4.2: Supplemental - Increase the average annual statewide treatment of forested lands for forest health and fire reduction from 145,000 to 200,000 acres by 2017

GOAL 3 RESULTS REVIEW: EASTSIDE FOREST HEALTH RESILIENCE

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner Goldmark
September 13, 2016
Current state: impacts from wildfire

Public safety and property loss

Environmental and health impacts

Natural resource protection

Status: Not on target

~20,849.5 acres on average for FY15-16
Washington’s greenhouse gas emissions
Comparison of 2012 human-caused emissions with 2015 wildfire emissions
Eastern Washington Wildfire Risk Index and Communities at Risk From Wildfire

How big is the problem?

158 communities at risk

Current state: resilience need in eastern Washington

2.7 million acres in need of active management
Current state: decreasing federal investments over time

FY09-FY16 Federal/Match Dollars for Forest Health Work on Private Lands
Current state: WA investment

State Capital Dollars Requested vs. Received for Forest Health Work

- 2011-13
- FY12 Supplemental
- 2013-15
- FY14 Supplemental
- 2015-17

Fiscal Years

Requested
Received

- 2015 Tunk Block Fire
- With the exception of 100 feet of cedar fence, no structures were lost
- 80% of their trees will likely survive
4.2.a: Increase treatment of forested lands for forest health and fire reduction from 22,000 acres to 23,500 acres of DNR-administered treatments by 2016

Strategy 3: Firewise Planning Pays Off

Firewise-prepped properties that survived the Suncrest fire near Leavenworth

Enrolled communities are on the rise! Now 124 active communities in 2016

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Cross-Laminated Timber: A market for forest restoration by-products
Opportunities to move the needle

• Increase the pace and scale of forest restoration

• Increase demand for small diameter wood and by-products from forest thinning

• Support Congressional efforts to end “Fire-borrowing” in the USFS budget
“The best friend on Earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on Earth.”
– Frank Lloyd Wright–

Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities = Healthy State