

Overview

Interagency Federal fire policy requires that every area with burnable vegetation is covered by an approved Fire Management Plan (FMP). This FMP provides information concerning the management of wildfire for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Medford District BLM, Oregon Caves National Monument, and Oregon Department of Forestry Southwest District. This plan compiles guidance from existing sources such as but not limited to, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMPs) (Rogue River LRMP 1990, Siskiyou LRMP 1989, *Do we need BLM Park Service Resource Mgmt Plans* national policy, and national and regional directives.

The potential consequences to firefighter and public safety and welfare, natural and cultural resources, and values to be protected determine the management response to wildfire. Firefighter and public safety are the first consideration and are always the top priority during every response to wildfire.

While the FMP is required for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and National Park Service (NPS), specific requirements and policy are different for each agency. The Oregon Department of Forestry, a key cooperater in Southwest Oregon, is also covered by this FMP, and is responsible for fire suppression on BLM lands (under contract). In the following pages of this plan, icons are used to identify direction that is unique to one agency. Specific agency direction will be noted throughout this document with the following icons:

-  Denotes Direction specific to the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
-  Denotes Direction specific to the Medford BLM
-  Denotes Direction specific to the Oregon Caves National Monument
-  Denotes Direction specific to the Oregon Department of Forestry
- No icon denotes direction that is applicable to all four main agencies

The following chapters discuss broad Forest Service, BLM, and NPS specific Fire Management Unit (FMU) characteristics and guidance.

Chapter 1 introduces the area covered by the FMP, includes a map of the Southwest Oregon Fire Planning Unit, addresses the agencies involved, and states why the agencies are developing the FMP.

Chapter 2 establishes the link between higher-level planning documents, legislation, and policies and the actions described in FMP.

Chapter 3 articulates specific goals, objectives, standards, guidelines, and/or desired future condition(s), as established in the agencies' land and resource management plans, which apply to all the Southwest Oregon Fire Planning Unit (SWOFPU) FMUs and those that are unique to individual FMUs.