

Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative All Hands – All Lands Launch Event September 24, 2015 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Central Oregon is no stranger to wildfire. Increasing losses to lives, communities, budgets and economies, habitat, forests, landscapes and watersheds have driven agencies, organizations, communities and individuals to come together in an "all hands – all lands" approach to preventing and avoiding these catastrophic losses in the future.

This Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative is a strategic push to build on existing partnerships and collaborative efforts across five counties to:

- Restore and maintain resilient landscapes
- Create fire-adapted communities
- Ensure a safe & effective wildland fire response

The collective ambition is to bring federal, state, tribal and local agency stakeholders together with interested non-governmental organizations and private landowners across five counties – Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake and Crook – to embark on a collaborative journey to identify shared values and goals, and implement prioritized actions to achieve them. These achievements will make meaningful progress towards the above goals using the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy as guidance to continue successful implementation.

This coordinated, collaborative multi-county project aims for recognition as a "regional learning laboratory" for others to replicate and/or utilize valuable lessons learned to create similar successful environments throughout the western United States.

Please join our local, state and federal elected officials, and regional leadership from the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the official signing ceremony and launch of the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative.

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