

FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT

Spromberg Fire, Chelan County, WA May 23, 2017



Washington State Military Department
Emergency Management Division
2018

WHAT CAN FMAG DO FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON?

□ Reimbursement of actual eligible costs

- State Agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Local Jurisdictions
 - Fire
 - Sheriff
 - County/Local Emergency Management
 - Public Works

- Category B (Emergency Protective Measures)
 - ✓ Evacuations
 - ✓ Public Messaging
 - ✓ Water Pumping
 - ✓ Road Barricading
 - ✓ Overtime Labor
- Category H (Fire Suppression)
 - ✓ Firefighting Labor (Overtime & Non-budgeted Volunteer Stipends)
 - ✓ Equipment Time & Repairs directly related to the declared fire
 - ✓ Materials & Supplies, Meals, Uniforms used/damaged as a direct result of the declared fire

Federal Cost Share 75%, Local Cost Share 25%



WHAT CAN FMAG DO FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON?

□ FMAG-HMGP Mitigation Grants

- Congress approved new 2018 funding
 - Details are pending FEMA announcement
- FEMA will pass these grants through EMD
- Grants for projects in the WUI:
 - Property assessments & treatment prescriptions
 - Defensible Space work
 - Hazardous fuels reduction / shaded fuel breaks
 - No prescribed burning
 - Flash flood mitigation work
 - Permanent work only

Mitigation grants are for risk-reduction projects



WHAT CAN FMAG DO FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON?

□ EMD can PRIORITIZE impacted counties for FMAG-HMGP Grants

For example...

- *Tier 1- Top Priority: eligible FMAG-declared counties*
 - *including eligible entities within them (fire districts, conservation districts, utilities, etc.)*
- *Tier 2 Second Priority: All other eligible entities in WA*
 - *Focus on wildfire and/or post-fire flood risk-reduction projects*

Want more info about these grants? Contact EMD's Mitigation Office:

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ELIGIBLE means you have a current, FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

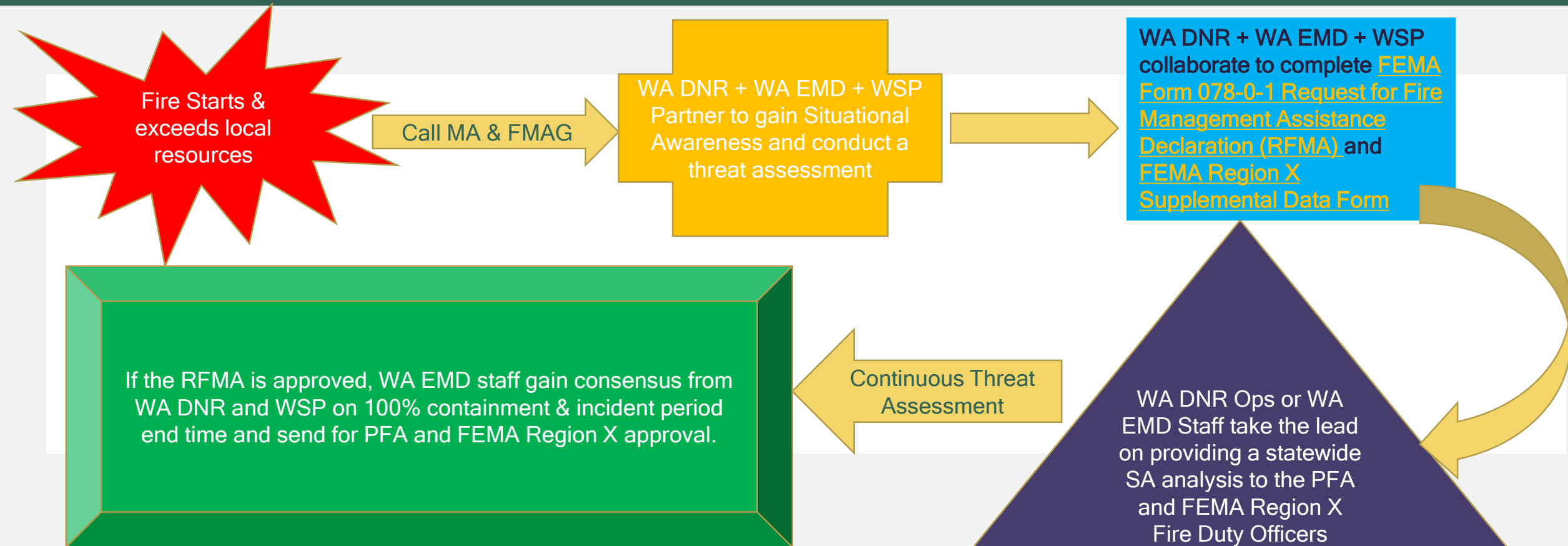
- FMAG Program staff work with SEOC Duty Officers
- FMAG Program staff work with WA Military Department External Affairs
- FMAG Program staff work with DNR Ops staff
- FMAG Program staff work with WSP Fire Marshal's Office staff
 - FMAG Declared fires and State Mob approved fires
 - ✓ Separate approval process
 - ✓ State Mob does not = FMAG Declaration
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- FMAG Program staff work with Federal Partners (FEMA Region X, USFS, BLM)
- FMAG Program staff work with Tribal/Local Officials (EM, Sheriff, Fire Jurisdictions)



Wildcad.net
Egp.nwcg.net



FMAG REQUEST PROCESS



*PFA: Principal Fire Advisor, works for the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, provides a technical assessment of the fire or fire complex.

FMAG REQUEST

Ignition

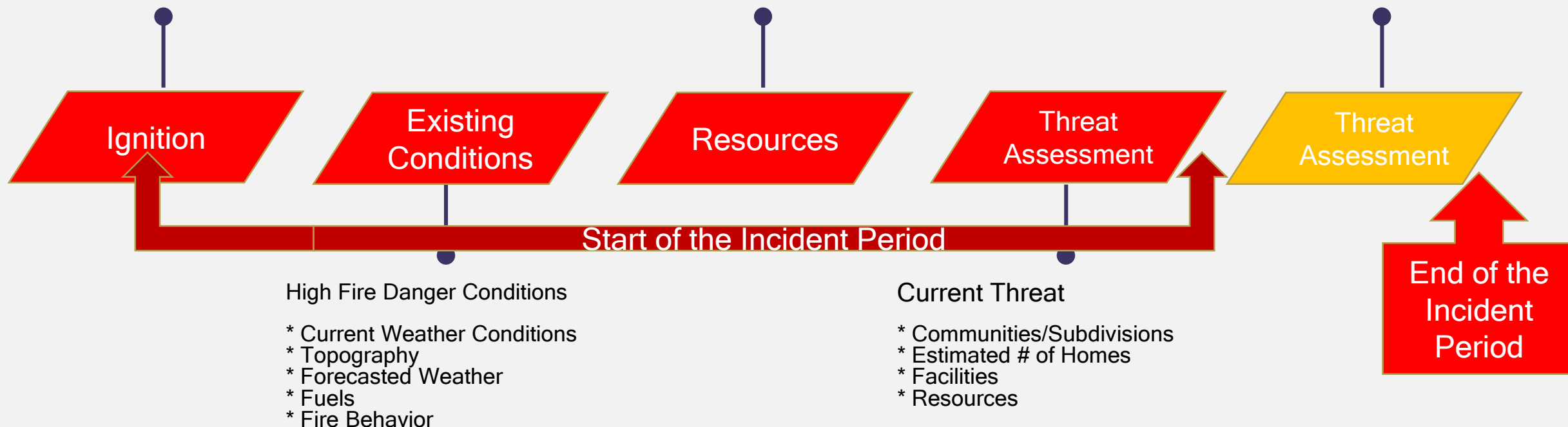
- *Name of the Fire
- *Location of the Fire
- *Time the Fire was reported

Situation Report

- * Mutual Aid
- * WA State Mobilization
- * WA Department of Natural Resources

Existing Threat

- * Communities/Subdivisions
- * Estimated # of Homes
- * Facilities
- * Resources



ELIGIBLE COSTS

- The activities performed must be:
 - The legal responsibility of the applying entity,
 - Within the incident period, or
 - Required as the result of the declared fire, and
 - Pre-positioning costs
 - Temporary repairs due to firefighting activity damages
 - Mobilization and Demobilization
 - Grant Administration
 - Located within the designated area or related to firefighting activities (i.e., EOC Ops or Dispatch)
- Mutual Aid
 - ✓ Incident Commander must have requested services
 - ✓ Providing entity costs are treated as contract costs
 - ✓ Cannot be intra-organization



* Unwritten mutual aid agreements must be documented immediately after the incident.

PREPARATION & EXPECTATION MANAGEMENT

- ❑ Designation of Applicant Agent and Alternate
- ❑ Set up a system to track Donated Resources
- ❑ Maintain copies of contracts, agreements, personnel policies
- FEMA will provide their own interpretations of CFRs and policies
- We will likely ask for more documentation and have more questions.
- There is a lot of scrutiny on supporting documentation
- ❖ 30 Days of the Incident Period: EMD submits Request for Fire Management Assistance Subgrant to FEMA
- ❖ 6 Months of the Incident Period: Final costs submitted to FEMA.
- ❖ 12 Months of the Incident Period: All grants funded and fire is closed



We are from the government and we are here to help!

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