

A large wildfire is burning on a mountain slope. Thick, dark smoke billows upwards from the fire, filling much of the sky. The fire itself is visible as bright orange and red flames on the hillside. The surrounding landscape is covered in dense evergreen trees, some of which are partially obscured by the smoke. The overall scene is dramatic and intense.

Keeping Our Communities Safe

Photo cred: National Guard



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Overview

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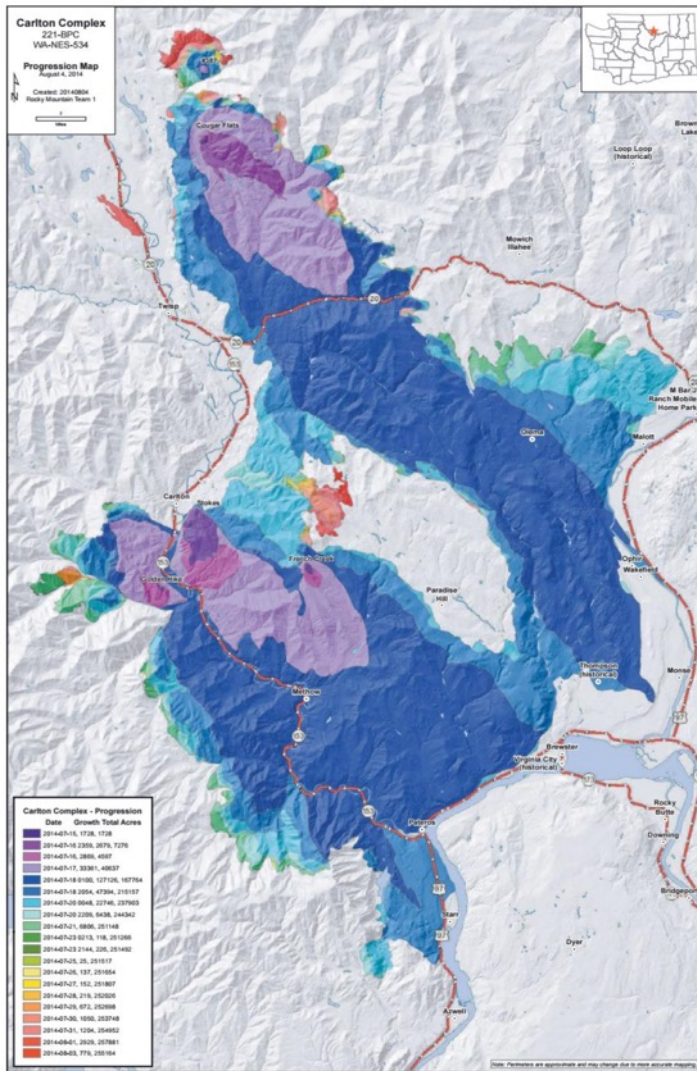
Planning for Recovery

What you can do to help



“I’m glad I know my neighbors. More importantly I’m glad I have good relationships with them. When disaster hit we became interdependent in ways I couldn’t imagine. The handful of deputies and fire crews were absolutely heroic and they should be credited with saving numerous lives but more lives were saved by neighbors checking on neighbors, helping people gather and run.”

-Holiday Farm Fire Survivor





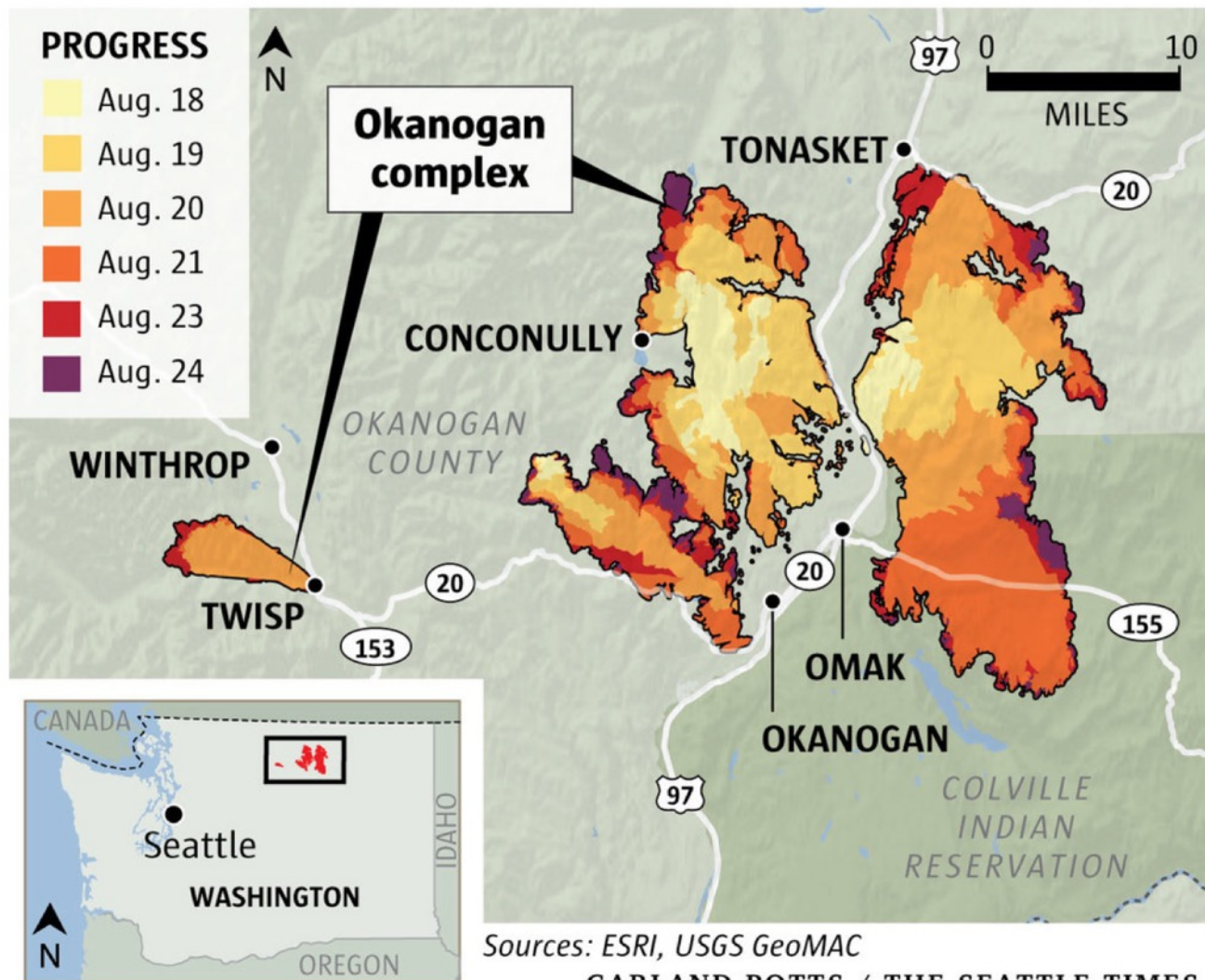




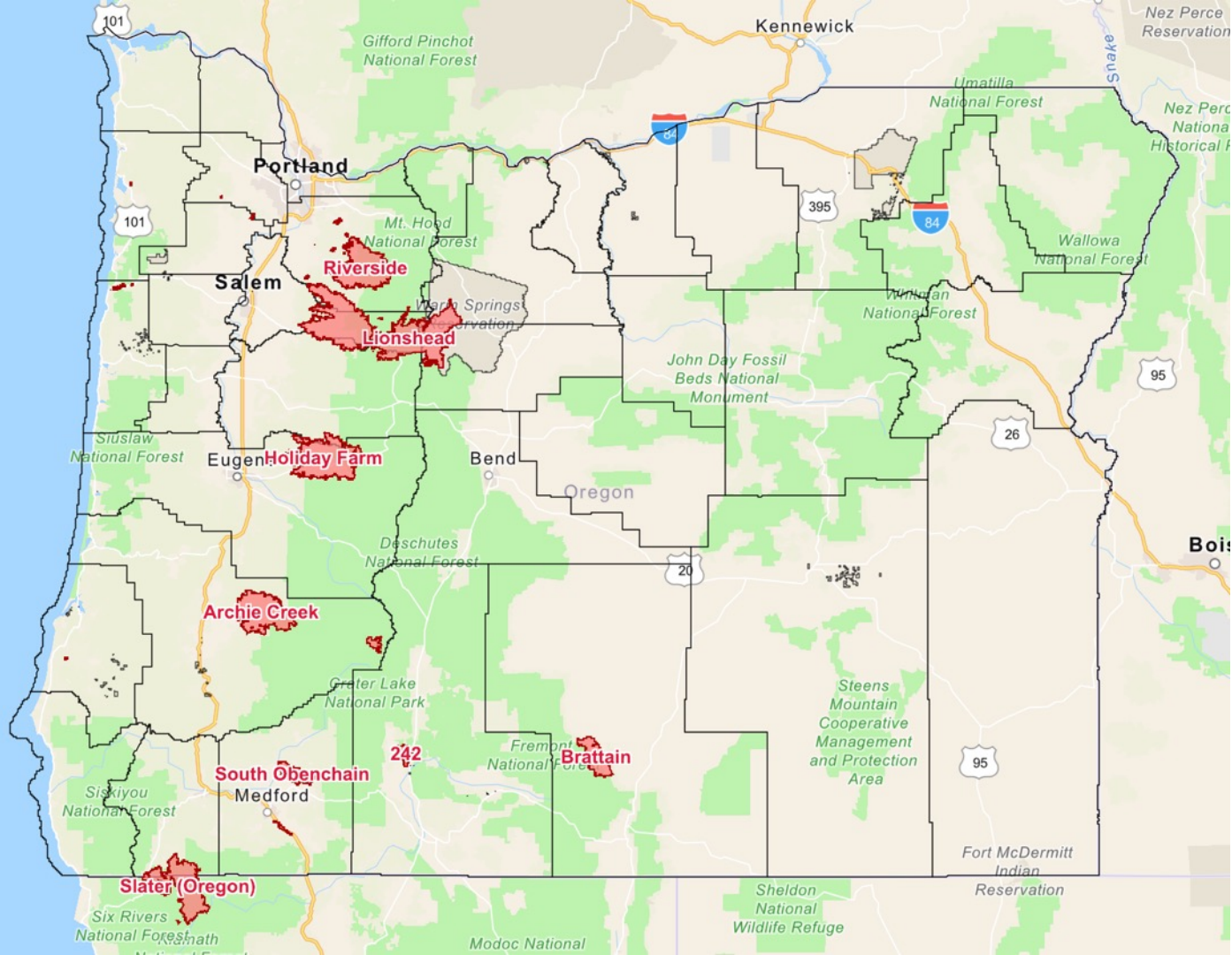














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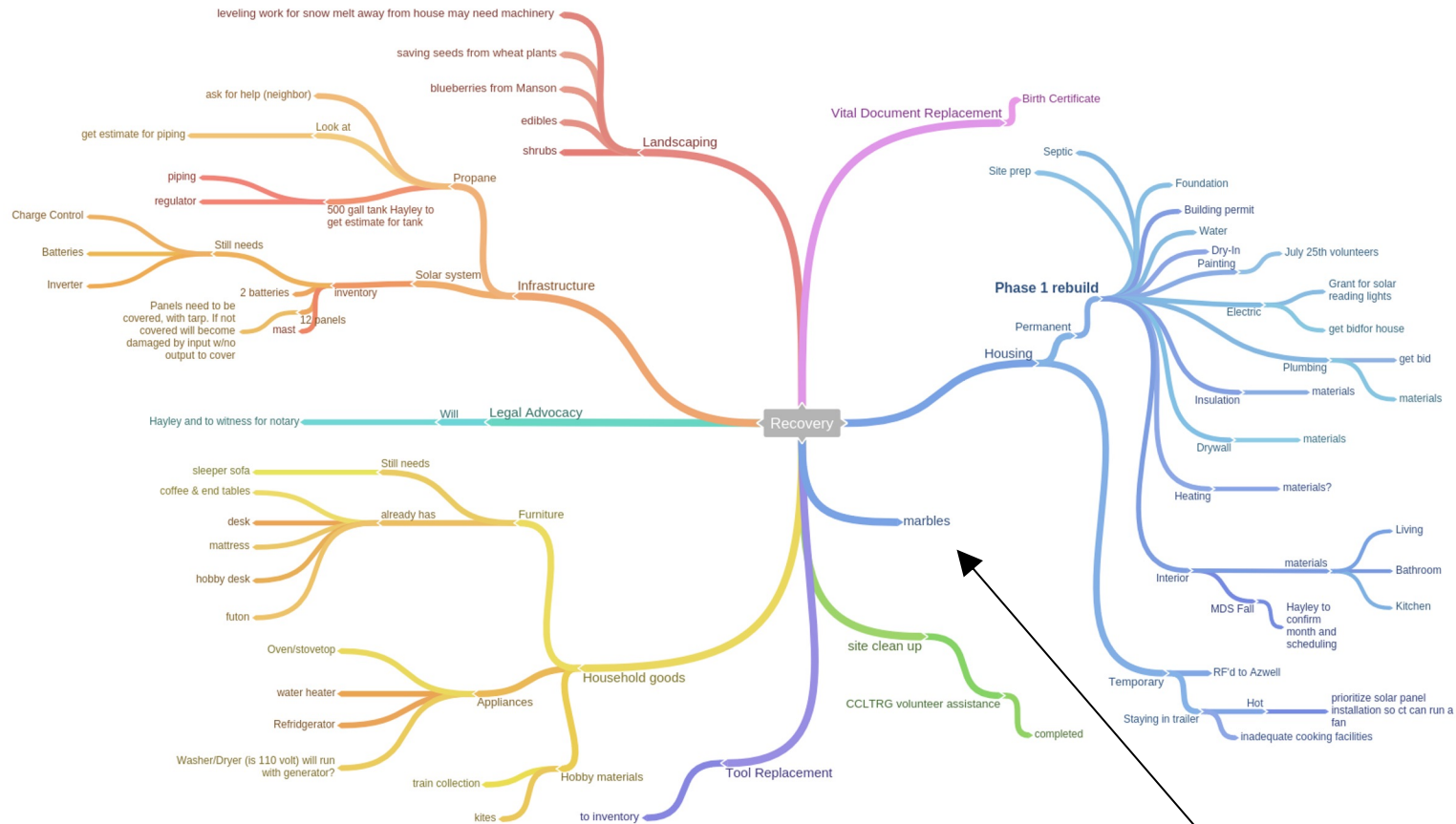
Disaster

Emotional Phases of Disaster



ZUNIN/MEYERS, AS CITED IN *TRAINING MANUAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS IN MAJOR DISASTERS*, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (2000).

What does **this** person need
To recover from **this** disaster
In **this** community?



Personalized recovery planning





MVPs

People on a low income

Children and older adults

People who are differently abled

Communities of color

People who are houseless

People diagnosed with mental illness

People with medical challenges

People who's first language is not English

People who are undocumented

“I’m stunned at how hard it all is. I miss my home and sanctuary every day, every holiday, every milestone. I miss all the little items tied to memories.

I wish I had the house fully insured, and that I’d updated it after the kitchen remodel.”

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The process of restoring, rebuilding, and reshaping the physical, social, economic and natural environment through pre-event planning and post-event actions

Source: Okanogan Long Term Recovery

Source: Smith and Wenger 2006



Recovery takes a
long time





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Each dollar invested in disaster preparedness, saves seven dollars in recovery

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Instructions

1. Walk around just checking what others have written
2. Then form groups based on the recovery support functions OR other functions.
3. Once in the group introduce yourselves.
4. For the next 30 minutes we would like your groups to discuss and develop strategic questions related to disaster recovery
5. Elect a note taker to record group participants, your group's questions, insights to the questions and next steps.





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- Be a good caretaker – create defensible space around your home.
- Know your neighbors – In a true crisis neighbors are the first responders.
- Invest in homeowners and/or renters insurance and update it on a yearly basis. Make sure you are insured for what it would actually cost to rebuild your home or replace your items.
- Register for Emergency Alerts through Deschutes County.
- Prepare a Go Bag and 40 week kit
- Prepare and practice a Family Emergency Plan

Thank you 😊

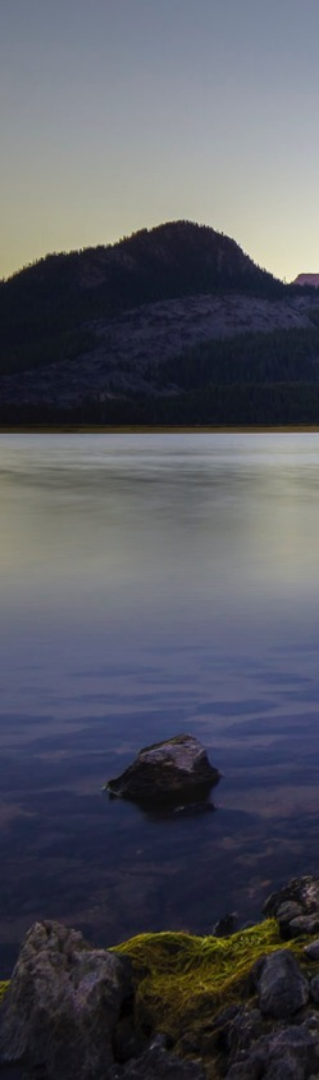


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