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This question pertains to PacifiCorp's 2023 WMP, Table 4-2, p. 30. PacifiCorp forecasts \$128.1 million in total WMP related expenditures for 2023, which is a 39.3% increase over expenditures from 2022.

- a) State the basis of PacifiCorp's cost estimate of \$128.1 million for WMP spending in 2023.
- b) What factors led to the 39.3% increase in forecasted expenditures?

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- a) Overall, PacifiCorp is ramping up Grid Hardening initiatives, investing in risk assessment and data analytics tools to improve Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) planning and reporting, and aligning cost to reflect the level of effort projected for the next three years to meet new requirements in the 2023-2025 WMP guidelines.
- b) The main factor is associated with PacifiCorp ramping up its Grid Hardening initiatives in 2023 as shown in the planned units. Another factor that influenced the cost increase is the level of effort experienced in Vegetation Management initiatives.