

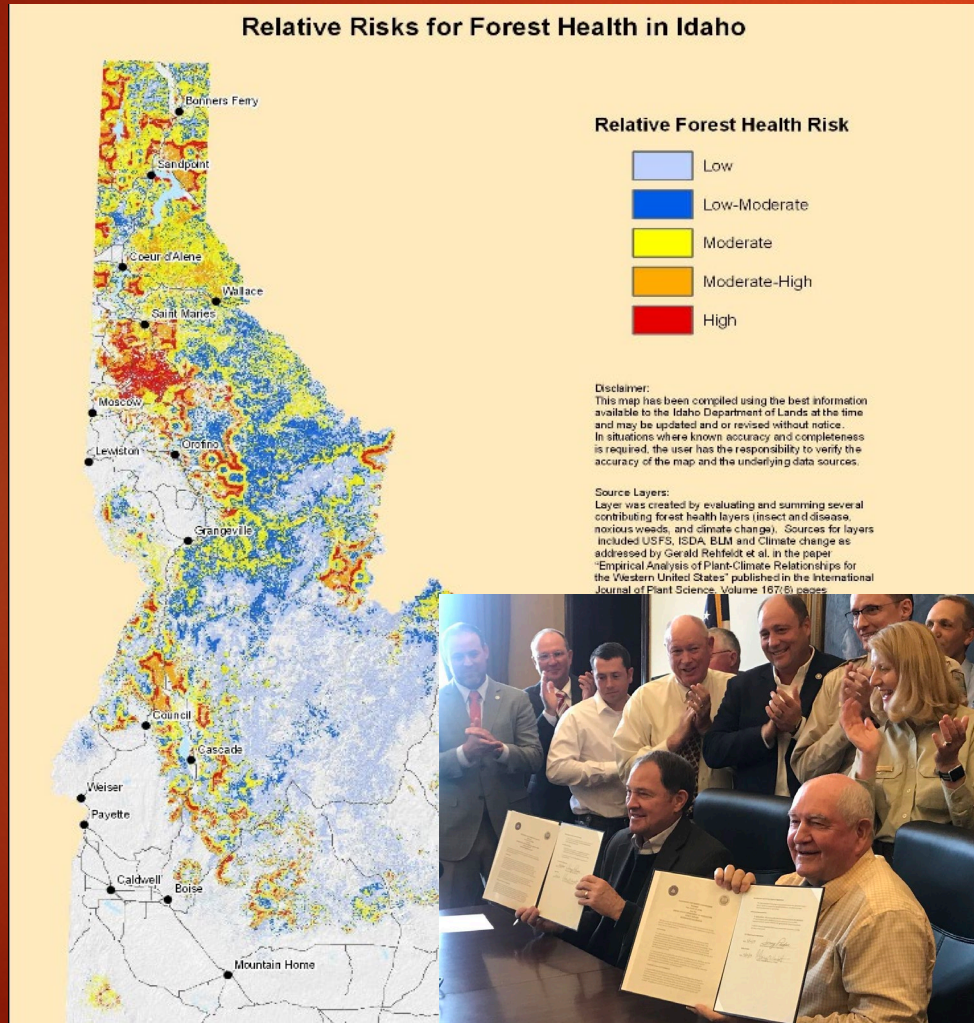


Responding to Fire and Smoke: Community and Forest Health Plans in the Pacific Northwest

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Idaho's Shared Stewardship Approach



Background:

- ▶ More than 6 million acres of Idaho forestlands are at risk of disease outbreaks and potential catastrophic wildfire.
- ▶ Idaho Department of Lands and U.S. Forest Service signed Shared Stewardship in 2018.
- ▶ Agreement Informed by:
 - ▶ A forestland threats analysis completed by state;
 - ▶ A spatial assessment showing recent and future forest treatments across the state.
- ▶ Goal: By 2025, USFS and IDL will double the annual acres treated across boundaries.

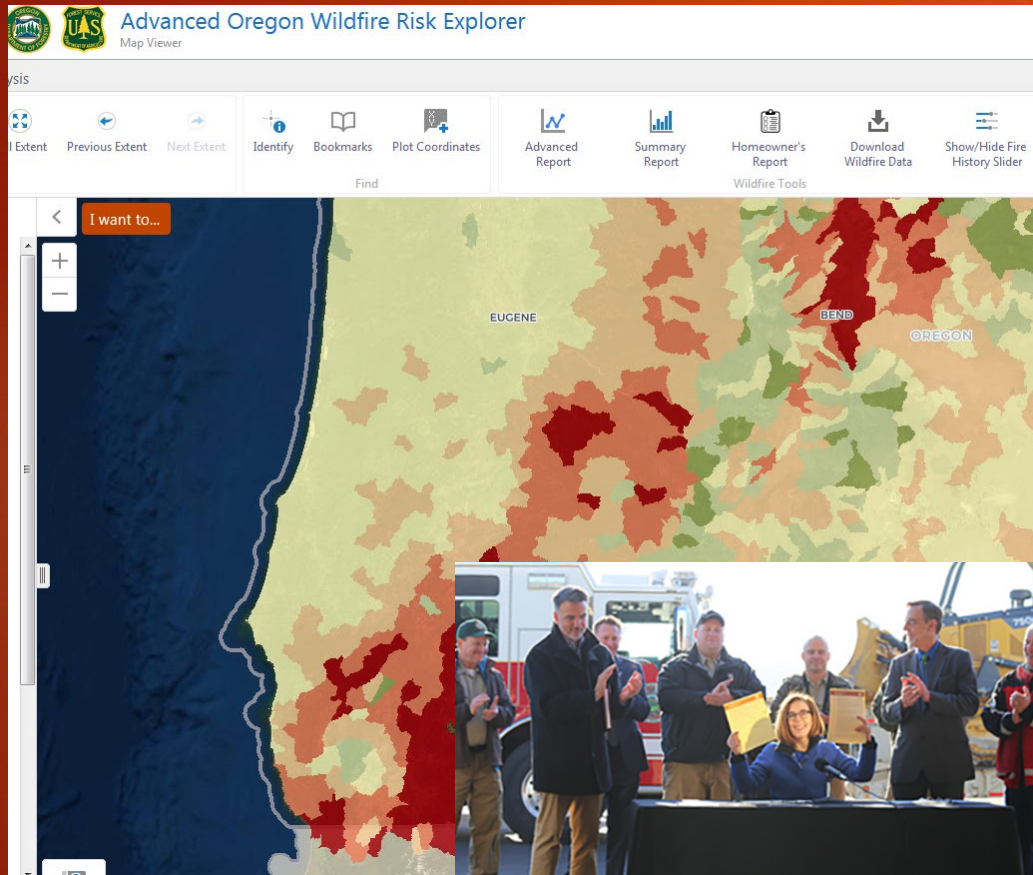
Washington's 20-Year Forest Health Strategy

Background:

- ▶ As of 2015, 2.7 million acres – nearly 30 percent of all forestlands in *Eastern WA* – are at risk and need treatment.
- ▶ Creation of a Forest Health Advisory Committee representing diverse interest groups in October 2017.
- ▶ 20-year strategic plan to prioritize management activities across large landscapes.
- ▶ Goal of treating 1.25 million acres of scientifically-sound, landscape-scale, cross-boundary management and restoration treatments in priority watersheds by 2037.



Oregon Governor Brown's Council on Wildfire Response



Background:

- ▶ Devastating and costly wildfire years in 2017 and 2018 - more to come.
- ▶ Executive Order: Formation of Council and working Committees on Suppression, Mitigation, and Adaptation.
- ▶ Review current models for wildfire prevention, preparedness and response.
- ▶ Recommendations from Governor to land managers based on risks to shared values (e.g. human safety, critical infrastructure, watersheds, social justice).

Trends in PNW Mitigation Strategies:

- ▶ Driven by state governments in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service;
- ▶ Collaborative, involvement of diverse stakeholders and expertise;
- ▶ Acknowledgment of Limitations
 - ▶ Available funding, agency capacity, no silver bullet on fires;
- ▶ Mapping risks, values, and priorities to drive decision-making;
- ▶ An “All Lands, All Hands” approach;
- ▶ Building a Roadmap for Action

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