



CITY OF BEND

Wildfire Update

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Current Major Wildfires

Oregon



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Flat Fire



- Currently at 33,895 acres in the Siskiyou National Forest, south of Agness and east of Gold Beach
- 58% contained
- Managed by a Type 1 Incident Management Team
- 536 personnel are working on the fire
- Cause is undetermined



Bedrock Fire



- Currently at 25,780 acres in the Willamette National Forest, between Eugene and Bend
- 20% contained
- Managed by a Type 2 Incident Management Team
- 1090 personnel are working on the fire
- Cause is undetermined



Lookout Fire



- Currently at 3,710 acres in the Willamette National Forest, northeast of Blue River
- 0% contained
- Managed by a Type 2 Incident Management Team
- 584 personnel are working on the fire
- Cause is lighting
- Conflagration Declaration



Available Resources

Resources

- Local municipal resources are fully staffed and available
- 2 Task Forces were prepositioned in Central Oregon over the July 29 & 30 weekend due to Red Flag conditions
- USFS, ODF, and BLM resources are available, including aircraft
- 5 California Office of Emergency Services Strike Teams have been prepositioned in the Willamette Valley
- Availability can change at a moment's notice if a new fire starts



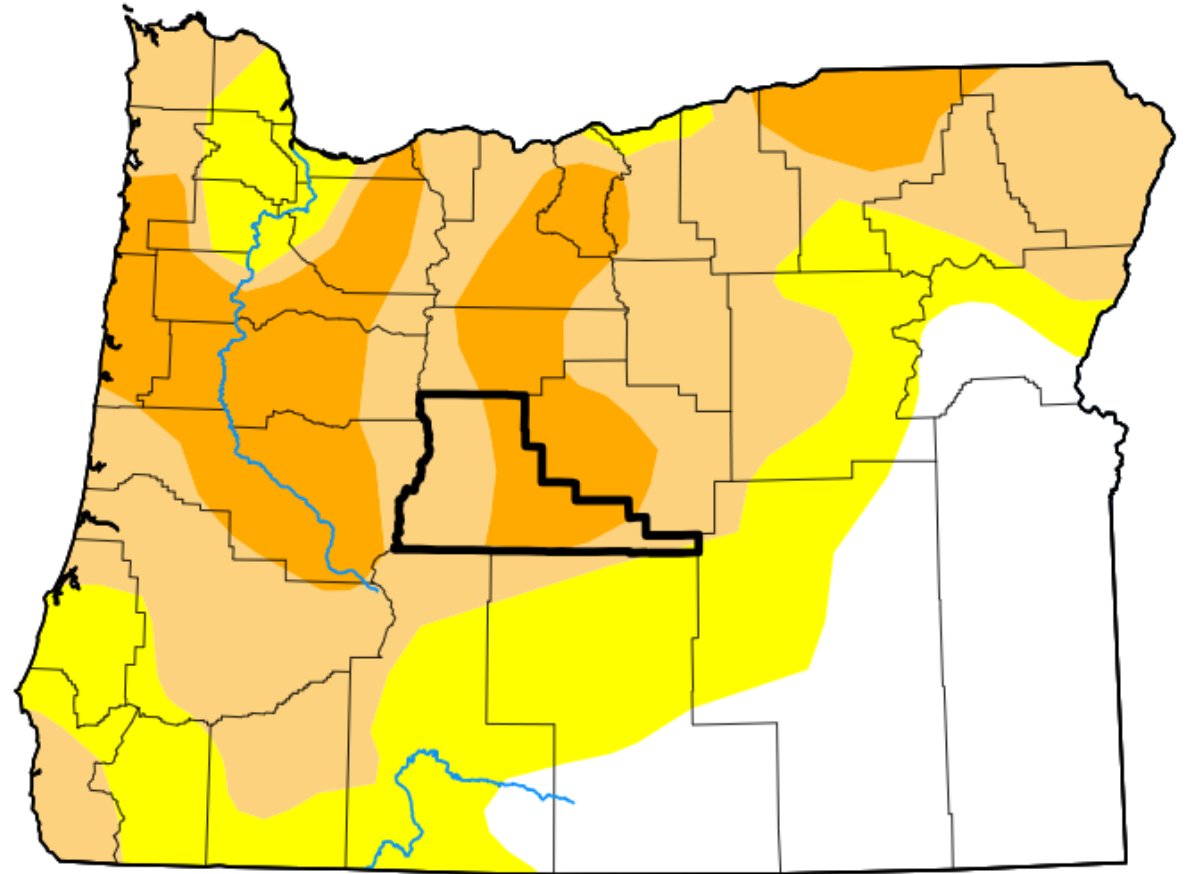
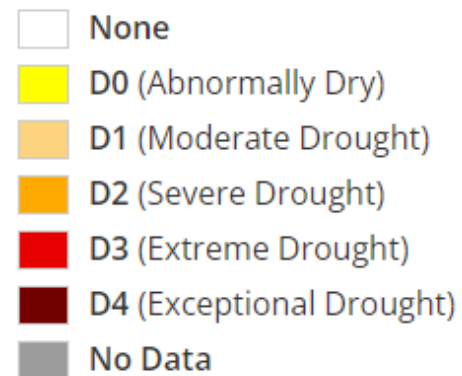
Wildfire Outlook

Fire Potential

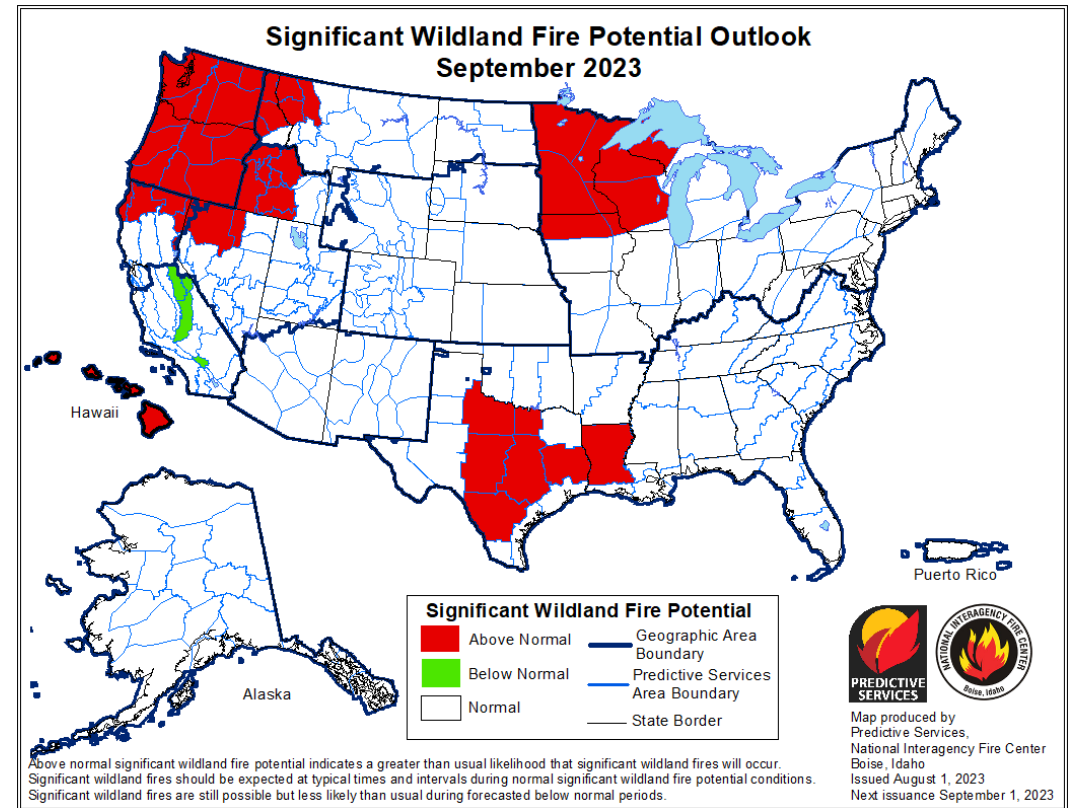
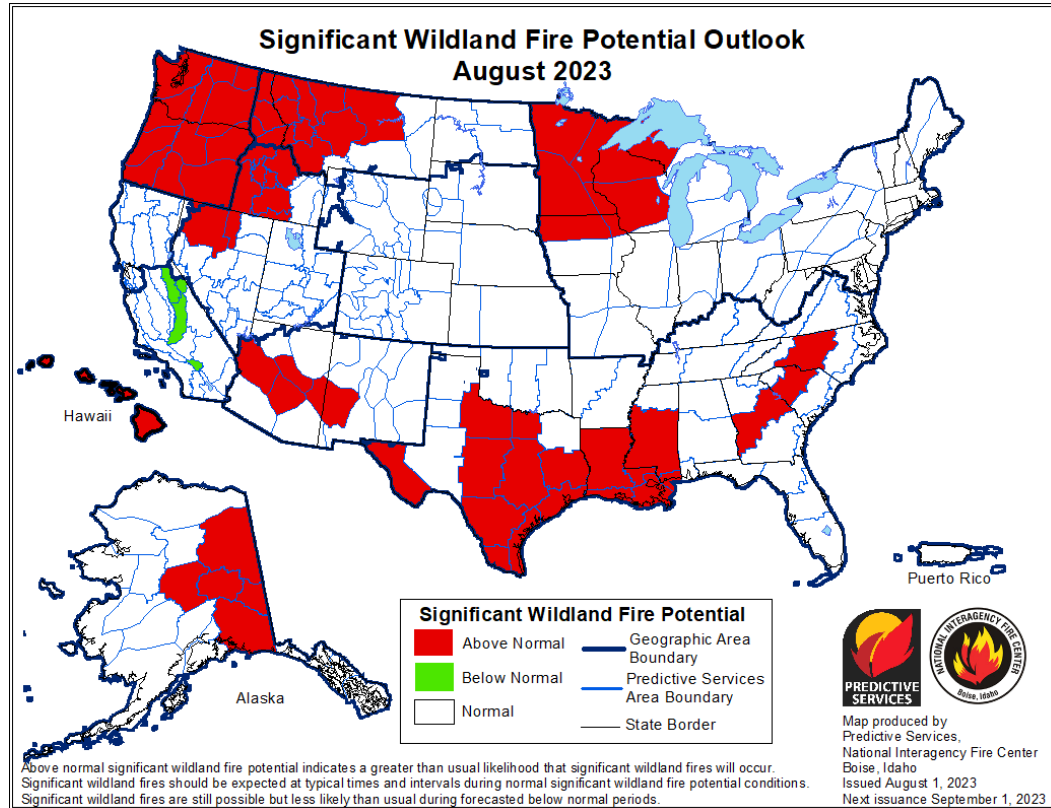
Current Conditions

- Drought conditions persist in Central and Eastern Oregon, which increases our chances for large fires
- Dry lightning events are a major cause of fires in our region
- Human behavior is a significant contributing factor as well

Intensity



Forecasted Significant Wildland Fire Potential



Own Your Zone

Preparing Your Home For Fire

Wildfire Preparedness – Own Your Zone



It only takes one ember.

OwnYourZoneBend.org



Zone 1 – Ember Resistant Zone

- 0 to 5 feet
- Most important area to keep fire from spreading to your home
- 5 Things you can do within 5 feet:
 - Clean your roofs and gutters
 - Trim branches away from your roof
 - Remove flammable vegetation
 - Replace bark mulch with non-combustible material
 - Move firewood away from house and deck

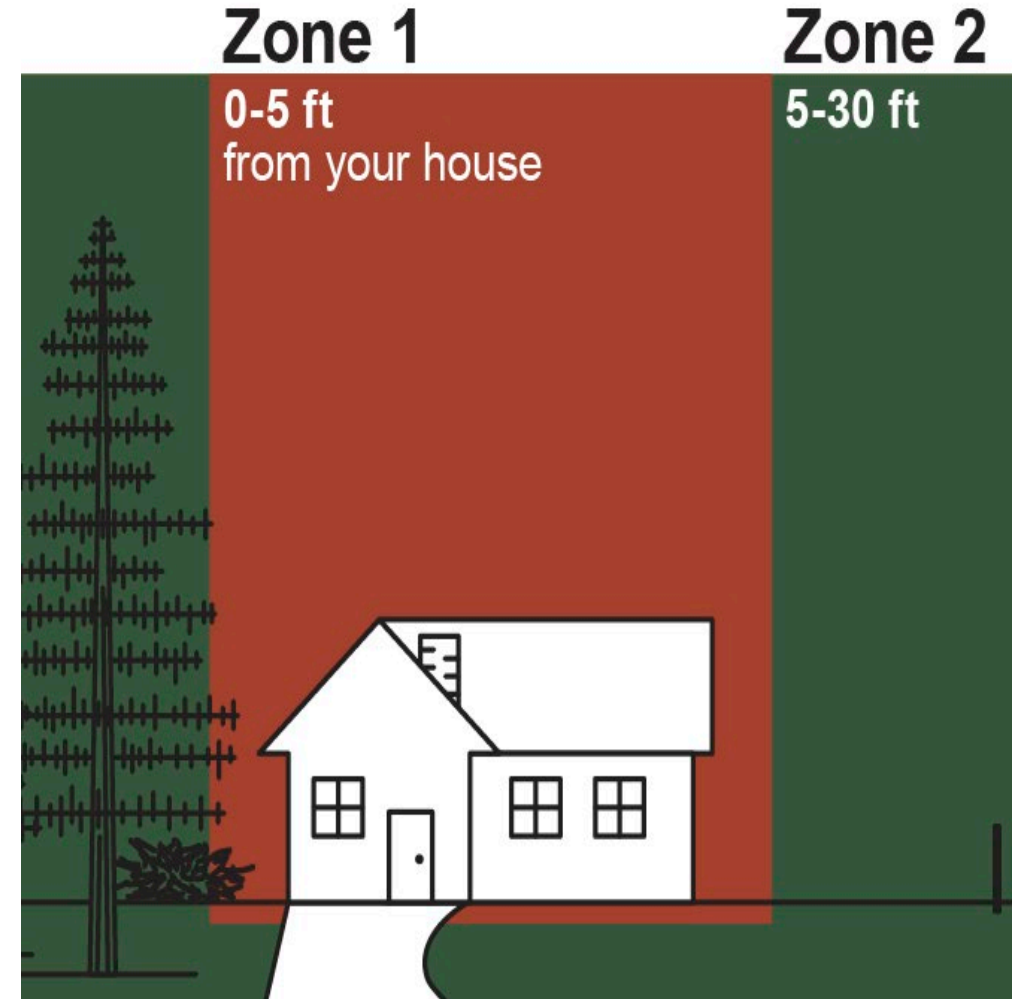
Zone 1

0-5 ft
from your house



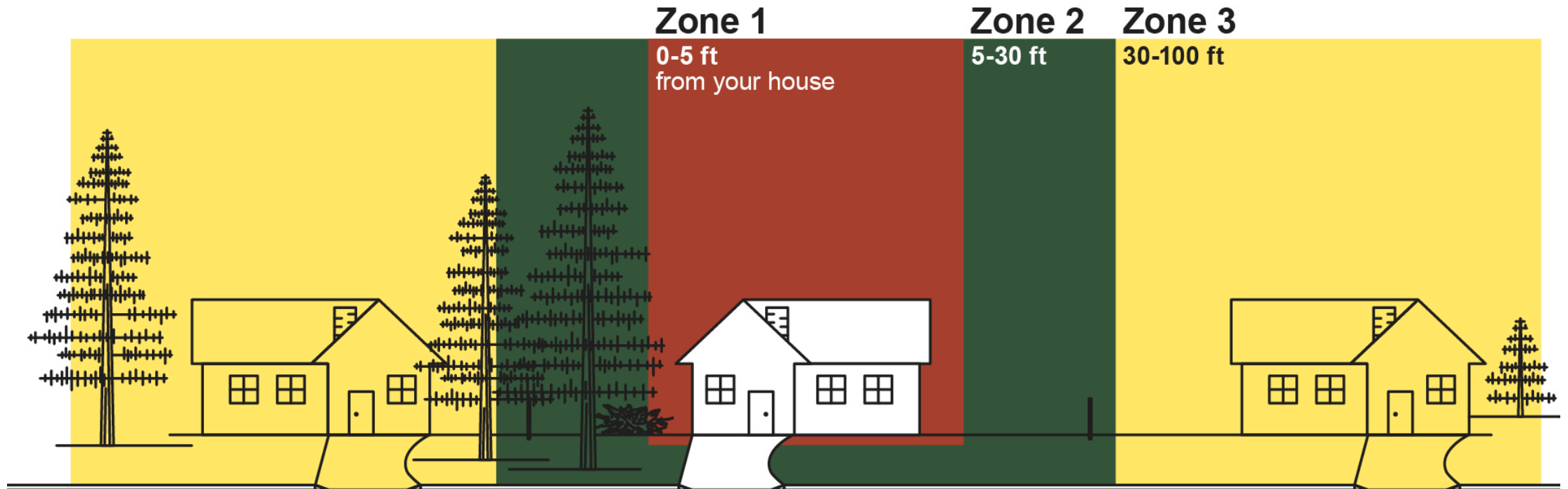
Zone 2 – Keep Fuels Thin

- 5 to 30 feet
- 3 Things you can do within 30 feet:
 - Prune limbs and trees
 - Cut dead grass and weeds
 - Remove vegetation under trees



Zone 3 – Fire Interruption

- 30 to 100 feet or to your property line
- 1 Thing you can do within 100 feet:
 - Break up continuous fuels to create spaces in your trees and vegetation



Evacuation Levels

Helping You Make The Best Decision To Stay Safe

Evacuation Levels



BE READY

PREPARE TO EVACUATE
BE AWARE OF DANGER IN THE AREA

- ✓ *Stay informed.*
- ✓ *Have your plan & go-kit ready.*
- ✓ *Act early if you or your loved ones can't move quickly.*



BE SET

BE SET TO EVACUATE
AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE
SIGNIFICANT DANGER IN THE AREA

- ⚠ *Follow your evacuation plan & grab your go-kit.*
- ⚠ *Check news & radio for updates.*
- ⚠ *Conditions change rapidly. Leave if you feel unsafe.*



GO NOW!

LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!
EXTREME DANGER IN THE AREA

- 🏃 *Leave without delay. It is unsafe to stay.*
- 🏃 *Do not stop to gather belongings or protect your home.*
- 🏃 *Do not return until officials announce the area is safe.*



BE READY.
BE SET.
GO NOW!

Know evacuation levels and follow advice of emergency officials. Make the best decision for your safety. Don't wait to evacuate if you feel unsafe!



Emergency Notifications and Alerts

Opt-in to receive emergency notifications.
Sign up at DeschutesAlerts.org



Prepare Now

- Sign Up for Deschutes Alerts
- Plan for your 5 Ps:
 - People, Pets (animals), Pills (medical), Photos, (important) Papers
- Know alternate routes out of your neighborhood
- Designate an out-of-area contact who can relay information
- Plan how you will transport your pets/livestock
- Keep your vehicle fuel tank at least half full



Emergency Management

Whole Community Planning Using An All-Hazards Approach

Emergency Management

- Preparedness Program
- Reduce risk and build resiliency to hazards and threats
- Assess Core Capabilities across Mission Areas for preparedness
- Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercise (POETE)
- Seek funding to address capability gaps
- Hazard awareness and preparedness



Emergency Management

- Incident support and coordination
- Information Management
- Future and current needs
- Liaise with outside agencies
- Fill capability gaps
- Damage assessments
- Initial recovery work



Council Goals

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety



Strategy

Ensure Housing and Other Critical Infrastructure Can Withstand Wildfires and Other Disasters

Actions

- Establish the Department of Emergency Management
- Develop Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Develop Continuity of Operations Plan
- Develop a Community Preparedness Program

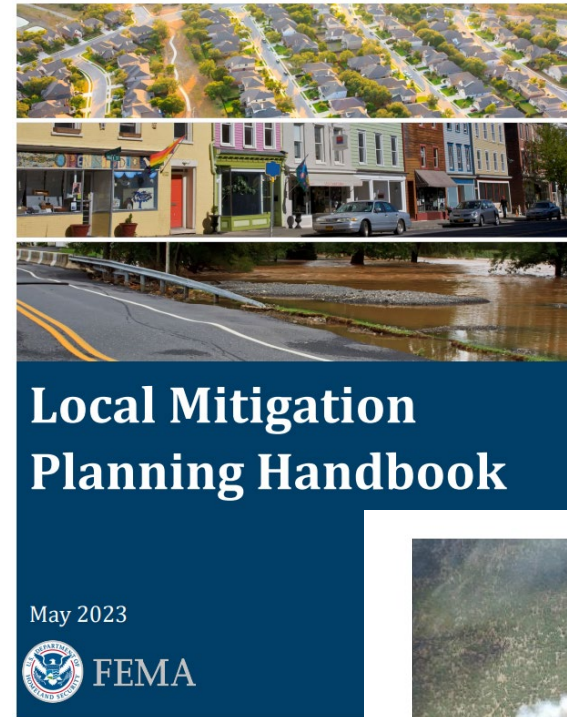


Department of Emergency Management

- Build a Strategic Plan
- Build and maintain relationships
- Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)
- Capability Assessment – Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR)
- Update planning
- City- and community-wide collaboration

Mitigation Planning

- Deschutes County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (2021)
- Greater Bend Community Wildfire Protection Plan (2021)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Local Mitigation Planning Handbook (2023)



Greater Bend Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2021



DESCHUTES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

Report for:

Deschutes County
Bend
La Pine
Redmond
Sisters

Prepared by:

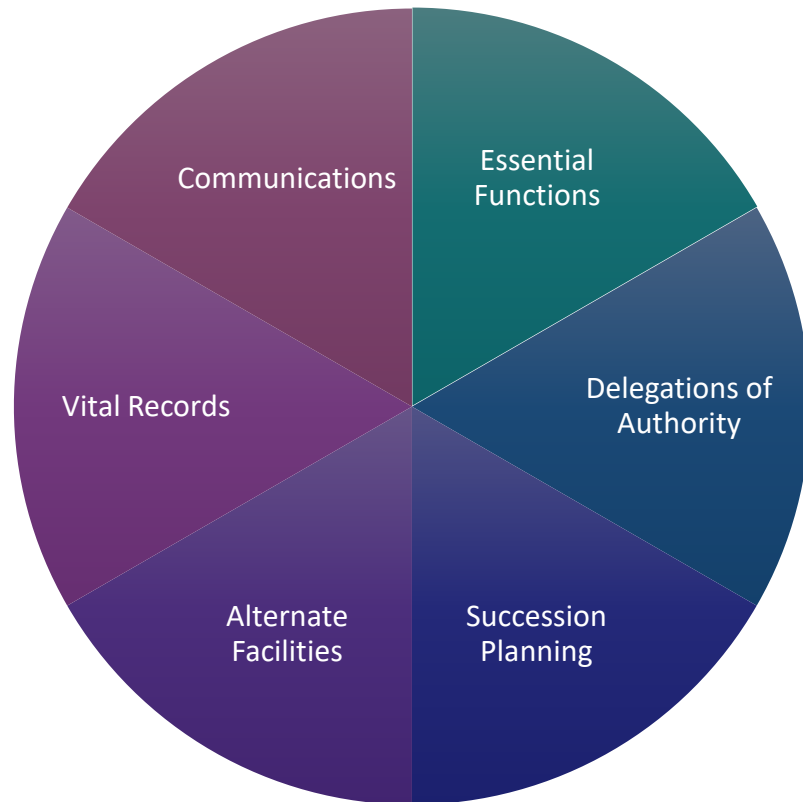
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October 2021

COIC

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)



COOP Plans also address human resources, testing, training, exercising, devolution, and reconstitution.

Ensuring the City of Bend can continue to perform our mission essential functions during a wide range of emergencies is simply good practice.



Community Preparedness

Every person who lives or works in the City shares responsibility for minimizing the impact of disasters on our community.



City of Bend
Deschutes County, Oregon
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN



January 2016

Prepared for:

City of Bend
710 NW Wall Street
Bend, Oregon 97701

Prepared by:





Community Preparedness

Community responsibilities include:

- Hazard awareness
- Knowledge of appropriate protective actions
- Taking proactive steps to mitigate the impact of anticipated hazards
- Preparations for personal and family safety and self-sufficiency

The City will assist citizens in carrying out this responsibility by:

- Providing preparedness and mitigation information
- Delivering critical public services during a disaster





Community Preparedness

- Assessment of current outreach activities and resources
- Interagency coordination
- Efficient use of resources and available funding sources
- Determine needs

How well you and your family prepare for a disaster before it happens impacts how quickly you recover.

 <p>KNOW YOUR RISK Prepare for the risks where you live.</p>	 <p>MAKE A PLAN Prepare yourself and your family before disaster strikes.</p>	 <p>TAKE ACTION Be ready to respond to and recover from a disaster.</p>
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September is National Preparedness Month



<input type="checkbox"/>  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>  Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>  Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>  Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>  Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>  Document and Insure Property

Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities



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