



# Fully Fund Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience

## THE SCALE OF THE WILDFIRE CRISIS AND CHANGING CLIMATE CONDITIONS REQUIRES ONGOING RESOURCES

The **Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account** was created in 2021 to take immediate action to enhance wildfire preparedness and response, expedite forest restoration treatments, and fortify community resilience to prepare Washington for the future by fully funding the implementation of the state's Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan, 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan, and Forest Action Plan.

**\$125,000,000**

**Operating Request (GF-S)**

### Continuing Forest Health and Wildfire Investments

In 2017, the Legislature directed DNR to "proactively and systematically address the forest health issues facing the state" to reduce the risk of fire. In 2021, the Legislature passed HB 1168 with the intent "to provide \$125 million per biennium over the next four biennia" to increase Washington's preparedness and resilience to fire. To date, investments have accomplished:

- ✓ Nearly 1 million acres of reported forest health treatments across public, private, and tribal lands
- ✓ Over \$40M in grant and pass-through funds to partners to support treatments, wildfire response preparedness, and workforce training.
- ✓ Procured and upgraded wildfire fighting equipment to increase speed and effectiveness of response
- ✓ Developed nationally recognized systems to increase efficacy and monitoring of forest treatments



**DNR requests full funding of \$125M for the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Restoration Account.** We have made meaningful progress and now must sustain those gains; now is the not the time to divest from what makes us the Evergreen State.

Investments to date are having significant statewide impacts. We have restored forests and improved community resilience against wildfires and other dangers. We have also increased Washington's wildfire management capacity, thus enabling a more effective wildfire response. **Anyone may track the impact of each dollar spent through [an online dashboard](#) and in place on our [Forest Health Tracker](#).**

Sustaining our investments is a critical need for DNR and our partners as we continue working to improve the safety, health, and resilience of Washington forests and communities.

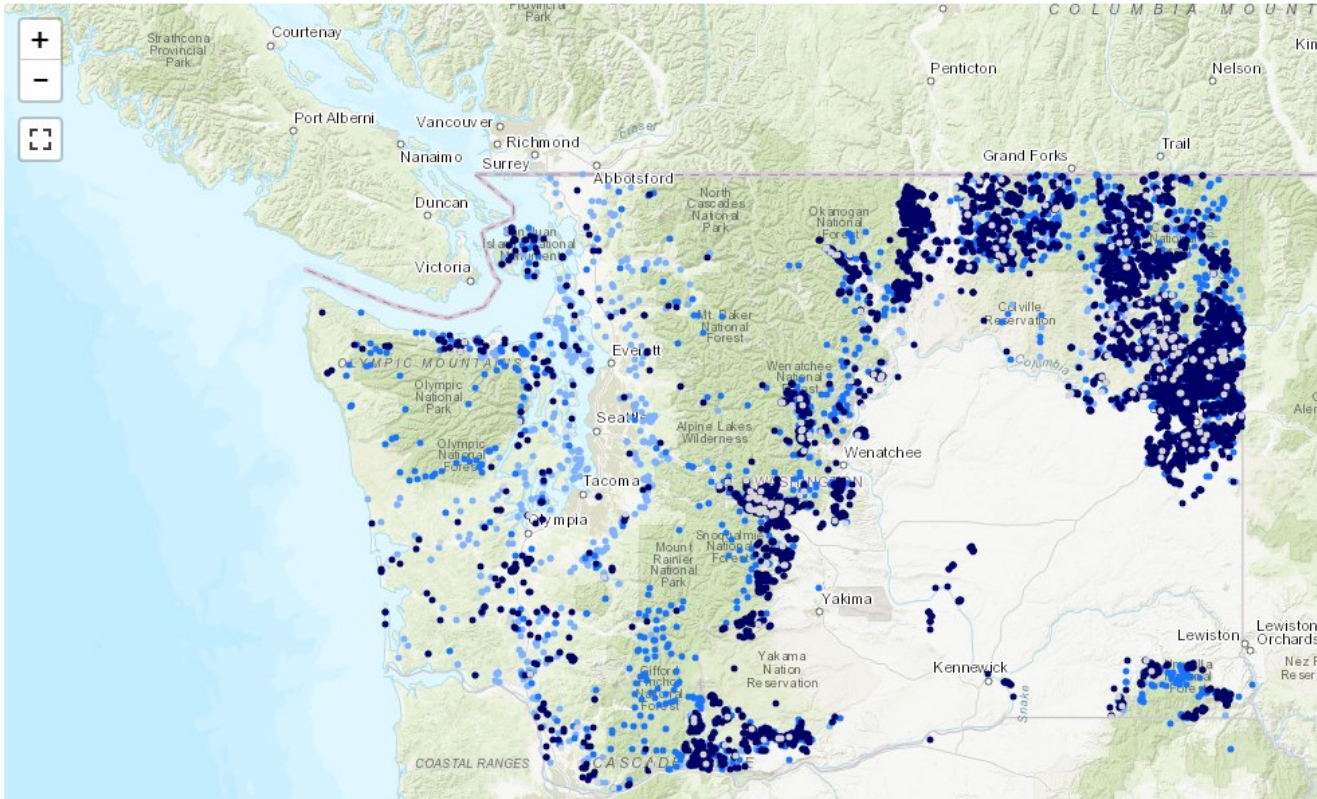
### IMPACTS OF NOT FULLY FUNDING THE ACCOUNT

- **Reduced forest treatment acres** by DNR and partners
- **Reduced pass-through dollars** to critical partner and community programs
- **Reduced DNR capacity** for technical support before and after the wildfire
- **Reduced firefighting staff and resources**, compromising response
- **Reduced ability to monitor results** and planning efforts





Stage ● Proposed ● Planned ● Cancelled ● Implementation ● Completed



**DNR's Forest Health Tracker** is nationally recognized as innovation in treatment tracking across ownerships.

Agency staff, elected officials, external partners, and members of the public all use this tool to track important projects.

Each blue dot is a project that is delivering impact to increase forest health and resilience in place.

**Forest Health Tracker data includes information such as:**

- ⇒ State, Federal, Small private, and other Treatment locations
- ⇒ Landowner, Implementor, Contributing organizations
- ⇒ Treatment acres, treatment types, and treatment status
- ⇒ Funding source, completion date
- ⇒ And much more

Pre- and post-treatment photos from a fuels treatment unit in Chelan County

