



## *Webinar Brief for Resource Managers*

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# Working with Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

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**Project Summary :** Discussion of the Oregon Rangeland Fire Protection Program, the history, formation process, and current program.

**Abstract:** Outline the Oregon Rangeland Fire Protection program which is unique in the Western States as a means of landowners to become involved in the protection of their private lands. Oregon has un-protected private and state lands, which is defined as there is no responsible fire protection agency. Landowners in Oregon are responsible for protection. The Rangeland Fire Protection program offers the landowners an opportunity to form a Rangeland Protection Association and provide protection to lands that have been brought into the Oregon Rangeland Protection System. The Association is then able to receive training, grants, and equipment .

**Most Relevant References:** Oregon Revised Statutes 477.315-325

### Management Implications

- Increase Fire Fighting Capability in Rangeland
- Reduced Initial Attack Times
- Increased landowner involvement