

# Fire Management Assistance Grant Program



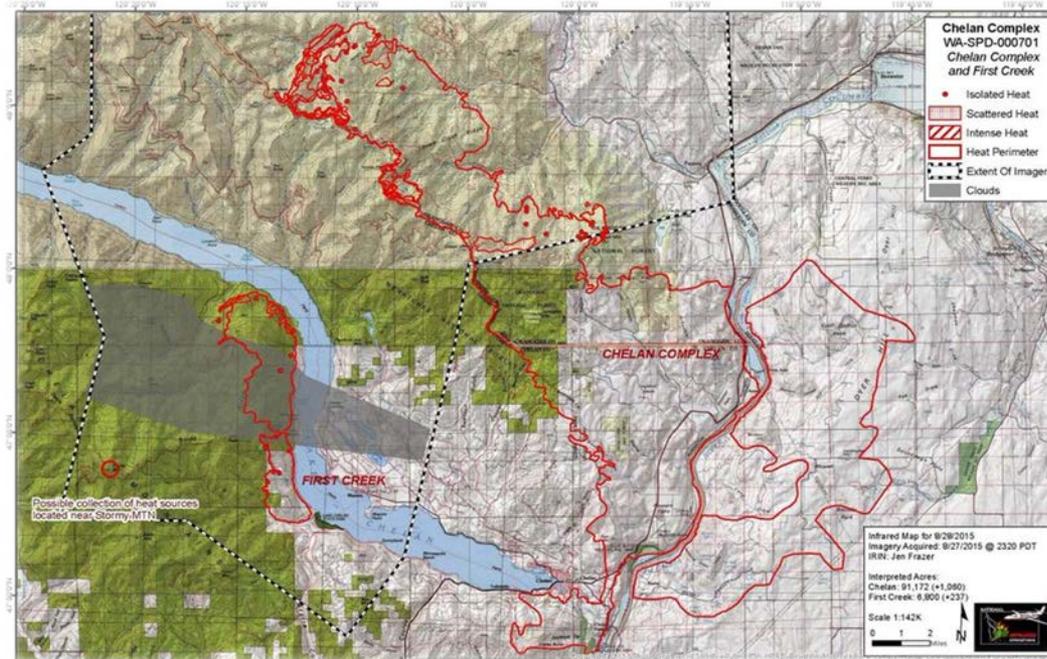
2016 Eastern Washington – Yale Fire, Spokane, WA

# FMAGP Purpose

- Federal grant funding to reimburse costs associated with suppression and emergency protective measures for a declared fire
- FMAGP effective October 30, 2001
- For wildland fires – forests and grasslands, public or private lands

# Threat of a Major Disaster

The potential impact of a fire or fire complex is of such a severity and magnitude that it would result in a presidential major disaster declaration for the Public Assistance Program, the Individual Assistance Program, or both.



Chelan Complex  
- 2015

# This is a Team Effort!

- FMAG declarations are a collaborative team effort with FEMA, State (EMD, DNR, WSP), Local Jurisdictions, the USDA USFS Principal Fire Advisor, and the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)
- Timing Critical - State or Indian tribal government must submit a request for fire management assistance declaration to the FEMA Regional Administrator while the fire is:
  - Burning uncontrolled, and
  - Threatens such destruction as would constitute a major disaster – lives, improved property, critical facilities/infrastructure, critical watersheds

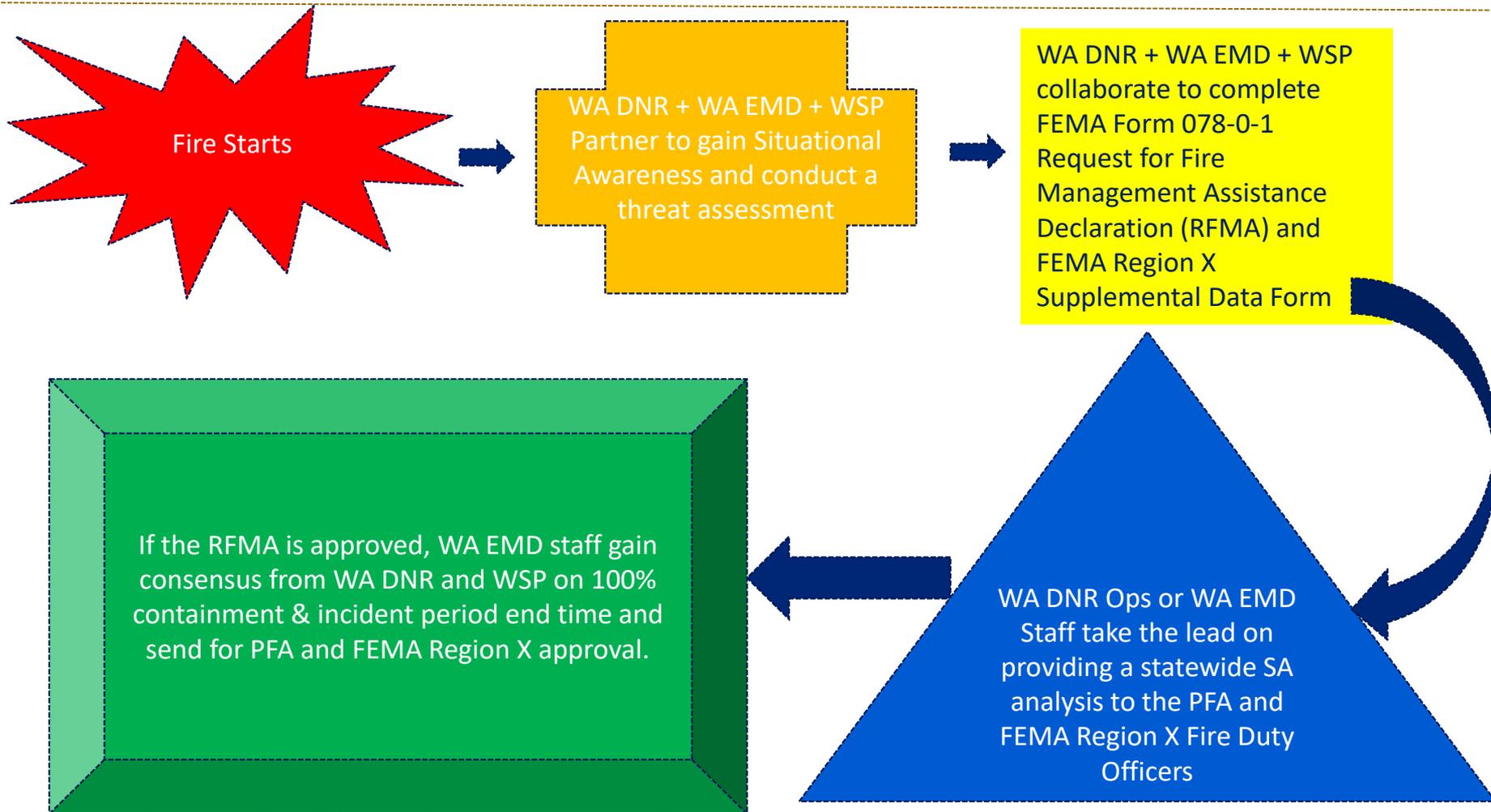
# FMAG & EOC Ops

- Many times, FMAG program staff work hand-in-hand with SEOC Duty Officers on an FMAG declaration for ongoing fires with no SEOC activation
  - DNR fires – No SEOC activation, many times A&WC isn't notified. FMAG staff called directly by DNR Ops staff.
  - State Mobe – When Mobe is approved and WSP staff are activated, FMAG program staff work hand-in-hand with WSP staff and Fire IC to evaluate FMAG threat level
  - Sept 2012, Jul 2014, Summer 2015 SEOC activations - used to be considered highly unusual

# FMAG & State Mobe

- FMAG declared fires and State Mobe approved fires are:
  - Separate processes
  - A State Mobe fire is not necessarily an FMAG fire
  - An FMAG declared fire is not necessarily a State Mobe fire
  - FMAG - each fire is evaluated based on FEMA threat criteria regardless of State Mobe approval

# Washington FMAG Declaration Process



# Funding

- On a Cost Share basis:
  - 75% federal funding
  - Non-federal 25% share is the Applicant's responsibility.
  - There is no state match.
  - Only available in the declared counties following the Declaration.



# Eligibility Requirements

- 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
  - Located within the designated area or related to firefighting activities (i.e., EOC or dispatch)



# Eligible Costs

- Within Incident Period
  - Emergency Protective Measures
  - Firefighting Activities
- Outside the Incident Period
  - Pre-positioning costs
  - Temporary repairs due to firefighting activity damages
  - Mobilization and demobilization
  - Grant Administration



# Ineligible Costs

- Costs not associated with the incident period
- Land rehabilitation
- Costs for pre-suppression activities and recovery
- Costs for ***straight time*** salaries & benefits
- Costs that are ***reimbursable*** by a federal agency under another statute
- Road widening



# Mutual Aid

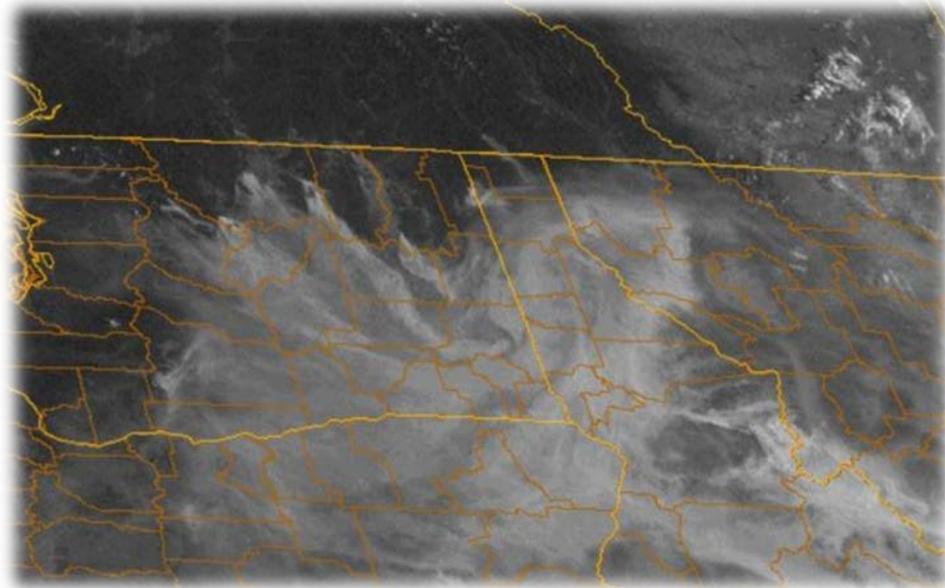
- Incident Commander must have requested services
- Written and unwritten agreements
  - Unwritten must be documented immediately after the incident
- Providing entity costs are treated as contract costs
- Cannot be intra-organization



# Resources

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# Wildland Fire Preparedness Seminar



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