, Durkee, MM 132, Elk Lane, Lee Falls Fire, Copperfield

#### **Current Situation**

Sept 3, 2024 with added acreage from Copperfield and Shoe Fly fires

2024 Year To Date				
	Fires	Acres		
Lightning	177	125,672		
Human (and UI)	567	90,774		
Total	744	216,447		
10-Year Average (2014-2023 Year To Date)				
Lightning	208	41,797		
Human	604	28,063		
Total	812	69,860		

# ODF Fire Statistics



94%

fires kept at 10 acres or less to date in 2024

on ODF-protection from all statewide fires

2024 vs 2023 YTD: 254,692 vs 17,216 acres ~15 times greater than 2023

2024 vs 10-year average YTD: 254,692 vs 69,860 acres ~4 times greater than 10-year average

#### Resources Imported by State

Resources Imported by State		
AK	28	
AL	1	
CA	13	
CO	1	
FL	15	
HI	9	
ID	7	
IL	1	
KS	1	
ME	1	
MN	6	
NC	4	
ND	2	
NH	1	
NM	12	
NV	1	
RI	1	
SC	3	
SD	3	
TX	2	
WA	4	
WI	10	

Total Persons Imported:	455
Total States Imported:	22
International Resources:	5
Total Resources:	126
Total Command:	18
Total Operations:	87
Total Management:	21

## Resources helping ODF with the firefight



#### Oregon National Guard

Total Persons Assigned:	152
Total Crews:	7

#### International Resources

Total Persons Assigned:	5
Saskathewan	2
Northwest Territories	3



2024 ODF Statewide Support Team

### **Oregon National Guard**

Through Governor Kotek's State of Emergency Declaration,
 ODF was able to order firefighting resources from the
 ORNG

 ODF ordered 7 hand crews: 4 assisted at the Falls and Telephone Fires in central Oregon

A second rotation assisted at the Diamond Complex in the Oregon Cascades and demobilized on August 29









## ORNG Aircraft



#### 2 - Medical Evacuation Helicopters

- 60 days on standby (total)
- 6 Missions

#### 2 – T1 Suppression Helicopters

- Dropped 162,000 gallons of water
- Supported Dixon,Microwave, and Lane1 fires.

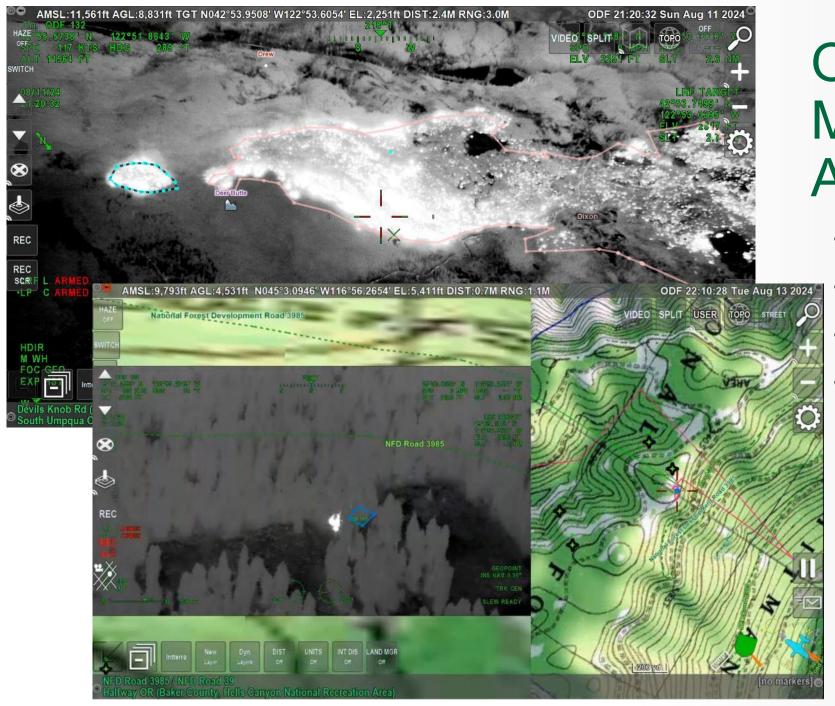


# Severity Aircraft Stats

All statistics are estimates until reconciled after fire season.



- Total Severity Program Aircraft Flight Hours: 1,322
  - 9-yr Average = 1,180
- Water Bucket Drops: 3,553
- Water Delivered (gal): 980,000
- Retardant Delivered (gal): 257,000
- Water Enhancing Gel (gal): 328,000
- 95 firefighters delivered
- 1,323 lbs. of equipment

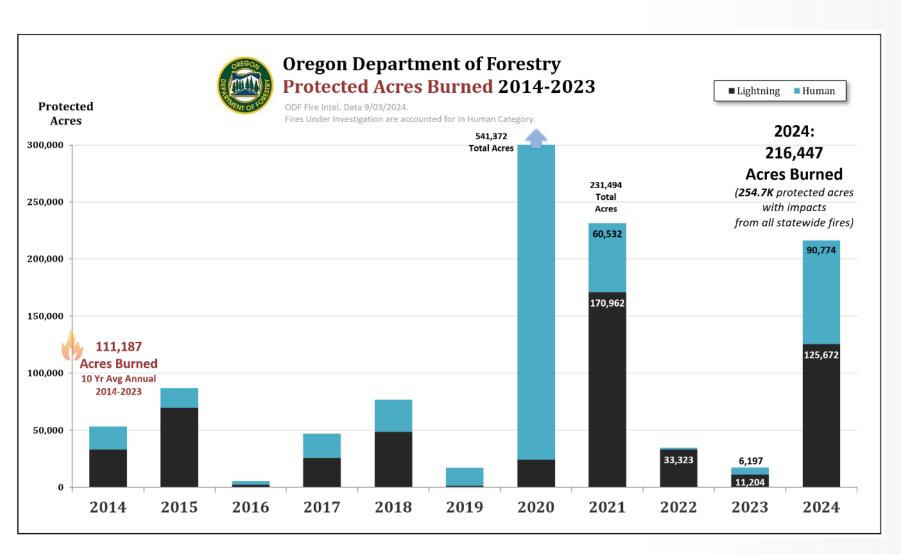


# ODF Multi-Mission Aircraft



- 22 Fire Detections
- 50 hours
- IR and visible camera capability
- Video and images available in SOFSA

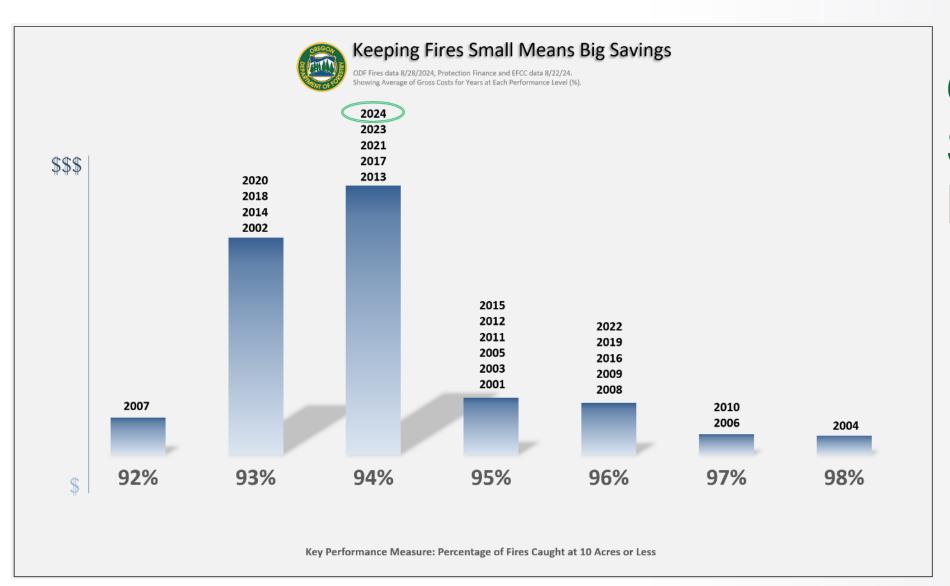




# ODF Recent Fire History: Acres Burned

On average, 47% of Oregon wildfires start within ODF Districts, but only 18% of the state's acres burned are on ODF protected lands.

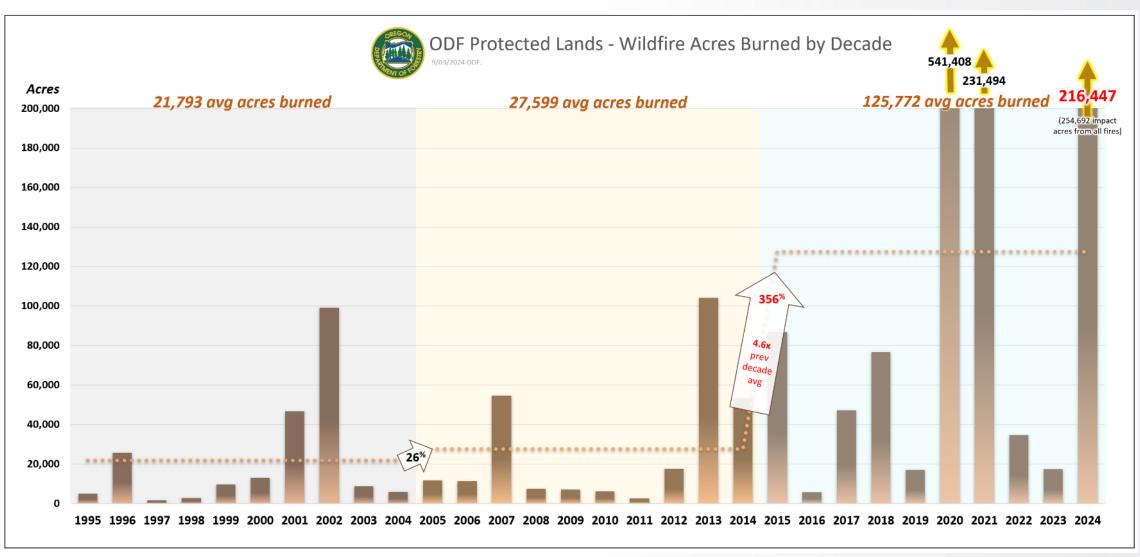
In 2024, ODF had 43% of statewide fires, and only 13% of statewide acres burned.



# ODF Fire Suppression Effectiveness

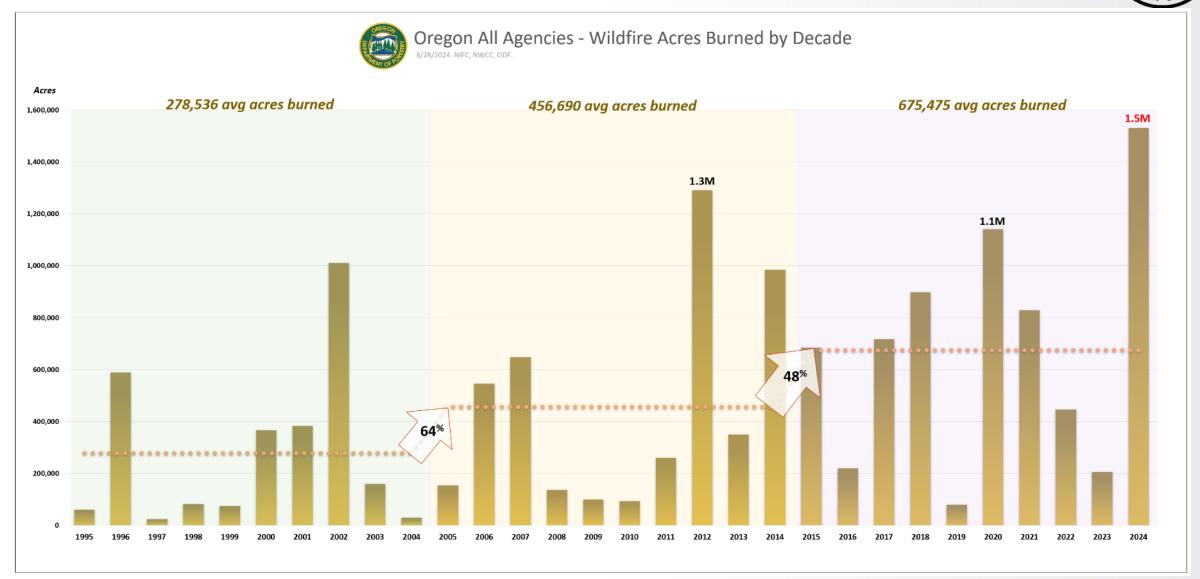
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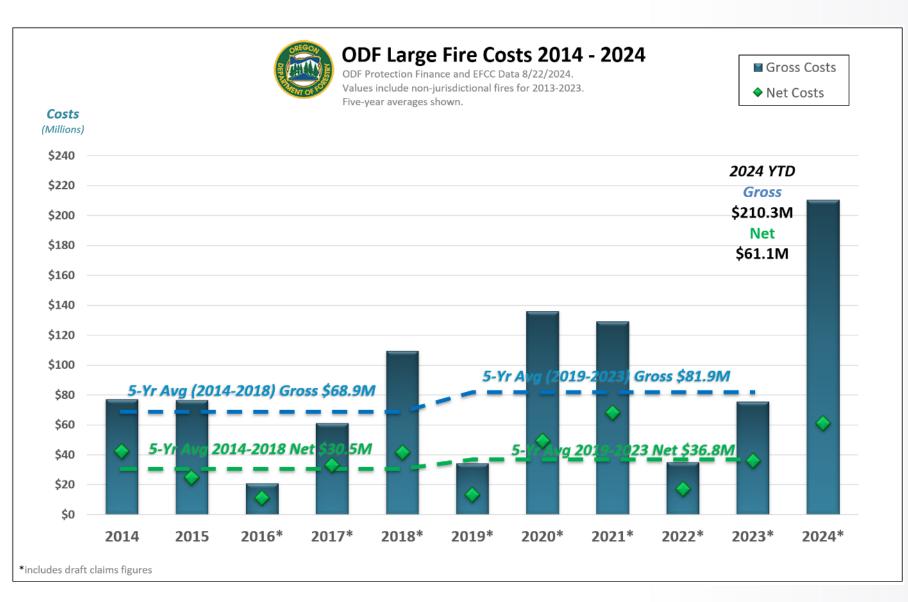




### Acres Burned by Decade – All Jurisdictions

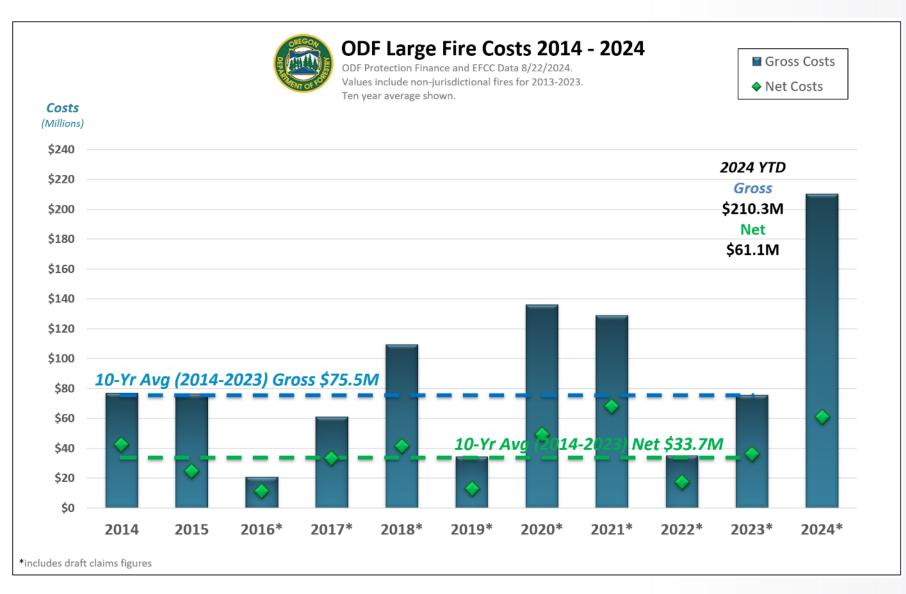






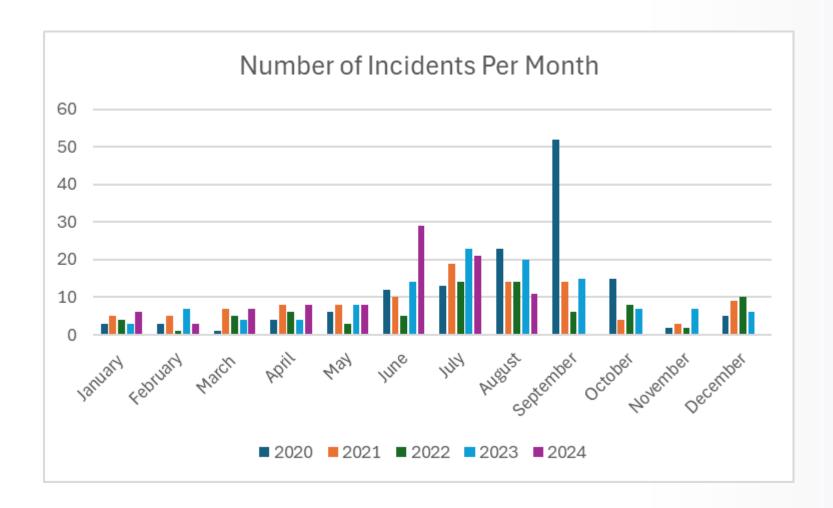
# ODF Large Fire Costs 20142024

with 5-year averages

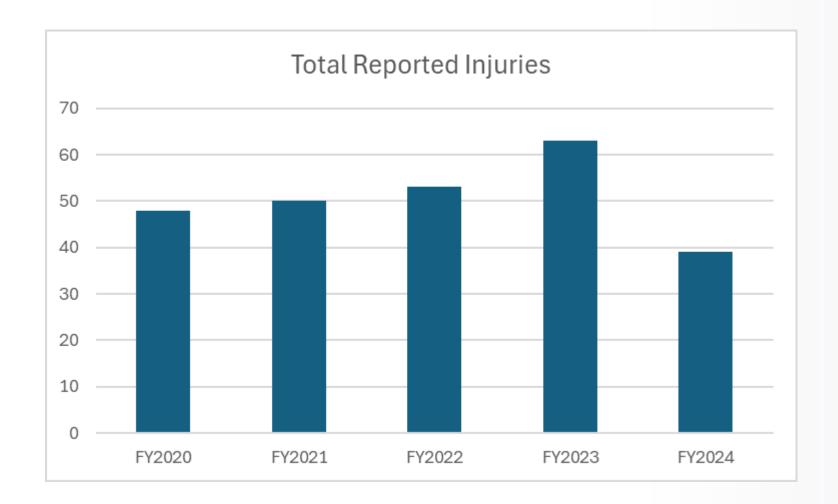


# ODF Large Fire Costs 20142024

with 10-year average



# Statewide Safety: Incidents Per Month



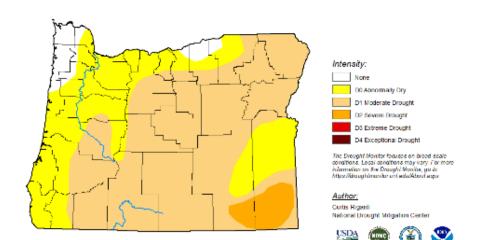
# Statewide Safety: Reported Injuries

# Oregon is back to moderate drought, almost state-wide!

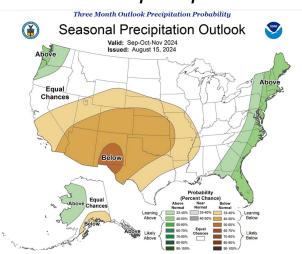
U.S. Drought Monitor
Oregon

August 13, 2024 (Released Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024) Valid B a.m. EDT

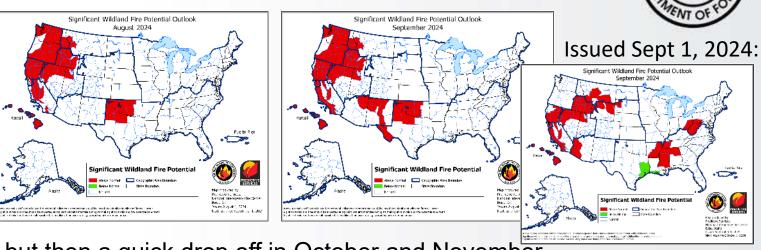
droughtmonitor.unl.edu



# Most likely due to above average forecast precipitation



# And forecast show for continued large fire potential through September...



#### but then a quick drop off in October and November





Caveat is: east winds start on the west side in September into October, so we can't let our guard down yet!

Oregon's Complete and Coordinated Fire Protection System



















































