

Agenda Item No. F: Emergency Fire Cost Committee Reappointments
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend reappointment of two candidates to positions on the Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

BACKGROUND

ORS 477.440 directs that the Board “shall appoint an Emergency Fire Cost Committee consisting of four members, who shall be forest landowners or representatives of forest landowners whose forestland is being assessed for forest fire protection within a forest protection district. At least one member shall be selected from each forest region of the state.” “Members of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee shall be appointed by the board for four-year terms.”

ORS 477.445 gives authority to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) to “supervise and control the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund”. The Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF), established by ORS 477.750, is used to equalize (reimburse) emergency fire suppression costs expended by state and association forest protection districts protecting forestland statewide. The annual expenditure limit of the OFLPF is \$15 million – an amount that is reviewed by the Legislature every two years.

John Rounds is a small woodland owner who lives in the Prineville area and represents both eastern Oregon and the small woodland owner community. His term ended January, 2007. The Department recommends that he be re-appointed to a term beginning in January 2008 and concluding March, 2011 which will re-align his term with the position’s original four-year cycle.

Ken Cummings is region manager for Forest Capital Partners, LLC in Medford, Oregon. His term ends January, 2008. Ken was elected chair by the Committee at their September 2007 meeting.

Attachment 1 lists the current committee members; the positions scheduled for reappointment are in bold type. Attachment 2 contains a brief biography on both re-appointment individuals.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board reappoint John Rounds and Ken Cummings to Emergency Fire Cost Committee for terms expiring March 2011 and January 2012, respectively.

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Emergency Fire Cost Committee Membership
- (2) Biographies – John Rounds, Ken Cummings