

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation

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***THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE
THAT PREPARE FOR IT TODAY
-MALCOM X***

IT'S NOT LUCK

A Saint Patrick inspired message from www.ready.gov; no one should rely on luck when it comes to being prepared for disasters and emergencies. Don't leave disaster prep to chance.

The first steps to being prepared:

- Know your risk for the area where you live and work.
- Make a plan to lessen the impact of those risks.
- Build a kit to be ready for disasters and emergencies.

We are halfway through the Disaster Preparedness series with OFB-EZ. How are your plans coming along? Is there a section in the plan you would like more information on, or assistance?

I'm here to help!
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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Travel Oregon is hosting virtual engagement sessions to seek input from communities, local businesses and individuals that drive the state's tourism economy on March 30th.

[Click here for more info](#)

RESOURCE HUB

Links for COVID-19 info, upcoming events, and other supporting info for you.

OR RAIN free courses

Travel OR new grant

[Click Here](#)

ONE SMALL THING A WEEK

No matter what size your organization is, it is important to think about your risks and how you can reduce their impact on your business and be prepared to respond.

On the next page you can take one step towards resiliency by:

**Knowing How to Reduce
Potential Disruptions**

TAKE ONE STEP TOWARDS RESILIENCY

5. Know How to Reduce Potential Disruptions

Are your operations, processes, and/or building unique to your business? Identify your business's potential obstacles and define capabilities to help you recover more quickly.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

What is the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)? This valuable but often overlooked grant and loan program is available for rural businesses and agricultural producers. If awarded, this funding can directly support renewable energy and efficiency projects, reducing your operating costs and saving you money.

[click here for more info](#)



5. KNOW HOW TO REDUCE POTENTIAL DISRUPTIONS

USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND CREATE A PLAN TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION TO YOUR BUSINESS. NOT ALL QUESTIONS WILL APPLY TO YOUR BUSINESS.

MAKE-UP CAPABILITIES

1. Are there any unique location, building, or process features that would prevent relocating operations to another facility? Yes No

Consider:

- Complexity of your building (simple, standard design or highly complex or "one-of-a-kind" building designed to house the particular process).
- Special building structures for clean rooms, control rooms, high bay storage, cold storage, large machinery or large complex equipment with long delivery time, long restoration time, or that require special utility features.
- Easily available construction materials or special or rare construction materials.
- Special location requirements and/or special permissions for building reconstruction.
- Local jurisdictional delays around permit validation and/or approval of building.
- Geographic location associated with critical suppliers or customers or availability of utilities.

a. If Yes, describe preventions.

2. If multiple locations, are there interdependencies? Yes No

a. If Yes, which location's(s) disruption would most impact production?
i. Could operations be duplicated at an alternate location? Yes No

3. Is there a mutual aid agreement with another facility? Yes No

a. If Yes, what is the facility name and contact information?

4. Can additional shift(s) be added? Yes No

5. Do multiple production lines exist? Yes No

a. If No, can additional lines be added/re-tooled?

6. Can work be outsourced? Yes No

[Click here for PDF Worksheet](#)

OFB-EZ is a program of the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety. Download this document at www.iihs.com/iihs. Updated: Next Update:

HOT HOT HOT

We just had A LOT of snow, but it's not too early to be thinking about the hot days ahead of us. Resiliency is all about being one step ahead and planning for the worst (while hoping for the best!).

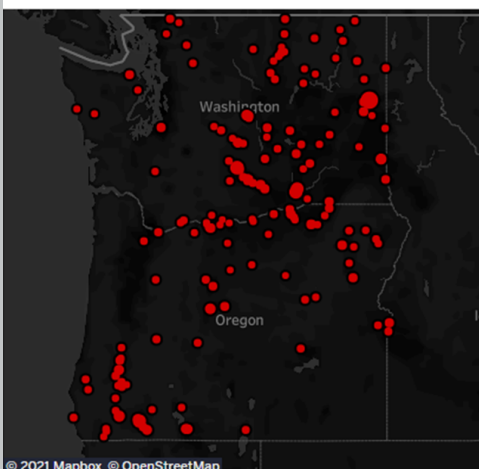
The global annual temperature has increased at an average rate of 0.07°C (0.13°F) per decade since 1880 and over twice that rate (+0.18°C / +0.32°F) since 1981.¹ The increased temperatures has caused more extreme weather; we are seeing these affects in our region with wildfires. Although it may not directly affect us, the smoke that blows over does. This article [here](#) from OPB, talks about the economic loss due to smoke. In our globalized world, we are more connected and affected by events that we may not see as related to us.

The graphs below and to the side plot the future vulnerability of areas affected by the climate change. Both websites are quite interesting, be sure to have a look.

Since this is a known risk- time to start prepping and planning!

Wildfire Vulnerability

152 communities in Washington and Oregon have above average wildfire risk, poverty, and rental housing. Hover & click to learn more.



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Size indicates population.

Communities shown have above average wildfire risk (>50%), poverty (>10%), and rental housing (>30%).

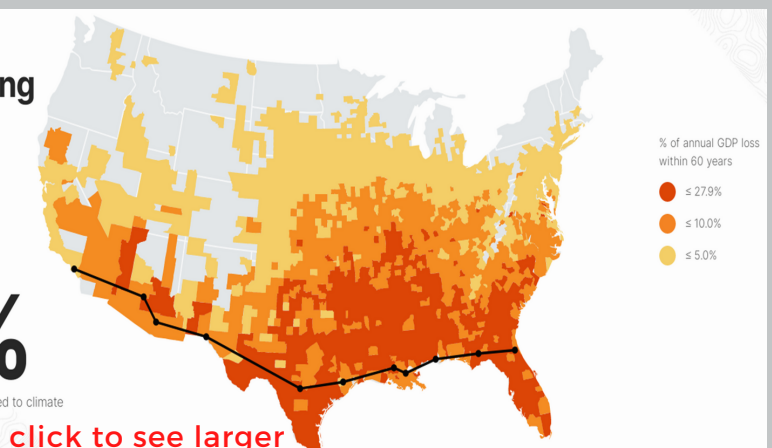
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Data sources: US Census, American Community Survey, USDA Forest Service, Wildfire Risk to Communities (wildfirerisk.org).

Futurecasting

20%

potential annual GDP loss related to climate change in Ten Across counties



1. Lindsey, Rebecca, and LuAnn Dahlman. "Climate Change: Global Temperature: NOAA Climate.gov." Climate Change: Global Temperature | NOAA Climate.gov, 14 Aug. 2020, www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-temperature.