

National Fire Plan

Watershed Management and Wildland Fire



“In the Northwest [Oregon and Washington], we pride ourselves on having working relationships that cross all agencies,” says **Lanny Quackenbush, Fire Program Director for the State of Oregon Dept. of Forestry**. “We erased these boundaries a long time ago.”

Oregon - Oregon’s State Department of Forestry funded over 100 Rural Fire Departments with \$1 million from the NFP to build capacity, train more volunteers, and purchase better equipment. The Department is responsible for responding to fires on State lands as well as urban and rural communities across the State. They maintain and staff over 140 wildland fire engines, which perform initial attack and local protection.

With the funds received through the NFP, they are creating what they call survivable space for individual homeowners and communities.

Currently, the Department has begun at least 30 hazardous fuel reduction projects, with special emphasis in high-risk areas such as: Bend, La Pine, Sisters, Cloverdale, Redmond, Sun River, and BlackButte. Ninety-Nine percent of these 30 projects are in communities adjacent to federal land. In Baker County, for example, the Forest Service is conducting a thinning project directly across the road from private land.

The Oregon State Department of Forestry also continues to work with federal agencies, state parks, Boy Scouts, city fire departments, and private contractors with mobile chippers.



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