

ROGUE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Document:	Quick Checklist for Board of County Commissioners/County Managers – State Mobilization Requests
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Under ORS 476.330, the Board of County Commissioners or the County Court are the authority having jurisdiction in areas that are not protected by a structural fire agency. Areas that do not have structural fire protection, may at times, need to request state resources to aid the County in structural response. This document provides an overview of the County's responsibilities for structural protection and the process to request state resources.

Role of Board of County Commissioners in Requesting State Resources

If it is determined that state resources should be requested, the Board of County Commissioners or the County Court is responsible for the following:

- Officially request resources from the State Fire Marshal through the County Fire Defense Board Chief and Regional Mobilization Coordinator.
- Participate in the Mobilization request phone call, if available.
- If the Conflagration Act is enacted, prepare and sign a delegation of authority with the incoming State Fire Marshal's incident management team (Delegations will be signed back over to the County at the end of the incident).
- Provide local support services per State Mobilization Plan.
- Attend incident in-briefing, planning and cooperator meetings, and exit briefing (may send delegate).
- Coordinate participation of non-emergency County resources (Emergency Management, GIS, Public Works, etc.).
- Support EOC and Emergency Management
- Liaison with private fire service providers or other cooperators, if applicable.
- Work with command on issues related to mobilization, demobilization, etc.

Types of State Resources Available

Immediate response resources– Structural protection resources that are deployed from nearby counties to supplement local resources. Immediate response resources will work under the command of the local Incident Commander.

Conflagration resources – Structural protection resources and a State Fire Marshal’s incident management team (IMT) mobilized from across the state. The IMT will take command of the incident under a delegation of authority and manage the incident under guidelines established by the Board of County Commissioners. The structural protection resources will work under the command of the Office of State Fire Marshal’s IMT.

Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan

All state resources mobilized to an incident operate under the guidelines of the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan. This plan embraces all the territory of the state of Oregon through the utilization of the duly organized firefighting forces of the state. The fire suppression resources include the county, city, and rural fire protection districts, as well as other resources available through area mutual aid agreements.

Process to Request Resources

If an area of structurally unprotected land is threatened, and there is a significant structural threat, the Board of County Commissioners (or delegate) or the County Court (or delegate) should discuss the need for state resources with the local Fire Defense Board Chief. If the Board of County Commissioners or County Court decides to request resources, the request should be made in conjunction with the Fire Defense Board Chief and OSFM’s Regional Mobilization Coordinator.

Requests for resources should be made when a significant threat exists. Examples of those are:

- a) Life threatening situations (firefighter or public safety):
 - 1) Evacuations currently taking place
 - 2) Evacuations imminent
 - 3) Road, highway, or freeway closures

- b) Real property threatened. Consider:
 - 1) Number of structures, commercial and/or residences
 - 2) Number of subdivisions
 - 3) Population affected
 - 4) Historically significant cultural resources
 - 5) Natural resources, such as crops, grazing, timber, watershed
 - 6) Critical infrastructure, such as major power lines

The Fire Defense Board Chief should notify their Regional Mobilization Coordinator immediately to discuss the request. The Regional Mobilization Coordinator will assist

the Board of County Commissioners or the County Court and County Fire Defense Board Chief through the request process.