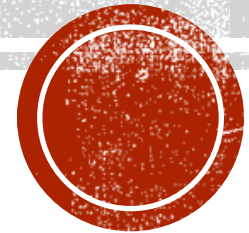


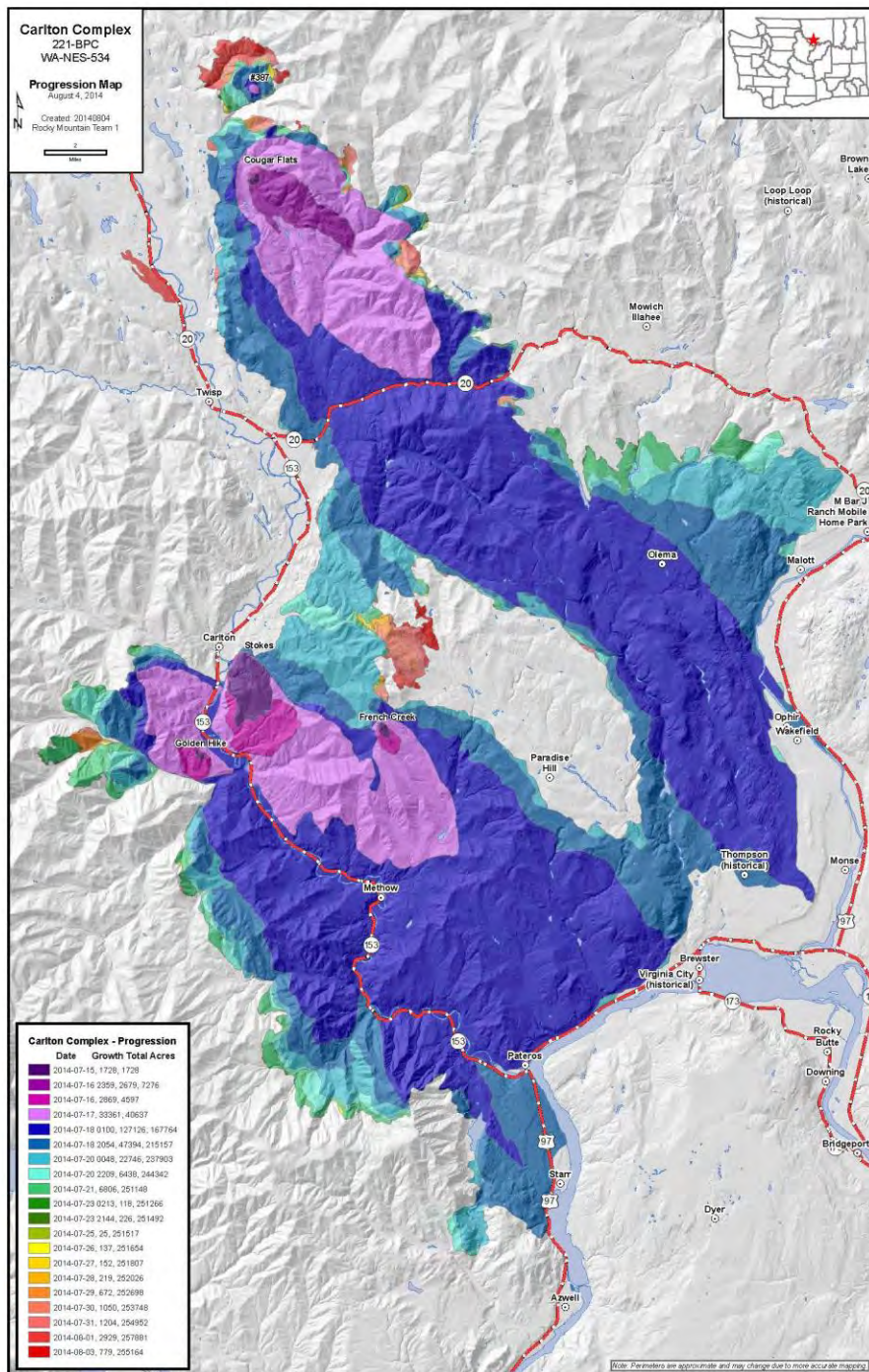
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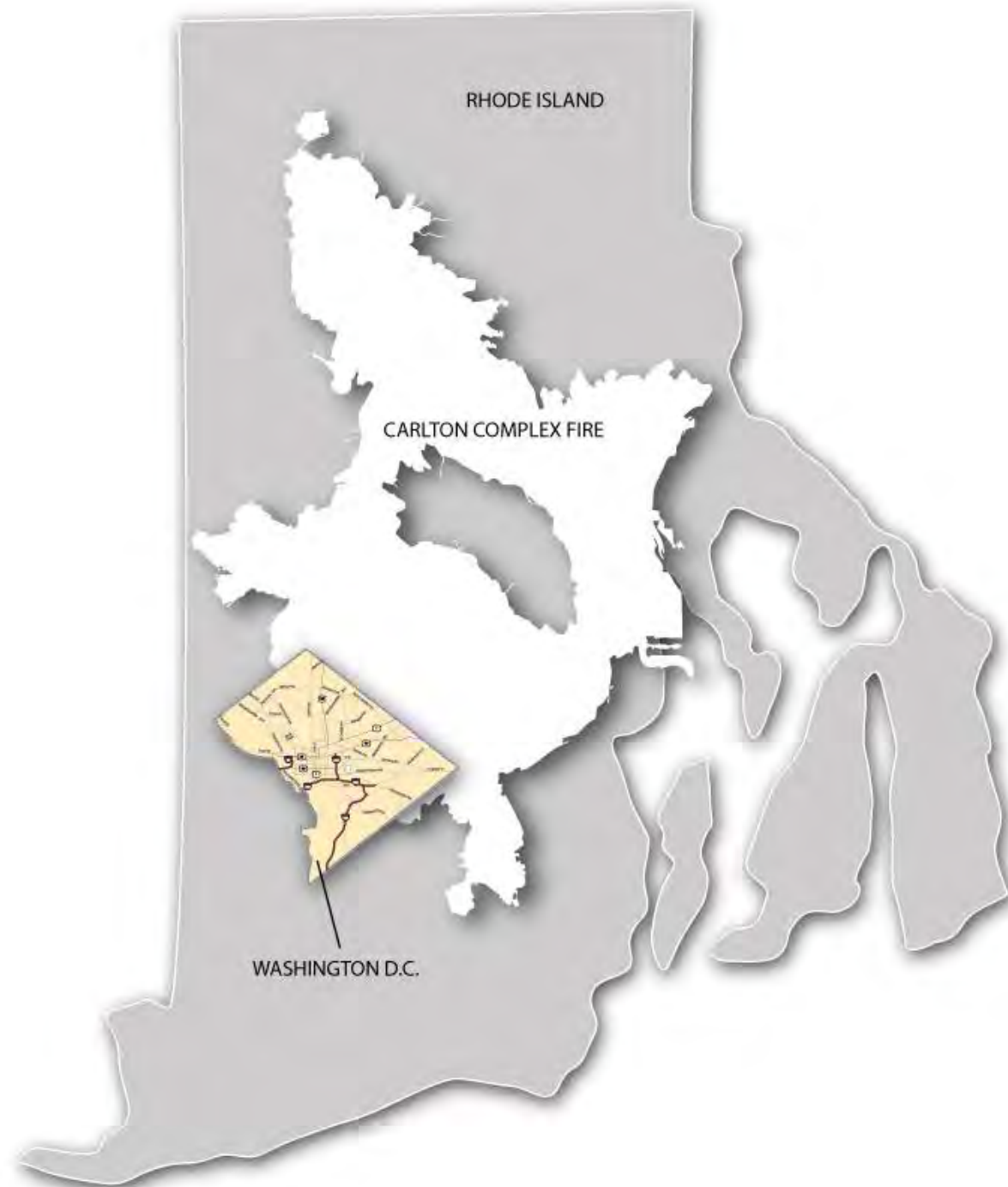
Craig Nelson – Okanogan Conservation District Manager



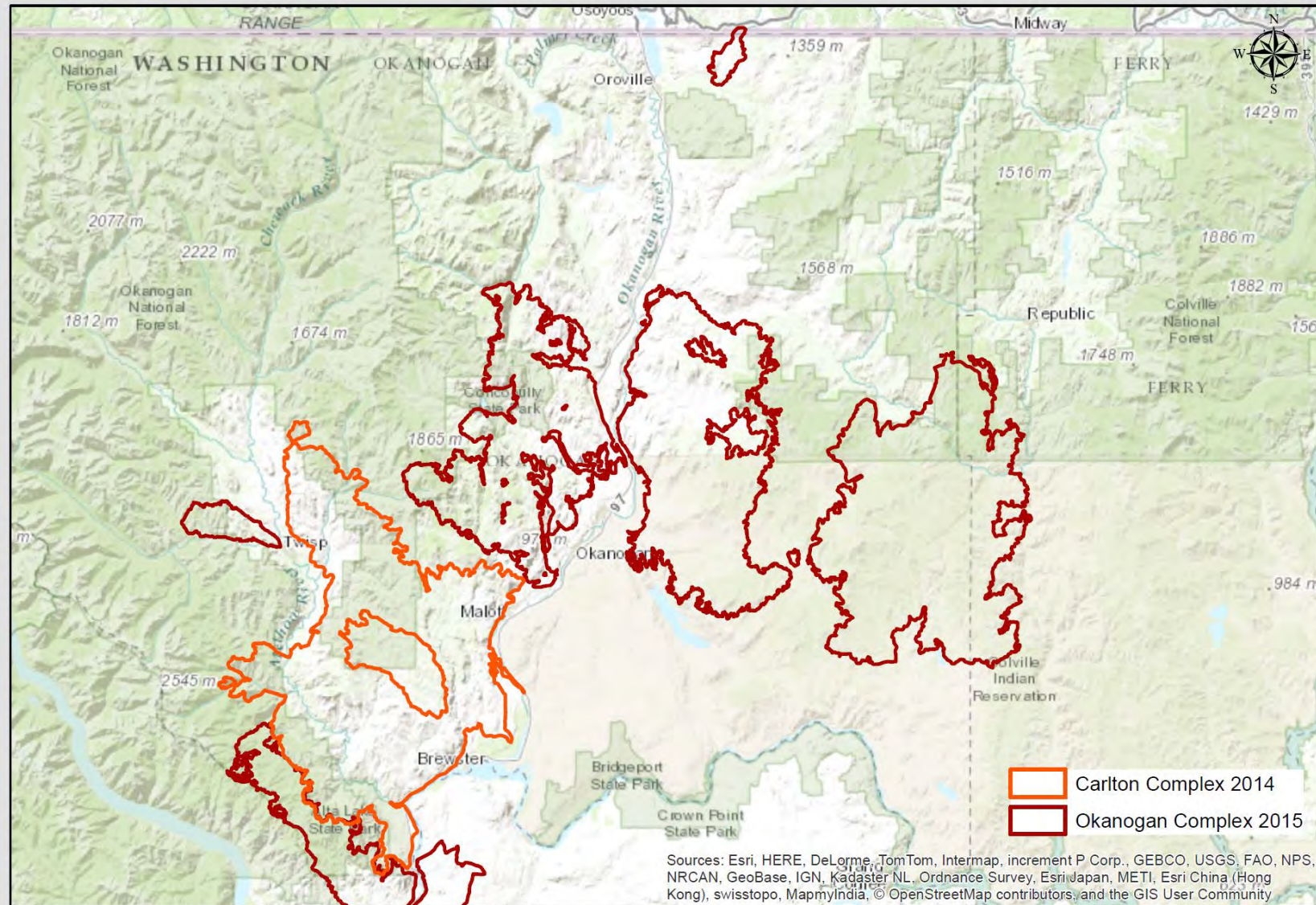
TALE OF TWO DISASTERS







Carlton Complex 2014 & Okanogan Complex 2015



0 5 10 20 30 40
Miles

NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

Data are representational only.

Sources: Okanogan County GIS, Okanogan Conservation District

Date: 10/9/2015



PERSONAL STORY







DO OR DO NOT, THERE IS NO TRY





Participating agencies set aside their usual roles to support the common goal



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LESSONS LEARNED























WHAT IS WORKING WELL NOW





Interlocal Agreement
Between
Okanogan Conservation District
And
Whatcom Conservation District

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into between the Okanogan Conservation District (OCD) and the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) (CONSERVATION DISTRICTS) as public agencies pursuant to the Inter-local Cooperation Act, RCW 39.34.

WHEREAS, the CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' enabling statute, RCW 89.08 was adopted in 1939 to meet "a pressing need for the conservation of renewable resources in all ar state, whether urban, suburban, or rural, and that the benefits of resource practices, and projects ... "; and

WHEREAS, the CONSERVATION DISTRICTS recognize that by taking cooper coordinated action with the COMMISSION and WACD they can improve the over efficacy and economy of their programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived from Agreement, OCD and WCD agree as follows:



National Association of Conservation Districts

September 9, 2015

The Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chairman
House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member
House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member
Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

Dear Chairman Rogers, Chairman Cochran, Chairman Calvert, Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Lowey, Ranking Member Mikulski, Ranking Member McCollum and Ranking Member Udall:

The catastrophic wildfires engulfing western states this summer are further proof of the need for Congress to support the management of our nation's forestlands in a collaborative effort of federal agencies, industry and the local residents most directly affected by these fires.



FUTURE NEEDS





Overstocked unhealthy forest with high fire hazard, Peshastin



Same forest after thinning, pruning and slash treatment







THANK YOU

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