

Agenda Item No.:	G
Work Plan Title & #:	Wildfire Risk Management #7
Presentation Title:	Approval of the Annual Budgets of the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations
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SUMMARY

The purpose of the item is obtaining Board approval of the annual budgets of the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations currently operating in eastern Oregon.

CONTEXT

This agenda item relates to the *Forestry Program for Oregon* by contributing to Strategy F – Protect, maintain and enhance the health of Oregon’s forest ecosystems, watersheds and airsheds within the context of natural disturbance and active management.

Chapter 477.325 states in part that, (1) Before June 1 each year, the owners of rangeland to be protected under ORS 477.320, including all rangeland protection associations organized under ORS 477.317, shall prepare in cooperation with the State Board of Forestry or its authorized representative, and submit to the board, a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the next succeeding July 1. The budget shall include the proposed cost of such protection. At the meeting of the Board under ORS 477.265, the Board shall review the budget, make any changes therein that are proper and consistent with law, and pass final approval thereon. This consent agenda item fulfills the Board’s obligation to meet the above requirements.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Rangeland fire protection associations are nonprofit, locally governed and operated landowner associations organized to provide fire protection on rangeland areas of eastern Oregon which is outside of both a forest protection district and a rural fore district. State statutes provide for the formation of these associations under the authority of the Board and with the assistance from the Department. After formation, the Board is required to review and approve their annual operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board approve the annual 2008 – 2009 budgets of the Burnt River, Crane, Fields-Andrews, Ironside, Post Paulina, Brothers Hampton, Silver Creek, Twickenham and Juntura Rangeland Fire Protection Associations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) 2008-2009 budget of the Burnt River Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (2) 2008-2009 budget of the Crane Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (3) 2008-2009 budget of the Fields-Andrews Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (4) 2008-2009 budget of the Ironside Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (5) 2008-2009 budget of the Post Paulina Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (6) 2008-2009 budget of the Brothers Hampton Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- (7) 2008-2009 budget of the Silver Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association **
- (8) 2008-2009 budget of the Twickenham Rangeland Fire Protection Association **
- (9) 2008-2009 budget of the Juntura Rangeland Fire Protection Association **

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