

Fee Structure Sub-committee Report

Background

- 1991 Review establishes fees for prescribed burning
- 2002 – 2005 Review establishes full-fee support to program
 - Program low fund balance to be a one year surplus
 - Fee rules change – landings, pile/broadcast, minimum fee
 - Program budgets for SODAR and Field Coordinator



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Why Surplus?

- **Less Expenses:**

- Recession 2008 – delayed hiring Field Coordinator
- Employee turnover/retirements

- **More Revenue:**

- Contract for Field Burning – 2010
- Expanded contract for Willamette Valley open burning – 2010
- Modest increase in forestry prescribed burning



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Recent Developments

- **Hired Field Coordinator in Aug 2016 – half paid by Smoke Management**
- **Changed Field Coordinator salary in June 2017 to full-time Smoke Management**



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Future

- **Field Coordinator salary change effective in reducing surplus**
- **Estimate breakeven in 2022**
- **Potential additional expenses include: weather vendor, audit scholarship, training**



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Recommendations

- No fee change necessary at this time
- Change rule to add a sliding fee scale...or
- Leave rule unchanged for now – go to BOF directly if fee change needed



Oregon Smoke Management Plan

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http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/FIRE/fire.aspx#Smoke_Management_Information

