# OPUC WMP Workshop Portland General Electric

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## **PGE's Wildfire Mitigation Plan Presentation**



Overview discussion of PGE's 2024 WMP



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2024 WMP Considerations

Changes from 2023 to 2024

2024 Prevention, detection, and readiness





## **Overview Discussion of PGE's 2024 WMP**



### Purpose of PGE's Wildfire Mitigation Plan



Prioritize	Prioritize public and employee safety
Reduce	Reduce the risk of wildfire ignitions from PGE assets
Guide	Guide PGE's Fire Season operations
Identify	Identify and prioritize wildfire system hardening and resiliency activities
Communicate and collaborate	Communicate and collaborate effectively with Public Safety Partners, stakeholders, and customers
Implement	Implement Public Safety Power Shutoff events with efficiency, when necessary, and with broad public awareness

## PGE's Wildfire Mitigation Journey



#### Start of WMPs

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<ul> <li>Industry-wide wildfire taskforce established</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Revamped Western coordination and mutual aid (WMAG)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Created dedicated full time Wildfire group</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>First Wildfire mitigation Plan filed with OPUC for 2022 wildfire season</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>First Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Approved</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Second Wildfire Mitigation Plan Approved</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Initiated enhanced Vegetation Management</li> <li>Provided monthly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial fire risk assessment model / risk evaluation</li> <li>Evaluated Public</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initiated first Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in Mt Hood area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updated risk assessment: expanded High Fire Risk Zones (HFRZ)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further updates to risk assessment: expanded HFRZ from 7 to 10</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of risk assessment: minor modifications made to HFRZ</li> </ul>
Seasonal Outlooks from late Spring to Fall	Power Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in Tier III risk area		<ul> <li>from 1 to 7</li> <li>26 weather stations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initiated PSPS across all 10 HFRZ</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>80 remote automated weather stations</li> </ul>
			• 2 HD AI Cameras	<ul><li> 49 weather stations</li><li> 24 HD AI Cameras</li></ul>	<ul> <li>30 HD Al-enhanced cameras</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Second WMP filed for 2023 wildfire season</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Third WMP filed for the 2024 wildfire season</li> </ul>

## Wildfire Mitigation Plan Cycle

### Key Updates in 2024:

- Increased focus on climate change projections in addition to historical weather and fire behavior
- Risk-informed 2-year full-scope vegetation management cycle in addition to annual cycles
- Improved PSPS decision making and Crisis Incident Management Team (CIMT) structure
- Defined customer engagement metrics
- Improved ignition management process
- Improved PSPS Readiness including shortened
   restoration time
- Value Spend Efficiency (VSE) evaluation of system hardening alternatives, adjusting capital Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE) calculations to account for consequences like impacts to the watershed

#### **WMP** Approval

- File plan year end
- Public workshops
- Information Requests

Continuous

Improvement

#### WMP Update

- OPUC recommendations
- PSPS lessons learned
- Ignition learnings
- Inspection findings
- Public Safety Partner input
- Risk model & HFRZ updates
- 3-year capital plan

#### **WMP Execution**

- Vegetation Management
- Ignition prevention inspections
- Wildfire mitigation capital program
- Operational protocols

#### PSPS Preparation

- Plan and procedure updates
- Functional exercise
- Employee and supplier training



## **Considerations in 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan**



## 2024 Annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan Assessment



#### 2023 OPUC Staff Recommendations for 2024 WMP

	Workshop Date	Status		Workshop Date	Status
1	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented	16	Aug 2, 2023	Acting On
2	Aug 2, 2023	Implemented	17	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented
3	Aug 22, 2023	Acting On	18	Aug 22, 2023	Implemented
4	Aug 2, 2023	Implemented	19	Aug 22, 2023	Implemented
5	Oct 5, 2023	Acting On	20	Oct 5, 2023	Acting On
6	Oct 5, 2023	Implemented	21	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented
7	Aug 2, 22, 2023	Implemented	22	Aug 22, 2023	Acting On
8	Aug 22, 2023	Implemented	23	Oct 5, 2023	Implemented
9	Aug 2, 2023	Acting On	24	Oct 5, 2023	Implemented
10	Aug 2, 2023	Implemented	25	Aug 2, 22, 2023	Implemented
11	Aug 2, 2023	Implemented	26	Aug 2, 22, 202	Implemented
12	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented	27	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented
13	Aug 2, 2023	Implemented	28	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented
14	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented	29	Aug 22, 2023	Acting On
15	Oct 17, 2023	Implemented	30	Oct 5, 2023	Acting On

#### **2024 Updates to Risk Assessment Framework**

- Incorporate new variables in assessment framework
  - Access and egress road density
  - Detection probability
  - Fire response/time probability to emergency response
  - Social vulnerability (e.g., income level, vehicle access, English-as-a-second-language)
- Updated Climate Change Variables

#### Development of multi-year plan

Ongoing development of 4-year wildfire risk mitigation roadmap with planned mitigation activities through 2027 fiscal year.

Details and supporting documentation related to each recommendation are shown on page 99 of PGE's 2024 WMP

### Inclusion of Climate Change Variables in Risk Assessment



Key forecasts suggest that fuel in PGE's service area, and the land that may be burned, is projected to increase by 500%-900% over the next 10-20 years.<sup>1</sup>



PGE's service area is primarily classified as Fire Regime Groups I, III, and V, with dominant fire severity V (200+ years any severity) in HFRZ.

Less frequent fires, as seen in class V areas, increase the risk of more intense, damaging fires.

Dense conifer forests of the area have higher fuel load due to amassed needles and branches.

Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (Eidenshink et al. 2007), LANDFIRE

## PGE's High Fire Risk Zone Annual Update Process



Layers of data, models and collaboration



### PGE's 2024 High Fire Risk Zones

2%

9%

4%

Change

New zone

Zone

3

5

9

11





#### High Fire Risk Zones 2024 additions in Red, reductions in Green

### New HFRZ Zone 11, Salem Hills





### **Criteria for Adding the Zone:**

- Observed wildfire behavior (Vitae Springs Rd & Liberty fires)
- Modeled wind behavior
- Protection of critical fire suppression infrastructure
- Limited access and longer response times (see graphic)
- Input from Yamhill Fire Protection District Chief, McMinnville Fire Dept. Chief, and Oregon Dept. of Forestry



## Wildfire Risk Mitigation Hierarchy



#### Short-term

Implement operational programs, including fire season protection settings, line inspections, and vegetation management to reduce the risk of ignitions.

#### Long-term

Implement a systematic, risk-informed approach to system hardening and resiliency measures to reduce the likelihood of ignitions and protect PGE assets.





#### Immediate

Mitigate the risk of wildfire ignition in high-risk areas

through planned Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) during periods of extreme fire risk.



Improve PGE's wildfirerelated risk management and situational awareness capabilities to improve detection of high-risk conditions and potential ignitions.

### Risk Informed Decision–Making: Value Spend Efficiency (VSE)



PGE updated its risk assessment process to utilize Value Spend Efficiency (VSE), building off the Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE) concept shared in the 2023 WMP.

- Risk measurements are adjusted for qualitative impacts not easily measured in dollars. For example, the impact on tribal land and protected cultural areas, a critical consequence to factor into decision-making, was not accounted for in the classical RSE equation.
- The investment prioritization process considers forward-looking projections, historical analysis, geospatial modeling, and <u>execution speed</u>.



A function of **lifecycle costs**, **performance**, and **risk**.



## The Wildfire Benchmarking and Risk Methodology



#### Table 29. in PGE's 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan

	Zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Total Meter Count	162	46	150	78	57	374	61	33	27	16	71
A	T&D pole density per mi <sup>2</sup>	127	70	111	108	97	123	82	44	48	27	68
Asset Density	Share of HFRZ T&D poles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Land area mi <sup>2</sup>	59	10	12	34	35	3	25	23	39	111	6
	Probability exceeding manual control	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%
Pyrologix Probability	Probability exceeding mechanical control	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%
	Probability extreme fire behavior	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%	2%-4%
	Heat Intensity per unit area	10096	12775	10199	13221	7882	7541	6854	7333	8565	12451	12617
Pyrologix Weather	WTI MEAN Scenario 158	1141609	472579	1575943	2030959	1312534	611661	767440	798307	1557185	1436931	658023
Scenario	CI MEAN Scenario 158	424	209	906	135	476	624	333	152	148	138	228
	IPI MEAN Scenario 158	2789	6213	6729	3549	3047	3313	3892	3897	4684	5227	6441
	Average drive time from a fire station	5–10 min.	10+min.	5-10 min.	10+min.	10+min.	5-10 min.	10+min.	10+min.	10+min.	10+min.	10+min
Accessibility	Slope-mean	6	8	5	6	6	9	7	9	9	9	7
	Aspect-mean	262	272	337	296	306	124	201	164	92	97	316
	Households below 200% Federal Poverty Line	25%	22%	16%	22%	15%	7%	16%	16%	22%	36%	17%
	Household Disability Composition	18	13	12	15	14	8	13	11	15	20	10
Social Indicators	Hispanic or Latino	7	8	2	3	3	4	5	9	5	7	9
	Age 65+	25	17	20	18	22	16	20	13	18	16	20
	vulnerability	30	30	20	46	35	12	56	30	32	78	40
	Social vulnerability index	30	35	22	37	34	5	11	16	30	65	35
Ecological & Cultural Vulnerability	Critical Habitat 1-5 (1 is least relative presence of attribute)	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	1
	Cultural / historical protected areas (relative rank 1-5)	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	1
Rural / Urban Divide	Percent in WUI	77	57	100	77	64	82	71	72	53	52	99
	June-Sept 2018-2022 on UG	79	12	19	14	7	9	12	0	17	5	4
<b>.</b>	June-Sept 2018-2022 on UG average duration	2705	647	419	367	1412	655	253	0	695	420	442
Outage History	June-Sept 2018-2022 on OH	265	31	72	98	106	54	103	50	203	76	126
	June-Sept 2018-2022 on UG average duration	1758	2344	327	805	1418	527	538	325	381	299	168

### **Considerations:**

- Asset density
- Probability
- Weather
- Access
- Social Indicators
- Outage History

### Continuing Evolution of Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE)

- Methodology is unique across utilities
- WMP includes VSE for capital investments, but not operational programs like vegetation management
- RSE methodology requires detailed inputs that reflect variations in vegetation, weather, climate science, and topology
- PGE is working with OPUC staff in the near term to evaluate the value of mitigations like vegetation management

# **Goal:** The creation of a common framework for evaluating mitigation alternatives





## Engagement with EP2I on RSE



Two-year engagement kicked off October 2023 to align across utilities and multiple mitigation methods



The industry collaboration activities are applicable to measurement of risk reductions attained by specific resilience investment approaches

lgnition reduction technologies	Hardened distribution assets and components	Sensing and situational awareness systems	Fire protection technologies	Vegetation management risk/spend outcomes	components to support future integration of vegetation data into data platform to analyze dynamic
					risks parameters



## **Prevention: System Hardening**



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Year	Budget *
To date	\$44.6M
2024	\$43 - \$49.2M
2025	\$56.6 - \$78.3M
2026	\$62.1 - \$78.4M
2027	\$65.5 - \$84.6M

\*Includes system hardening, situational awareness, and inspection corrections



**Protective Devices** 



Fire Safe Fuses



Ductile iron poles & covered wire



Underground Conversion



## Nearly 1,000 Distribution Line Miles in HFRZs



Underground conversions average ~\$1.8-\$2.0 million per mile

 $\rightarrow$  \$1.8-\$2.0 billion to underground all existing distribution lines in HFRZ

#### Table 7. in PGE's 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan

	Dis (1	Distribution Line Miles (Primary OH Miles)		D	istribution Li (Primary	ne Miles UG)	(Dis T	T&D Poles tribution strue ransmission p	ctures + oles)		Customers (meters)	
HFRZ	'23	'24	Net Change	'23	'24	Net Change	'23	'24	Net Change	'23	'24	Net Change
Zone 1	250	249	0%	184	166	-11%	7,930	7,851	-1%	9,513	9,535	0%
Zone 2	25	25	0%	38	38	0%	710	704	-1%	456	458	0%
Zone 3	47	50	6%	34	36	6%	1,268	1,349	6%	1,743	1,800	3%
Zone 4	139	138	0%	68	68	0%	3,726	3,693	-1%	2,652	2,654	0%
Zone 5	151	150	0%	63	50	-26%	3,442	3,426	0%	2,000	2,005	0%
Zone 6	15	16	6%	13	13	0%	702	743	6%	960	1121	14%
Zone 7	92	91	0%	52	52	0%	2,182	2171	-1%	1,524	1,527	0%
Zone 8	43	43	0%	28	28	0%	1,068	1,061	-1%	762	768	1%
Zone 9	78	82	5%	51	43	-19%	1,820	1,916	5%	1049	1043	-1%
Zone 10	134	133	0%	83	84	1%	3,085	3,084	0%	1,710	1,724	1%
Zone 11	N/A	18	N/A	N/A	17	N/A	N/A	466	N/A	N/A	425	N/A



## **Detection: Situational Awareness**





## **Detection: Enhancing Situational Awareness**





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Hawn Fire 7.14.22

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**Early Fault Detection** 

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**Weather Stations** 

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**Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras** 

## **Detection: Enhancing Situational Awareness**

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Service Territory and Westside Hydro

- Weather Station (80)
- HD Al Camera (33)

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Westside Thermal

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**Pelton-Round Butte** 

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**Biglow Wind Farm** 

Tucannon River Wind Farm

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# Prevention: Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction Vegetation Management

### Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction (AWRR)

### **Classifications:**

- **Vegetation (V5)** within striking distance (5 ft) of electrical infrastructure
- **Condition 1 (C1)** vegetation is an <u>imminent hazard</u> to PGE facilities; mitigation within 24 hours
- **Condition 2 (C2)** vegetation is a <u>probable hazard</u> to PGE facilities; mitigation within one year
  - Any dead, dying, diseased, damaged, fungal or insect infestation, stress, poor site condition, overall poor health

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### What is AWRR Vegetation Management?

- Guided by Wildfire Risk Assessment Modeling
- Annually inspect all overhead lines in HFRZ + heightened risk areas in PGE ROW outside of service area
  - ~ 26,000 structures over 1,000 line-miles inside PGE's service area & 100 line-miles outside footprint
- More stringent and frequent inspection, maintenance cycle, and mitigation guidelines than traditional 3-yr cycle routine vegetation management (RVM) performed outside HFRZ

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### **Prevention: AWRR Comparison**

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**2023** inspections indicated the **need for additional vegetation mitigations** due to changing vegetation health

### In 2024, PGE implemented bi-annual full scope patrol & mitigation

### 2023

#### Annual Patrol & Mitigation:

- Inspection to identify C1 trees and vegetation within 5 feet of high-voltage conductors (V5)
- Mitigation of C1 trees and V5 vegetation

#### Annual, Ongoing:

- Comprehensive inspection for C2 trees
- Vegetation trimming, mitigation of large diameter C2 trees showing decline in AWRR database

### 2024

- Continue Annual Patrol & Mitigation in all HFRZ
- Begin Full Scope Patrol Inspection & Mitigation (FSPM) with two-year cycle:
  - Comprehensive Inspection to identify C1, C2, and V5
  - Cataloguing data for analytics and reliability assessment
  - Mitigate hazards with estimated 5% vegetation mitigation rate
  - Initial FSPM cycle in most densely vegetated HFRZ with over half of all line-miles (zones 1,7,10)
  - Multiple inspections of areas throughout the fire season

### **Prevention: AWRR Comparison**

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#### 2023 2024 Zone Μ S D Zone F. Ν D Α Ο Ν Μ Α Μ Ο Μ PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 1 Zone 1 FSPM: Full Scope Patrol + Mitigation PM1 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 2 Zone 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 Zone 3 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 3 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 Zone 4 Zone 4 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 5 Zone 5 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 6 Zone 6 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 7 Zone 7 FSPM: Full Scope Patrol + Mitigation PM1 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 8 Zone 8 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 9 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 9 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 10 Zone 10 FSPM: Full Scope Patrol + Mitigation PM1 PM1: Patrol & Mitigation 1 PM2: Patrol & Mitigation 2 Zone 11

Program	Cadence	Mitigation	<b>Primary Target</b>	Description	
Patrol & Mitigation	Annual (Q1 & Q2)	PM1	C1 Patrol + V5 Mitigation	Identify imminent hazard trees, clearance issues, new vegetation unsuitable for location, and other encroachments	
Witigation	Annual PM2 C2		C2 Patrol + V5 Mitigation	Identify probable hazard trees, pruning & brush clearing	
Full Scope Patrol & Mitigation	Bi-annual (Q1) PM1		C1 Patrol + V5 Mitigation	Identify imminent hazard trees, clearance issues, new vegetation unsuitable for location, and other encroachments	
	Bi-annual	<b>Bi-annual FSPM</b> C1/C2/V5 Patrol & Mitigation		Identify hazard trees and encroaching vegetation, tree trimming mitigate probable hazard trees, intensive clearance work; <b>patro</b> <b>extends beyond the right-of-way</b>	

### **Prevention: AWRR Comparison**

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2023

Approximately 49,000 trims and 8,000 C2 mitigations

2024

Approximately 56,000 trims and **16,400 C2 mitigations** 

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### Why 2-year fullscope cycle with 5% mitigation rate?

Approximately 85% of PGE recorded ignitions result from vegetation contact

Natural tree mortality rate is 1-8%

Per 2023 USFS data, there could be up to 27,000 dead trees across PGE's service territory

71% increase in non-wildfire related damage/mortality relative to 10-year average

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#### Increasing Drought

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Repeated extreme drought events in Portland

Additional stress on trees, resulting in increased failure rates

#### Increasing Mortality

Bark beetles, amongst other pests, contribute to increased tree failure rates

Root disease impacts PGE HFRZ 1-5

### Significant Tree Fuel

Down dead trees contribute 5-7 tons of carbon fuel per acre in PGE's HFRZ

Standing dead trees introduce fuel source and safety hazards

USDA TreeMap Explorer

## **Budget: Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan**

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O&M Cost Area	2024	2025	2026	2027
Vegetation Management & Inspections (AWRR)	\$36.2	\$39.3	\$38.3	\$39.7

### **Overall spend is forecast to remain constant for the next several years despite annual changes:**

- Stress due to long term climate change trends, including extreme heat, drought, disease, and high wind events
- New and expanded HFRZs
- Labor escalation and high demand for tree crews
- Reduced HFRZs due to system hardening investments
- Decreased maintenance required in established HFRZs after several years of sustained AWRR

### 2024 YTD Status:

- 69% patrol inspections
- 7% forecast mitigations

#### Est Line Est. C2 HFRZ Mitigation **Trees** Plan Crews Miles Mitigations Rate Zone 1 290 188,991 Full-scope 5.00% 9,450 16.4 Zone 2 25 45,871 Inter-cycle 0.50% 229 0.5 Zone 3 51 18,594 Inter-cycle 0.50% 93 1.0 Zone 4 63,984 Inter-cycle 0.50% 161 320 3.3 Zone 5 150 72,137 Inter-cycle 0.50% 361 3.0 21,354 Inter-cycle 0.50% Zone 6 16 107 0.3 Zone 7 51,247 Full-scope 5.00% 93 2,562 4.6 Zone 8 43 27,830 Inter-cycle 0.50% 139 0.9 21,587 Inter-cycle 0.50% Zone 9 85 108 1.7 Zone 10 133 58,801 **Full-scope** 5.00% 2,940 6.6 8,205 0.50% Zone 11 18 Inter-cycle 41 0.4 TOTAL 1065 578k + 16,350 39

### 2024 AWRR Plan

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## **Prevention: Pole Inspections**

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## **Prevention: Pole Inspections & Corrections**

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- Annual HFRZ walk-through by 2-person line crew to perform visual inspection using optical aids
- Inspection criteria:
  - Damaged/broken/missing/loose hardware
  - Damaged pole
  - Inadequate conductor clearance
  - Abandoned facilities
- All inspections complete by end of July
- PGE staff systematically audits inspections & corrections
- Scope includes all HFRZ plus central Oregon risk areas associated with PGE Generation

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Year	Budget
2024	\$3.6M
2025	\$3.7M
2026	\$3.5M
2027	\$3.7M

### 2024 YTD Inspection Status: 20%

#### **Correction Requirements**

lssue	Schedule
Notice of violation	15 days to notify equipment owner
Heightened risk of ignition	Less than 180 days to correct
Other conditions	No longer than two years to correct
Tree Attachments	Multi-year plan with completion in 2027

## Prevention: Joint Use Inspections & Corrections

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### **Joint Use Conditions**

- Broken lashing wire
- Inadequate clearances
- Foreign reject poles
- Damaged/broken equipment

### **Notice of Violations**

Notice issued within 15-days of violation discovery per OAR 860-024-0018(6)

### **Uncorrected by Owner**

If exceed correction timelines, PGE performs correction and charges for full reimbursement of costs + 25% per OAR 860-024-0018(7)

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## **Prevention & Readiness**

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## **Prevention & Readiness: Operational Protocols**

Preparing the grid, employees, and suppliers to prevent and safely respond to events

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### Protection Settings adjusted to speed up fault clearing

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Normal

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Fire Season

Enhanced Fire Risk

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Fire Season Work Practices

- o Fire trailer
- Fire season suppression tools and equipment
- Fire season tailboard supplement
- Red Flag Warning

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### Employee & Supplier Training

- Fuels, weather and topography impact on wildfire ignition, and spread
- Fire weather zone forecasts
- o Suppression tools and equipment
- o Basic suppression tactics
- PSPS procedures (including functional exercise)

### Public Safety Power Shutoff

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3. In this phase PGE will provide status updates at least every 24 hours. 4. PGE will submit an Annual OPUC Report no later than December 31st.

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## Recharge Relief: Community Resource Centers

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WHAT IS RECHARGE RELIEF?	•	Nimble Mobile Readiness Units (MRUs) deployed within hours of a Public Safety Power Shut-off serving impacted communities
	•	PGE branded trailer providing support and information, staffed by experienced emergency management professionals, and adaptable to everchanging weather conditions, variety of terrains, and spaces
	•	A Recharge Relief MRU will be at a predetermined location as a Public Safety Power Shut-off is activated
HOW DOES IT WORK?	•	Recharge Relief MRUs are approachable by walk-up, have tables and chairs under an awning, and drinkable water for consumption all while customers charge and get the information they need
	•	PGE's goal is for Recharge Relief MRUs to be in or near active PSPS zones where vulnerable customers need us most
WHERE IS IT LOCATED?	•	A diversity, equity, and inclusion lens was used to determine where to locate and we're making sure the places we choose are fully accessible, on or near main roads, and likely known locations within the community
	•	Locations will be shared with impacted consumers when the PSPS is activated, on PGE's wildfire PSPS page
	•	Some PSPS areas may need to share a Recharge Relief MRU depending on availability and staffing

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## Engagement and continuous improvement

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## **Engagement Strategies**

Continuously improving and addressing wildfire mitigation as a community-wide issue

### **Customer & Community**

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Wildfire Safety & Prevention

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Wildfire Outage & PSPS

Community Town Halls

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### **Public Safety Partners**

Improving risk models, incident response, and coordination:

- o Fire Agencies
- o OPUC ESF-12
- Emergency Managers
- Forest Services
- o Tribes

### **Industry Forums**

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Driving innovation through international, national, regional, and state collaboration:

- Climate & risk modeling
- Research & Development
- Leading practices
- o Investment valuation
- o Asset management
- Operators of critical infrastructure

### Wildfire Mitigation Partnership through Grants

#### **Grant Concept: Wildfire and All Hazards Modeling and Mitigation Consortium**

- Develops wildfire risk modeling, highdefinition weather model, and long duration outage economics model for the PNW
- Models inform mitigation strategies like EFD, FLISR, AI Cameras, and UG conversions to address all hazards
- PGE can provide weather as a service with new capabilities to consortium and others

### Funding potential: \$250 million grant

**Area:** Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska

Parties: 15 utility partners and 2 national labs

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# Thank you