



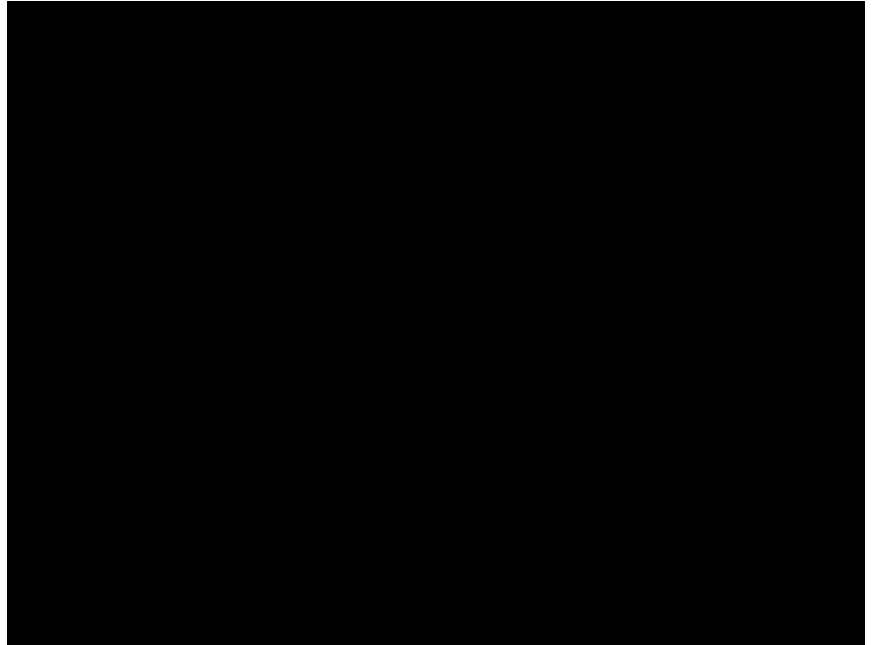
Policy Changes to Implement More Prescribed Fire in the Pacific Northwest

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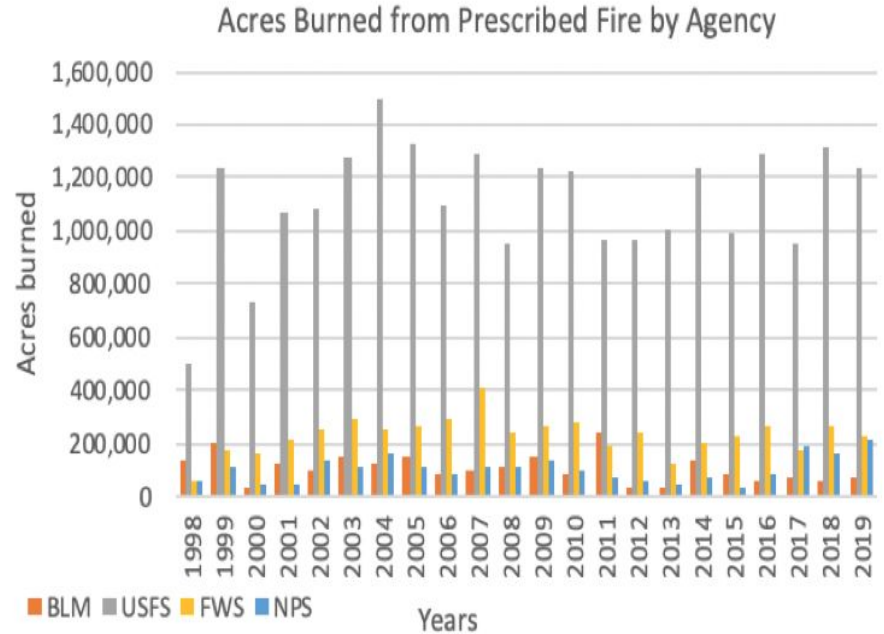
CONTEXT:

- Using prescribed fire is an efficient tool to reduce fuel loadings.
- Clean smoke vs. wildfire smoke
- Numerous ecological benefits



CURRENT ISSUE

- Government budgeting
- Lack of public support/ knowledge
- Air quality regulations



POLICY ALTERNATIVES

- #1: Prescribed fire
 - Pros - natural and cost
 - Cons- damage and escape
- #2 : Thinning with chipping/mulching
 - Pros- types of fuel and frequency
 - Cons- cost and soil compaction
- #3 : No action
 - Pros- easy
 - Cons- not enough fuel reduction



POLICY RECOMMENDATION

With the overall objective to use more prescribed fire we recommend:

- Allocating more funding to fire prevention programs and implementing separate budgets from fire suppression
- Reduce air quality restrictions around prescribed burning
- Continued education on the benefits of prescribed fire