



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Oregon Living With Fire (OLWF) update for Deschutes County Commissioners and County Administrator.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

*Move approval of \_N/A\_.*

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

*The Oregon Living With Fire, replaced the original program entitled, Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative in 2019. The Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative (program) originally began in 2015 and became institutionalized in 201. Five counties (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake), the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management became signatory to the agreements and contributed funding to the program. This support continues today, although Lake County chose to not contribute to the financial support.*

*The purpose of the OLWF update is to provide the most current program of work (approved by the OLWF Steering Committee), new memberships, future grant opportunities, latest science for prioritization of wildland fuels treatments, and announcement of a Central Oregon event, which convenes stakeholders to address priorities, barriers and opportunities with forthcoming funding from the Infrastructure Legislation, Senate Bill 762 and other funding sources.*

*The primary focus of OLWF is the implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy, which includes landscape resiliency, fire adapted communities, and integrated wildland fire response.*

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

*NONE*

**ATTENDANCE:** Jodie Barram, Co-Program Lead; Jennifer Fenton, Co-Program Lead; Joe Stutler, Deschutes County Senior Advisor and Contract Administrator