2023 Oregon Wildfire Mitigation Plan

UM 2207 - WMP Workshop March 14, 2023















Agenda

Purpose: Provide an Overview & Initiate Evaluation of Pacific Power's 2023 WMP filed on December 30, 2023

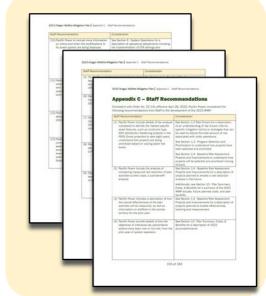
Plan Development & Journey

Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Elements & Progress

- Baseline Risk Assessment
- **Inspection & Correction**
- Vegetation Management
- System Hardening
- Dynamic Risk through Situational Awareness
- PSPS Program & Preparedness
- Wildfire Safety Engagement



APPENDIX C INCORPORATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS



SECTION 13 2022 PROGRESS & 2023 TARGETS





Plan Development & Journey

Pacific Power's 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) builds upon many years of experience, program development, and formal rulemaking and process across various states:











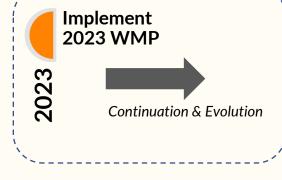


Develop WPP in

Implement 2022 WPP. Develop 2023 **WMP** in Oregon

Continued expansion of and updates to programs

> Updates to Utah and California plans



- The plan reflects a comprehensive approach to mitigating the risk of utility related wildfire by combing input from multiple business units, subject matter experts, and industry practices
- The 2023 WMP includes long term, multi-year investment:







Plan Foundation & Elements

Situationally aware of environmental risks

- Baseline risk modeling to inform strategic programs and investments
- Dynamic seasonal risk modeling to inform operational protocols
 - ✓ Meteorology department and weather forecasting
 - ✓ Fire weather condition monitoring
 - √ Fire modeling

Resilient system to limit potential for ignition

- Enhanced inspection programs and accelerated correction of certain conditions
- Enhanced vegetation management practices
- Deployment of covered conductor / line rebuilds

Rapid response to fault events

- Deploy more sensitive protective coordination equipment
- Replace fuse locations with non-expulsion equipment
- Implement operational strategies during fire risk periods
- Installation of new fault indicators



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Baseline Risk Mapping

In terms of compliance with, OAR 860-024-0018, FHCA = HFRZs

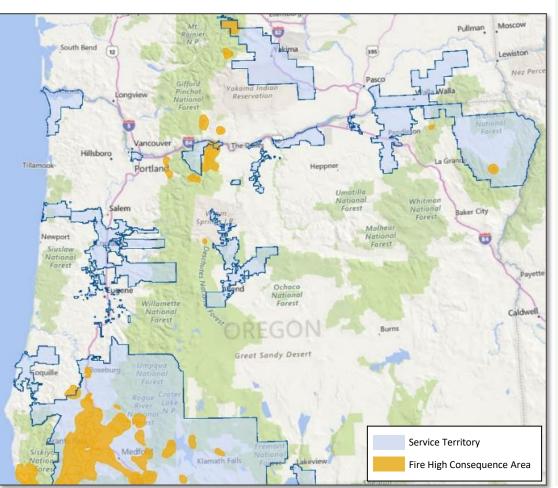
General Stats

PacifiCorp provides
electricity to
approximately 630,000
Oregon customers via
290 substations,
20,000 miles of
distribution lines, and
about 3,000 miles of
transmission lines across
nearly 21,000 square
miles

System Wide Initiatives

- ✓ Weather Stations
- ✓ Situational Awareness
- ✓ Operational Protocols
- ✓ Community Education and Outreach

Oregon Service Territory



FHCA

Heightened Risk of Wildfire
Approximately 2,700
miles or 16% of all
overhead lines are
located within the FHCA

2,300 miles of overhead distributionin the FHCA

400 miles of overhead transmission in the
FHCA

Programmatic Shifts

- ✓ Increased Frequency of Asset Inspections
- ✓ Accelerated Condition Correction
- ✓ Enhanced Vegetation Management



Extreme Risk

Extreme Risk of Wildfire

Approximately **590 miles** or 5% of all **overhead distribution** lines are planned for prioritized system hardening (2023-2027)

Prioritized System Hardening

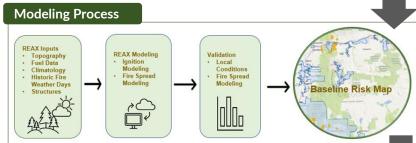
- ✓ Covered Conductor
- ✓ Advanced Protection and Control
- ✓ Expulsion Fuse Replacements

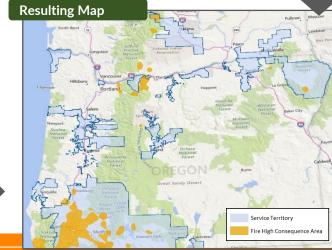
Baseline Risk Mapping (Current)

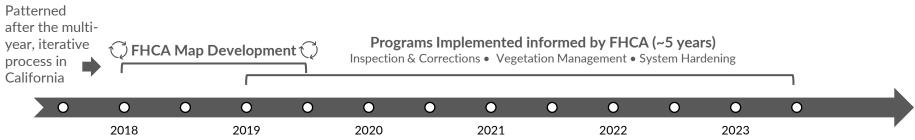
Baseline Risk Assessment Mapping



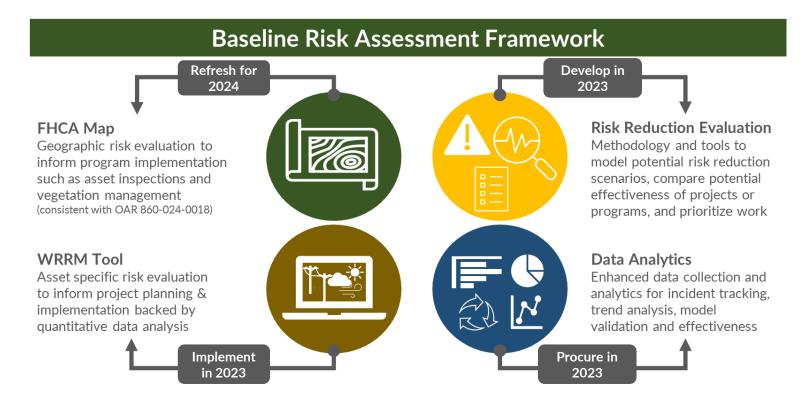








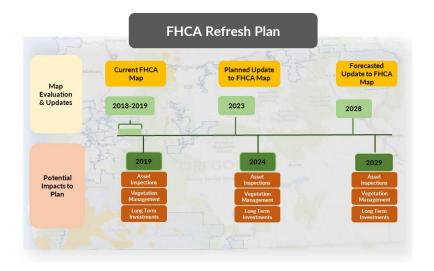
Baseline Risk Framework (Future)

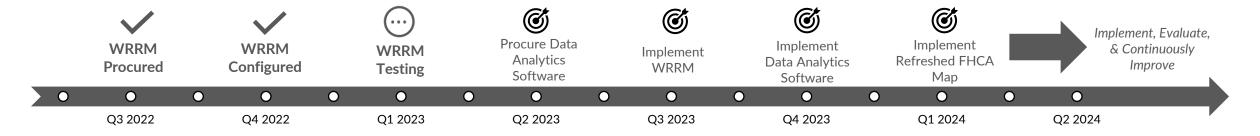


New WMP Section 1.4

Key updates, projects, and investments to advance baseline risk assessment capabilities and align with Staff Recommendations #3, #4, #5, #17, & #18.

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Inspections & Corrections

Asset Inspections

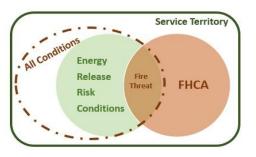
Increased Frequency of Inspections in the FHCA

2022 Accomplishments

Location	Non-FHCA	FHCA		Non-FHCA	FHCA
Visual	2 years	1 year	\rightarrow	210,689	55,139
Detailed	10 years	5 years		24,327	3,953

^{*}Approximately 55,000 out of 450,000 poles (or ~12%) are in FHCA

Accelerated Correction of Fire Threat Conditions



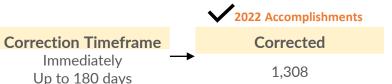
Priority

Imminent

Fire Threat

Fire Threat Conditions

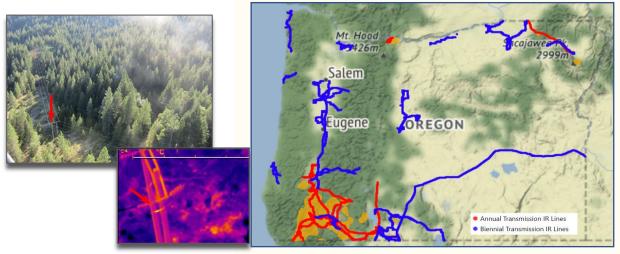
- Frayed / Damaged Conductor
- Loose Connections/Bolts/Hardware
- Loose / Damaged Equipment
- Primary / Secondary Clearances
- **Vegetation Clearances**
- Loose / Broken Anchors & Guys
- **Pole Replacements**
- Loose / Lashing Wire



IR Inspections

Incremental, Enhanced Inspections on OH Transmission Lines

				2022 Accomplishments
Location	Line Miles	Frequency		Line Miles
FHCA	1,000	Annually		1,082
Non-FHCA	2,000	Biennially		Scheduled 990 for 2023



© 2023 Goals

- Continue implementation of FHCA and IR Inspection Programs
- Leverage OAR 860-024 rule requirements, when possible, to expedite correction of Fire Threat Conditions

Immediately

Up to 180 days



Vegetation Management

Program Elements

- Transition to a 3-yr cycle
- Increased clearances in the FHCA
- Annual inspections in the FHCA
- Annual pole clearing of equipment poles

2022 Accomplishments

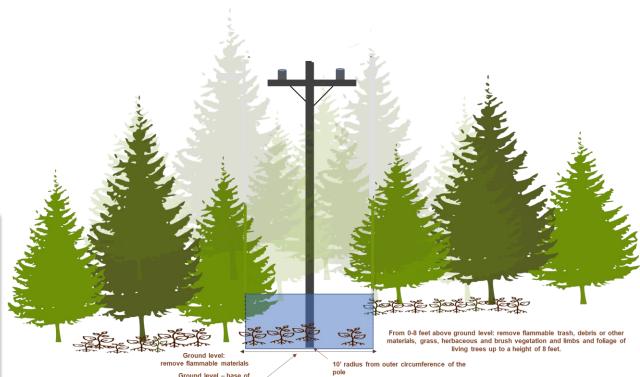
- ✓ Inspected 1,700 additional miles
- ✓ Trimmed over 18,600 additional trees
- ✓ Removed over 22,700 additional trees (including brush equivalent)
- ✓ Cleared over 20,000 poles

Section 3.3 - Post Work Audits Added to Plan per Staff Recommendation #16

[Recommendations can be found in Order No. 22-131 made effective April 21, 2022, under UM 2207]



DISTRIBUTION CLEARANCES IN THE FHCA					
CLEARANCE LOCATION SLOW GROWING (<1 FT/YR.) MODERATE GROWING (1-3 FT/YR.) FAST GROWING (> 3 FT./YR.)					
SIDE CLEARANCE	12 ft.	12 ft.	14 ft.		
UNDER CLEARANCE	12 ft.	14 ft.	16 ft.		
OVERHANG CLEARANCE	12 ft.	14 ft.	14 ft.		





System Hardening

Long term, multi-year investment: ~\$430 million over 5 years

Program Elements

- Line Rebuild Program
- Advanced Protection and Control
- Expulsion Fuse Replacement
- Fault Indicator Installation

2022 Accomplishments ✓

- √ 91 miles of covered conductor designed
- 2 miles of covered conductor constructed
- √ 1,000 expulsion fuses replaced
- √ 62 relays and reclosers upgraded
- ✓ 2,156 fault indicators installed

2023 Targets ©

- Construct 89 miles of covered conductor
- Upgrade 65 devices
- Replace 10,000 fuses

2022 FAULT INDICATOR LOCATIONS

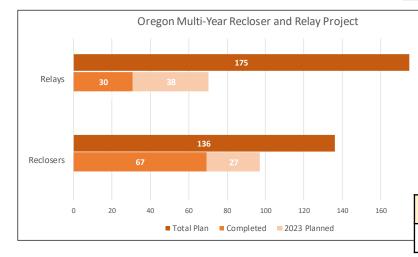


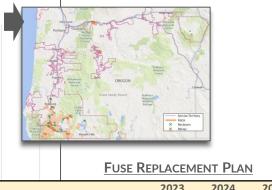
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2022-2023 LINE REBUILD PROGRAM

PROJECT COMPONENT
Scoping & Design (miles)
Construction (miles)

2022 2024 TOTAL 2023 2025 2026 2027 91 125 125 125 125 125 716 125 125 125 125 591



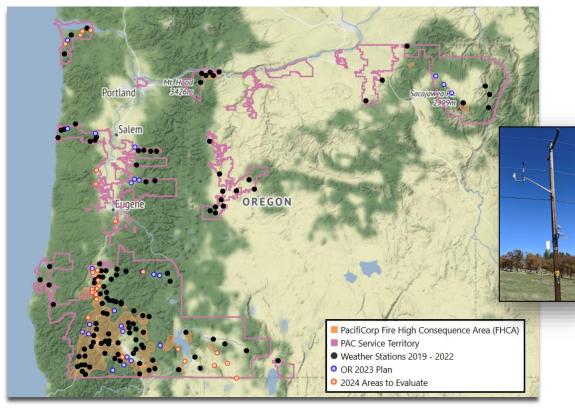


Program	2022	2023 PLAN	2024 PLAN	2025 PLAN	TOTAL
USE REPLACEMENTS	1,000	10,776	8,919	6,085	26,780



Situational Awareness

Expanding Weather Station Network

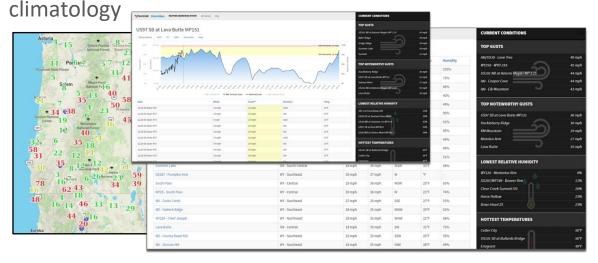


	2022 ACTUALS	2023 PLAN	2024 AREAS TO EVALUATE	TOTAL
New Weather Stations	86	47	25	158
Total OR Fleet	115	162	187	187

Situational Awareness Websites

Real-time displays of weather station & Forecast data

• Wind gusts are color coded by strength relative to local



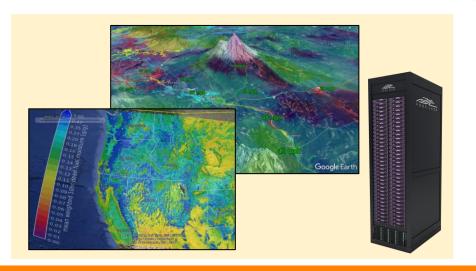
Meteorology Team

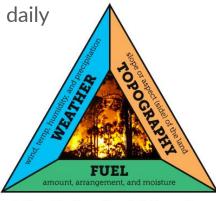
- 5 full-time meteorologists on staff
- 1 operations data scientist
- Provide daily and event-driven forecasts
- Support the Emergency Coordination Center

Situational Awareness

Weather Forecast Models

- In-house Weather Research & Forecast (WRF) model
 - 2km, 96-hour weather and fuels forecasts
 - Generates one terabyte of forecast data daily
- Building and Training Outage Impact Models
 - 48-hour impacts (outage) forecast
- Detailed 30-year Weather Reanalysis
 - Foundation for risk-based forecast.





Fire Behavior Triangle



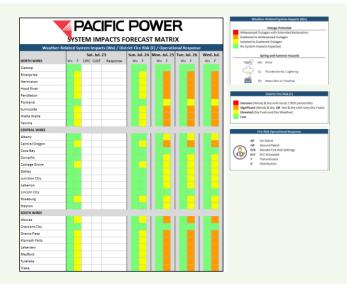


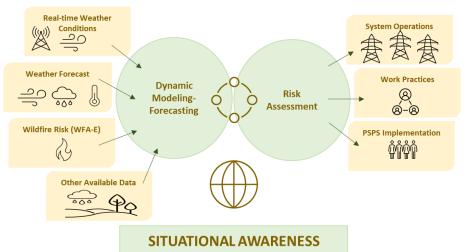
Advanced Wildfire Models

- Millions of territory-wide wildfire simulations performed daily
- Wildfire risk and consequence forecasts
- Used for real-time decision making and long-term planning of system hardening

District Level Fire Risk Assessment

Daily
Reports
Inform Risk
& Decision
Making





✓2022 Accomplishment / Methodology

GACC 7-Day Significant Fire Potential	Fuels Considerations	Wind Gust Considerations
Low or Little to No Risk		
Low or Moderate	Dry	
Moderate	Very Dry	
High Risk*	Dry or Very Dry	Max Gusts < 95th Percentile
High Risk*	Dry or Very Dry	Max Gusts ≥ 95th Percentile
	Significant Fire Potential Low or Little to No Risk Low or Moderate Moderate High Risk*	Significant Fire Potential Fuels Considerations Low or Little to No Risk Low or Moderate Dry Moderate Very Dry High Risk* Dry or Very Dry

≤ 10th Percentile

- WFA-E Consequence Modeling
- Fire Weather Watches or Red Flag Warnings (RFW)
- WRF Forecasts
- Evaporation Demand Drought Index (EDDI)
- Fuels Conditions (Grasses, Live Fuels, & Dead Fuels)
- Current or Recent Wildfire
 Activity
- Hot-Dry-Windy Index (HDWI)
- Vapor Pressure Deficit (1month avg)
- FHCA Location (Y/N)

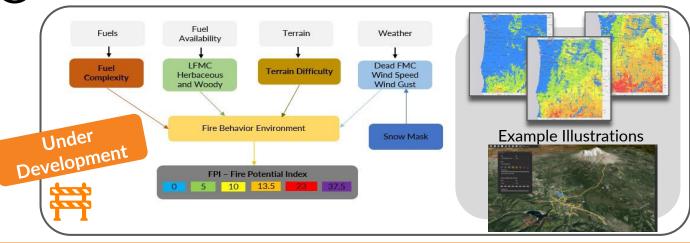
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Near or Below Average

≤ 10th Percentile

*Relative to the average fire season values for a given location

Very Dry



Near or Above Average

≥ 90th Percentile



PSPS Implementation

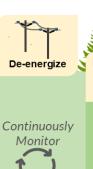


Conditions are continuously monitored to assess risk

Decision incorporates multiple factors:

- Real Time Monitoring of Local Conditions
- ✓ Weather Forecasting & Risk
- Dynamic Input from Public Safety Partners







Monitor Conditions through Situational Awareness

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Communication Protocols

48-72 hours prior 24-48 hours prior

1-4 hours prior Re-energization begins

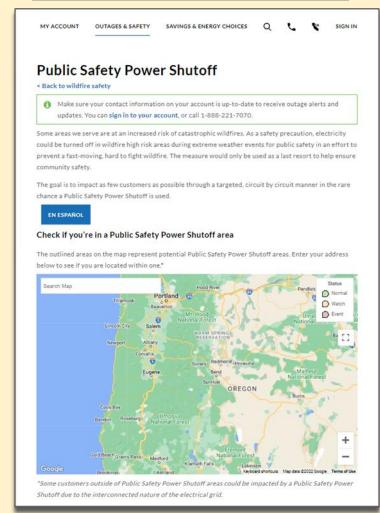
Re-energization completed Cancellation of event

Status updates

De-energization warning
De-energization warning
De-energization imminent / begins
Re-energization begins
Re-energization completed
De-energization event canceled
Every 24 hours during event as



Interactive Tool Publicly Available



^{*}Communication Protocols Consistent with OAR 860-300-0050

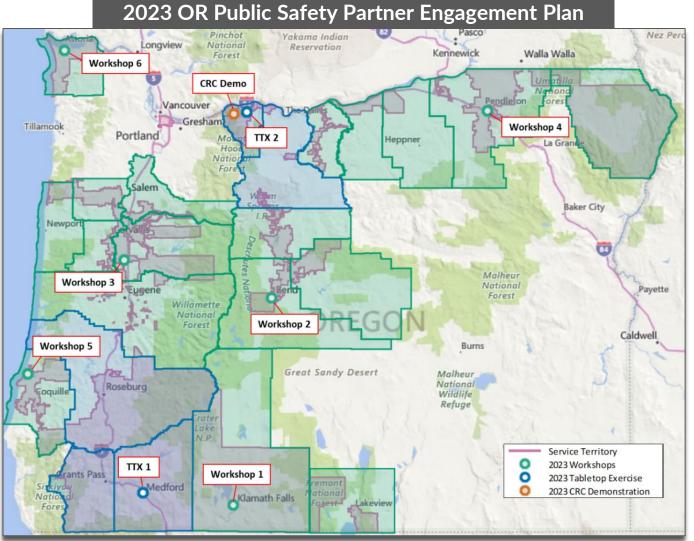
2023 PSPS Outreach & Preparedness Plan



4 tabletop exercises 3 workshops 2 presentations

4 EM community outreach events



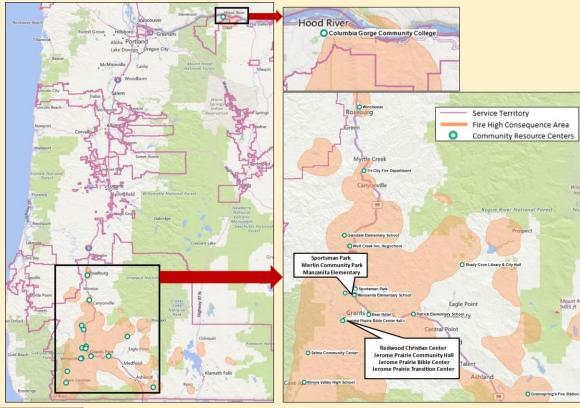


Planned Activity	General Location	Target Counties	Planned Timeframe
Workshop 1	Southeast OR (Klamath Falls)	Klamath, Lake	March 2023
Workshop 2	Central OR (Bend)	Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook	March 2023
Workshop 3	Willamette Valley (Albany)	Lane, Marion, Linn, Benton, Polk	March 2023
Workshop 4	Eastern OR (Pendleton)	Umatilla, Wallowa, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow	April 2023
Workshop 5	Southern OR Coast (Coos Bay)	Coos	April 2023
Workshop 6	OR Coast (Astoria)	Lincoln, Clatsop	April 2023
Regional TTX 1	Southern OR (Medford)	Douglas, Jackson, Josephine	April 2023
Regional TTX 2	Northern OR (Hood River)	Hood River, Wasco	April 2023
CRC	Northern OR	Hood River, Wasco	April 2023
Demonstration	(Hood River)		Examine or validate

Incorporated addition details and summary of 2022 PSPS experience in Section 8.7 per Staff Recommendation #10

Community Resource Centers (CRCs)

22 CRC Locations Pre-Identified in WMP



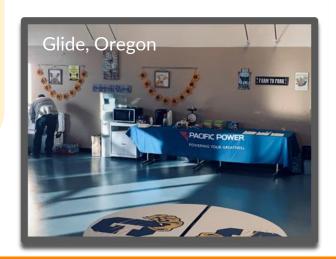
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Incorporated CRC clarifications in Section 8.5 per Staff Recommendation #7

Available Services

- ✓ Shelter from environment
- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Potable water
- ✓ Seating and tables
- ✓ Restroom facilities
- ✓ Refrigeration for medicine and/or baby needs
- ✓ Interior and area lighting
- ✓ On-site security
- ✓ Communications capability such as Wi-fi access, Sat Phone, Radio, Cellular phone

- etc
- √ Televisions
- ✓ On-site medical support (EMT-A at a minimum, Paramedic preferred)
- ✓ Charging stations
- ✓ Air Purifiers
- ✓ Air Quality Monitors
- ✓ Non-perishable snacks
- ✓ Small crates for pets
- ✓ Portable ADA ramp





Temporary CRCs Setup to support the PSPS Event on September 10, 2022

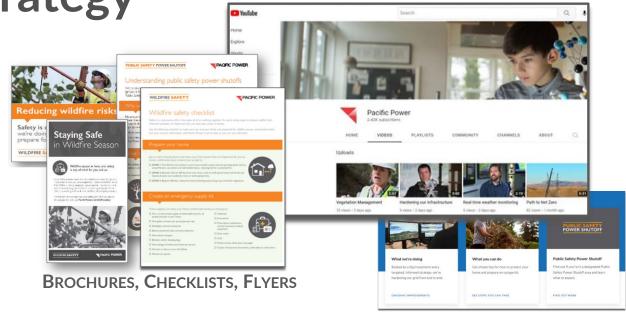


Community Engagement Strategy

Program Elements

- Awareness campaign
- Support collateral, brochures, checklists, flyers
- Customer service training
- Wildfire safety and preparedness campaign
- Webinars
- Webpages, online resources
- Engagement forums





SAMPLE YOUTUBE MATERIAL

2022 ENGAGEMENT FORUM SUMMARY

Community	Date	Address	Total Attendees	In Person or Virtual
			(In Person + Virtual)	
CENTRAL POINT, OREGON	October 18, 2022	1 Peninger Road, Central Point, OR	16	In-person w/ Virtual Option
CANYONVILLE, OREGON	October 19, 2022	146 Chief Miwaleta Lane Canyonville, OR	12	In-person w/ Virtual Option
GRANTS PASS, OREGON	October 19, 2022	1451 Fairgrounds Road Grants Pass, OR	22	In-person w/ Virtual Option
MOSIER, OREGON	October 20, 2022	1000 4 th Avenue Mosier, OR	5	In-person w/ Virtual Option
VIRTUAL	December 1, 2022	Virtual	-	Virtual Only

Community Outreach Strategy

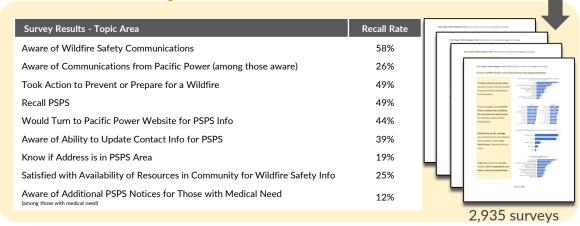
✓2022 Accomplishments

- √ 23 million impressions
- ✓ Over 34,500 clicks
- ✓ 20 news outlet interviews
- √ 5 engagement forums
- ✓ 2,935 survey participants
- ✓ 6 CBO interviews
- ✓ Webpage updates for Spanish translations

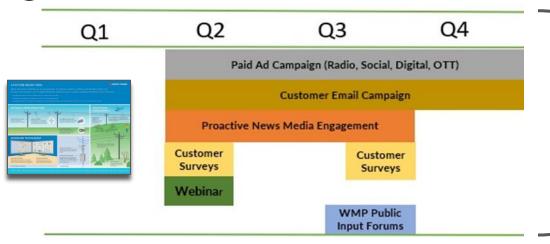


2022 Survey Results

Additional detail and survey results section added per Recommendation 13



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Key Considerations

- Local organizations and CBOs provide clear and useful information
- Prioritize TV news, email, and social media and direct customers to the website
- Text messages considered highly effective
- Focus communications on PSPS / outage preparedness



Thank You!

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