

Oregon Department of Forestry
2016 Report – Tribal-State Agency Government-to-Government Relations
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AGENCY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

1. Peter Daugherty, formerly the agency's Private Forests Division Chief, was selected by the Oregon Board of Forestry as Oregon's 13th State Forester and assumed that position on October 1, 2016, replacing Doug Decker who retired at the end of September.
2. Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester, is the agency's designated Government-to-Government representative, assisted by Dave Lorenz and Keith Baldwin. In 2016, ODF representatives attended various Tribal events, cluster gatherings, and other meetings.
3. ODF's Executive Team reaffirmed the agency's commitment to Government-to-Government relations earlier in 2016 and have implemented a number of initiatives relating to that commitment.
4. Thirteen ODF employees attended the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Archaeology Awareness Training in April 2016.

DIVISION/PROGRAM SUMMARIES

1. In July 2016, the Oregon Board of Forestry rescinded previous rules for bald eagle foraging perches and winter roosting sites, and developed a modified rule for bald eagle nesting sites that maintains the structural protection of nesting trees but reduces the distance for seasonal restrictions during the nesting season. The department has drafted modified rule language and will hold public hearings on the draft rules in early 2017.
2. In November 2015, the Oregon Board of Forestry ruled to increase buffers and tree retention on small and medium fish-bearing streams west of the Cascades (excluding the Siskiyou region). A rulemaking advisory committee was established, and the Board adopted that committee's policy recommendations and directed ODF to initiate the formal public input process for rulemaking. Public hearings continue through the end of 2016 and public comment will end March 1, 2017. Staff analysis of the input will then subsequently be completed and provided to the Board for their disposition.
3. The department is modernizing the process for the public to be notified about forest operations. This on-line service replaces the paper-based process and is scheduled to be implemented by July 2017.
4. Statutory language regarding aerial herbicide application was adopted by the 2015 Legislature, and took effect January 1, 2016. Rulemaking or other action may be needed; in the interim, ODF has developed guidance for implementing the new statutes.
5. ODF has acquired the final 3,000 acres for the Gilchrist State Forest, and the acquisition process is complete at 72,040 acres.
6. The Department of State Lands, the owners of the 85,000-acre Elliott State Forest which ODF currently manages under contract, is undergoing a process for transferring ownership of these lands because of difficulties producing revenues. One proposal was submitted, involving the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and a private land owner. Final decision by the State Land Board is now expected in February 2017.
7. After three severe fire seasons, the 2016 fire season was much less severe, including drastically fewer numbers of fires and acres of ODF-protected forestlands burned.
8. The 2015-16 Fire Program Review was completed in June 2016 with the committee providing several recommendations to ODF regarding wildfire funding, organization, and policy, which the department will look to implement in the future.
9. In November 2016, the Oregon Board of Forestry issued direction to ODF on two key decisions: 1) to work with stakeholders to identify specific monitoring questions to review Forest Practices standards for streamside protection in the Siskiyou and eastern Oregon geographic areas; and, 2) to commence a rulemaking process for the marbled murrelet, beginning with ODF conducting an initial review of a related petition submitted to the Board, and also establish an inventory of marbled murrelet resource sites.

FIELD OPERATIONS

1. **Fire Protection.** Several local units and districts, particularly those with Tribal lands nearest to or intermingled with ODF-protected forestlands have successful working relationships, and fee-based and mutual aid agreements within reservation boundaries and Indian Trust Lands, with many of Oregon's Tribes and/or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This includes a wide variety of aspects of fire prevention and preparedness, as well as suppression, slash disposal, and smoke management. These working relationships and a high level of cooperation provide an efficient and effective fire protection system on what would otherwise be very challenging geographical areas.
2. **Conservation and Forest Practices Act Administration.** Tribal interests in northeast and central Oregon are well-represented in salmon recovery and water quality issues, including field cooperation in salmonid restoration and enhancement activities. The Forest Practices Act is administered on Tribal lands in northeast Oregon, including Nez Perce Tribal lands, and on private lands within the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.
3. **State Forests.** A representative from one of the Tribes continues to serve on the State Forests Advisory Committee. ODF districts that manage state forest lands regularly provide local area tribes with copies of their Annual Operating Plans.
4. **Tillamook Forest Center.** The Tillamook Forest Center and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde held a month-long special exhibit and commemoration of the Tribes' history, culture, and artistry at the Tillamook Forest Center, culminating in a Day of Celebration on September 25, 2016.

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INTRODUCTION

During 2016, the [Oregon Department of Forestry](http://www.oregon.gov/odf) continued its communication and coordination with the Tribes as it conducted its business of forestry. This involvement is reflected in agency policy and agreements, training, education, informational materials, and participation in opportunities that improve employee knowledge and skills, including direct consultation, communication, and cooperation. This report provides an overview on agency-wide activities, division/program summaries, and field offices' service delivery.

AGENCY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

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Doug Decker, previous State Forester, retired effective September 30, 2016. Peter Daugherty, formerly the agency's Private Forests Division Chief, was selected by the Oregon Board of Forestry as Oregon's 13th State Forester and assumed that position effective October 1, 2016.

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Agency's Designated Representative

Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester, continued serving as the Department's Agency Liaison for Government-to-Government Relations. Nancy is assisted by Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director, and Keith Baldwin, Field Coordinator with the Private Forests Division, and others within the agency as appropriate / necessary.

Strengthening Government-to-Government Actions Within ODF

In April 2016, a portion of ODF's Executive Team meeting was focused on the topic of Government-to-Government. Discussions included affirming Executive Team member roles and expectations, employee roles, recent experiences and observations, identification of opportunities for improvement, a status report on ODF policy and training requirements, and recommendations moving forward. The team renewed the agency's commitment to Government-to-Government and strengthening relationships with the Tribes – from Consultation at the appropriate points in decision-making processes, to education and training employees at varying levels (from new employees through Executive Team members). There were also recommendations to review and update, if needed, the current ODF policy directive to ensure that it aligns with statute and reflects the current agency policy, as well as updating, finalizing, or developing any other associated agreements and procedures/guidance to further implement the policy.

Those recommendations also included increased awareness and training in Government-to-Government relationships at the agency's Leadership Team level. This recommendation will be addressed during 2017. The Executive Team recently approved added capacity to focus on increasing Government-to-Government relations and implementation across our service delivery areas and throughout the regions we provide services.

Specific Government-to-Government Cultural and Natural Resource Activities During This Reporting Period

- ***Involvement with Cultural Resources and Natural Resources clusters.*** On July 19, 2016, the Cultural Resources Cluster meeting was attended by Keith Baldwin and Carlos Rodriguez; the April 12-13, 2016 Cultural Resources Cluster meeting was attended by Marganne Allen, Private Forests Division Field Support, Policy, and Monitoring Manager. Dave Lorenz attended the March 3, 2016 Natural Resources Cluster meeting in Salem, and on December 15, 2015, Dave Lorenz and Keith Baldwin attended the joint Natural Resource and Cultural Resource clusters meeting at the Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville.
- ***Government-to-Government Annual Summit.*** On November 16, 2015, Peter Daugherty, then Private Forests Division Chief, Dave Lorenz, and Keith Baldwin met with Karen Quigley to discuss tribal consultation and the December 2015 Annual Tribal-State Summit. On December 15 and 16, Nancy Hirsch and Keith Baldwin attended the annual summit at the Seven Feathers Convention Center, with Nancy participating in a panel discussion "Another Look – Agency Directors Discuss: How they Direct Their Agency Personnel to Communicate with Tribes and Take the Tribal Perspective into Account and 'A Changing Oregon'".

Nancy reviewed ODF's sustainable forestry mission and provided an example of one outcome of success. She described how ODF fosters an environment for employees to communicate with Tribes and take the Tribal perspective into account, including ODF's Core Values and Working Guidelines, ODF's culture, tradition, and history of building and maintaining relationships/partnerships, ODF's Government policy and training. Nancy then provided examples from ODF's 2015 annual report of the continuing partnerships across agency programs, and closed her comments by emphasizing that strong relationships and partnerships are needed to address the complex challenges facing all of Oregon's forests – forests that provide a multitude of benefits across ownership boundaries.

- ***Legislative Commission on Indian Services Interaction.*** On February 18, 2016, Nancy Hirsch attended the Legislative Commission on Indian Services meeting at the State Capitol, presenting information from one agency as a follow-up to the summit that had been held in December 2015. The topic was "Considering Strengthening Government-to Government Understanding for Leadership and Staff at the ODF."

Nancy's presentation included a standing invitation to each of the commission members to visit with her and an overview of the activities ODF has initiated as part of the effort to review and refresh efforts focused on Government-to-Government Relations. These efforts include clarifying roles, responsibilities, and expectations, increasing engagement during policy development, planning, and program delivery, increasing education and training – increasing every ODF employee's understanding of the nine Oregon Tribes and their history, culture, and values. Nancy also discussed changes to the agency's annual report structure in an effort to better communicate about collective accomplishments, and specifically addressed the issue of Consultation – when and at what levels to engage with the Tribes. She closed by highlighting how ODF's work will be enriched by what ODF can continue to learn from Oregon's Tribes, and looking forward to those opportunities.

Nancy Hirsch, Keith Baldwin, and Carlos Rodriguez, Organizational Developmental Manager, attended the May 19, 2016 LCIS Spring Gathering and Training for State Agencies about Tribal Sovereignty, Priorities, and Consultation.

At the August 30, commission meeting in Canyonville, both Nancy and Carlos Rodriguez presented; this meeting was also attended by Keith Baldwin. Carlos Rodriguez shared information about the current opportunities for employees to receive Government-to-Government Relations information and training. He also discussed the upcoming New Employee Orientation Training and his intent to include a Government-to-Government component within that training, offering Tribal members the opportunity to help shape and define what that component would include, as well as inviting Tribes to directly participate and share information.

- **Interagency Cultural Resources Council.** On October 22, 2015, February 26, 2016, and June 24, 2016 Keith Baldwin participated in the Interagency Cultural Resources Council meetings in Salem, Tualatin, and Salem, respectively. At the February meeting, Keith demonstrated the Department's E-Notification system for forest operations, describing how the Department reviews resources potentially impacted by proposed operations and how registered users can view notification information.
- **Cultural Resources Center of Excellence.** Justin Butteris, State Forests Division Litigation and Information Unit Manager, attended the Oregon Cultural Resources Center of Excellence (CRCE) Program on April 18 and July 14, 2016.
- On October 1, 2015, ODF sponsored a conference for employees who work in the State Forests Program. One of the presentations explained ODF policies and procedure related to archeological and cultural resources.
- On October 28 and 29, 2015, Fran McReynolds, Norma Kline, Eddy Wallmark, Mark Main, and Keith Baldwin attended the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde *History and Cultural Summit*.
- On February 17-19, 2016, the 2016 Fire Prevention Workshop was held at Kah-Nee-Tah Resort and Spa in Warm Springs. A presentation on "*Fire Intervention Programs in Indian Country*" was made by representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Nez Pierce Tribe, and a Bureau of Indian Affairs consultant.
- **2016 Archaeology Awareness Training.** Thirteen agency employees attended the 2016 Archaeology Awareness Training, offered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, April 5-8, 2016 in The Dalles. Attendees at this training include employees from around the state with responsibilities in the Private Forests, State Forests, and Fire Protection divisions – front-line foresters working on forestry and fire operations, as well as unit managers. This leads to ongoing knowledge transfer from this training and internal training on ODF responsibilities and processes to protect cultural resources. Over the past few years, approximately 100 ODF employees have attended this training.
- On April 20, 2016, Keith Baldwin gave a presentation on "Cultural and Historic Site Protection" to forest operators and Klamath Falls District employees – approximately 28 people.
- On May 25, 2016, Keith Baldwin met with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Natural Resource Staff to discuss forest practices on private lands within the Tribe's boundary.
- On October 20, 2016, Carlos Rodriguez met with the members of the Klamath Tribes to discuss New Employee Orientation Training and invite Tribal representatives to participate in that opportunity and share information about their Tribes, particularly relating to cultural resources. The Tribal Chairman offered several possible resources that could be provided to new employees, as well as contact information for the most appropriate Tribal members to obtain additional information and to participate. Tribal representatives also expressed interest in policies, plans, and procedures for management of state forest lands, as well as the desire to visit with the appropriate managers, State Forester, Deputy State Forester, and / or other members of ODF's Executive Team.
- **ODF Fact Sheet – "Protecting Cultural and Historic Sites".** The department's *Protecting Cultural and Historic Sites* Fact Sheet is an updated document to improve communication with forest landowners, operators, and users regarding cultural and historic sites on forest lands. The fact sheet briefly explains cultural resources and protection regulations. An electronic version of the fact sheet is available to download from the department's web site at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Documents/AboutODF/CulturalResourcesFactSheet.pdf>.
- **Oregon Geographic Names Board.** During this reporting period, former Oregon State Forester Doug Decker continued serving as an advisor to the Oregon Geographic Names Board, and was involved in the ongoing discussions of squaw place name replacements and the wider topic of consultation with Tribes on the naming of geographic features. There were no specific actions over the past year that apply to state forest lands.

DIVISION/PROGRAM SUMMARIES

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The Private Forests Division is responsible for enforcement of the Forest Practices Act and other federal and state rules and laws on approximately 10.7 million acres of private forest lands. The Division also provides landowner assistance to small forest landowners so that they can achieve their management objectives for their forestlands.

Riparian Rulemaking. The Board of Forestry ruled in November 2015 to increase buffers and tree retention standards on small or medium fish-bearing streams determined to have salmon, steelhead or bull trout present, west of the crest of the Cascades but **not** in the Siskiyou region. The decision included options to provide economic relief for some landowners and a prescription for streams that run in an east-west direction to tailor protections to the path of the sun. A rulemaking advisory committee was established by the Board to provide input on key policy matters, rule language and fiscal impact. The Board adopted the committee's consensus policy recommendations.

The Board directed the department to begin rulemaking for the Riparian/Salmon-Steelhead-Bull Trout rules, with proposed rule language approved by the committee. Multiple public hearings on the proposed rules are being held in November and early December 2016, with the public comment period ending on March 1, 2017. The department will summarize public input and develop a hearings report for the committee and Board. See also www.oregon.gov/ODF at [Streamside \(Riparian\) Buffer Rules](#).

Online Public Subscription Service to Notifications of Forest Operations. The department has initiated modernizing the process for public subscriptions to notifications of forest operations. This new online service will replace the current paper-based subscription process. It allows the public and Tribes to easily define specific geographic areas and activities of interest, and then receive emails when forest activities are proposed in their designated areas of interest. ODF has begun outreach to current subscribers to ensure the new online system will serve their needs. The E-Subscription service will be implemented by July 2017.

Aerial Herbicide Application. ORS 527.672 was added to the Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) via Section 21 of HB 3549, which was adopted in the 2015 Regular Session. The restrictions on aerial herbicide applications within ORS 527.672 took effect starting January 1, 2016. A number of terms and concepts in ORS 527.672 may need to be clarified in Board of Forestry rulemaking or through other means. The department has developed guidance for implementing the regulation until it is replaced with administrative rules and/or updated guidance.

Bald Eagle Interim Rule Changes. In July 2016, the Board of Forestry voted to rescind the rules for bald eagle foraging perches and winter roosting sites, and to develop a modified rule for bald eagle nesting sites under the Sensitive Bird, Nesting, Roosting, and Watering Sites section of the FPA rules (OAR 629-665-0100). The Board's decision recognizes the federal and state decisions to delist the bald eagle from the endangered species list. The modified rules will maintain structural protection of nesting trees, but the distance for seasonal restrictions during the nesting season will be reduced. The department has drafted modified rule language and will hold public hearings on the draft rules in early 2017, with modified rules expected to be adopted and effective later that year.

Direction from the Oregon Board of Forestry in November 2016. In November 2016, the Oregon Board of Forestry issued direction to ODF on two key decisions.

1. The board directed ODF to work with stakeholders to identify specific monitoring questions to review Forest Practices standards for streamside protection in the Siskiyou and eastern Oregon geographic areas.
2. The board directed ODF to commence a rulemaking process for the marbled murrelet, beginning with ODF conducting an initial review of a related petition submitted to the Oregon Board of Forestry. ODF will also establish an inventory of resource sites relating to marbled murrelets.

While this activity is technically outside the timeframe of this reporting period (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016), these are two important decisions, as well as significant subsequent direction to the agency. As ODF staff embarks on the processes of implementing the Board's direction, staff are committed to engaging and communicating with the Tribes regarding these issues throughout the upcoming year.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry manages approximately 800,000 acres of state forest lands for environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Alternative Forest Management Plan for Northwest Oregon. In 2012, the Oregon Board of Forestry undertook a planning process to ensure that the State Forests Division – the division charged with managing, monitoring, and conserving state forestland, and financially supported almost entirely by revenue from timber sales – would continue to be financially viable in the coming years following the economic recession. In addition, the Board tasked staff with creating a plan that was not only financially viable, but would also improve conservation over time in northwest Oregon state forests. This planning process has included substantial public involvement and the Board continues to study options for meeting these financial and conservation goals.

Cultural Resources Interagency Agreement. The State Forests Division established an interagency agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to have ODOT professional archaeologists review proposed timber sales for cultural resources. Through this agreement, the ODOT archaeologist gains access to the cultural resource database maintained by the State Historic Preservation Office, which will help the Division prevent inadvertent discovery of cultural resources during management activities, and will assist the Division with efforts to ensure cultural resources are protected or avoided during management activities. Planned management activities continue to be evaluated through this process, and modifications are made to address the presence of cultural resources prior to finalizing the plans.

Gilchrist State Forest – Land Acquisition. In 2015 and 2016, the State Forests Division acquired the remaining parcels of the Gilchrist State Forest, which is now complete at a total of 72,040 acres. Located 45 miles south of Bend, adjacent to U.S. Highway 97, the Gilchrist State Forest is Oregon’s newest state forest, dedicated in 2010. The area has a rich place in Oregon history, with the land tract and town of Gilchrist established in 1938 to support timber production in the area. Harvested heavily through much of the 1990s, the Gilchrist now represents a sustainable forest for future generations, providing a range of economic, environmental, and social benefits for Oregonians.

Elliott State Forest. The Department of State Lands owns approximately 85,000 acres of the Elliott State Forest, located near Reedsport, which ODF currently manages under contract through June 2017. Following litigation, producing revenue from this forest for the Common School Fund through timber-sale dollars has proven challenging, with the forest recently costing more to manage than it produces. The Department of State Lands launched a process for transferring ownership of these Common School Lands, opening up opportunities for bidders, or groups of bidders, to express interest in purchasing the forest, while protecting some public values. As the current manager of the Elliott, ODF engaged in conversations with potential buyers, including discussions with the Tribes about possible partnership opportunities. One proposal was submitted for the Elliott, involving a partnership between the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and a private land owner. This proposal does not include any specific involvement of the State Forest Division. Final decision by the State Land Board about the sale of the Elliott State Forest is scheduled for February 2017.

House Bill 2453: The Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2453 during the 2015 regular session. This bill makes conducting a large commercial event without a permit a Class A misdemeanor. This new law is intended to help protect State Forest resources, including cultural resources, from large-scale social events (e.g. “raves”). The bill includes a requirement in the permit conditions (described in Oregon Administrative Rule) for buffers between permitted events and known cultural resources. Rulemaking has been completed and there has been a marked decrease in the number of raves on State Forest lands.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry protects 16 million acres of private and public forestlands, including the Bureau of Land Management forestlands west of the Cascades, from wildfire. Services provided include fire prevention, suppression, and investigation. Coordination with Tribes is accomplished primarily at the local level through relationships that work together on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition to this, when a fire becomes large, there is specific outreach and coordination with Tribes not only at the local level but often times through the Incident Commander of Incident Management Teams. Frequently Tribal Representatives are present at planning meetings, shift briefings, or other meetings.

2016 Fire Season. After three severe fire seasons, the 2016 season was much more average in many respects. Drought conditions slightly improved and weather conditions were not as severe as they had been for the past few years. Aggressive initial attack, pre-positioned resources (including those provided through special legislative appropriations), and cooperation and assistance from stakeholders, landowners, and partners also helped contribute to successes during the 2016 season. Two ODF Incident Management Teams were dispatched – one in early June to the Akawana Fire, which burned 2,094 acres of private forestlands approximately 13 miles north of Sisters, and one to the High Pass 12.5 Fire in late August, which burned 191 acres of private and Bureau of Land Management forestlands approximately 10 miles west of Junction City.

Fire Statistics on ODF-protected Forestlands. Following are the fire statistics for the period of this report – October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 – along with statistics for the past 10-year average over the same period of time.

Number of Fires and Acres Burned – October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016:

Human-Caused Fires: 808 Fires Burned 3,545 Acres.

Lightning-Caused Fires: 73 Fires Burned 2,349 Acres

Total: 881 Fires Burned 5,894 Acres

Number of Fires and Acres Burned – 10-Year Average for October 1 through September 30:

Human-Caused: An Average 701 Fires Burned an Average 5,945 Acres

Lightning-Caused: An Average 310 Fires Burned an Average 29,180 Acres

Total: An Average 1,011 Fires Burned an Average 35,124 Acres

2015-2016 Fire Program Review. In 2015, the ODF Fire Protection Division embarked on a Fire Program Review with three main objectives: 1) Identifying sustainable large fire funding; 2) Creating a Sustainable Fire Organization; and, 3) Exploring policy options to mitigate increasingly complex wildfire conditions in Oregon. This work included the objective of answering the question, “What policy improvements would produce a more fire resilient landscape long term and reduce long-term fire costs?” In June 2016 the committee issued their final report which included nine major recommendations relating to the topics of Sustainable Large Wildfire Funding, Sustainable Wildfire Organization, and Wildfire Policy. The Department will strive to implement these recommendations over the next several biennia through existing processes. More information on the 2015-2016 Fire Program Review, including the committee’s final report, is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Pages/FireProgramReview.aspx>.

Oregon’s Rangeland Protection Associations. Oregon’s unique asset of Rangeland Protection Associations (RPAs) brings additional resources to the state’s complete and coordinated fire protection system by providing additional overall firefighting capacity and protecting rangelands under their jurisdiction. RPAs also serve as potential protection from fire advancing onto other bordering landowners, Tribal lands. RPAs in eastern Oregon operate as independent associations of landowners that provide their own wildfire protection with the support of ODF – essentially functioning as volunteer fire departments. During this reporting period, one additional association was formed and approved by the Oregon Board of Forestry, and another association had a boundary increase approved. There are currently 22 active associations across eastern Oregon that field approximately 800 volunteer

firefighters and more than 300 pieces of water-handling fire equipment to protect 5.1 million acres of private and state-owned rangeland from wildfire.

In addition to other benefits that these associations provide, fire is the major threat to Greater Sage Grouse habitat, making rapid fire suppression response in key habitats integral to restoring grouse populations in eastern Oregon. The majority of this habitat lies within areas protected by RPAs. RPA fire equipment is stationed at ranches scattered throughout these core habitat areas, enabling rapid response to fires in that habitat. Funding for RPAs is a central component of Oregon's All-Lands All-Threats Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, which is playing a critical role in creating a stable platform for conserving sage grouse while also assuring the continued economic vitality of eastern Oregon.

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Oregon Annual Timber Harvest Report. As ODF's principal economist does each year, all Oregon tribes were again contacted requesting information for the state's annual Timber Harvest Report. Timber harvest reporting data is available electronically for the years 1962 through 2015, broken out by county and general land ownership categories (including the compilation category of "Native Americans"), on the State of Oregon's data.Oregon.gov website at

<https://data.oregon.gov/Natural-Resources/Timber-Harvest-Data-1942-2015/v7yh-3r7a/data>, as well as a PDF file of the past 25 years of timber harvest history, and separate PDF files of volume east and west of the Cascades.

ODF Federal Forest Restoration Program. The Federal Forest Restoration Program continues, through collaborative partnerships, to address federal policies that would accelerate the pace, scale and quality of federal forest restoration. Oregon became the first state in the nation to invest in national forest management with the initial \$2.88 million investment in the 2013-15 Agency Budget, which focused on the "dry forests" in the Blue Mountains. The 2015-17 Agency Budget includes \$5.0 million in lottery funds for an ODF Federal Forests Health Program that expanded the state's work in management that restores forest health, reduces wildfire risk, enhances ecological and recreation values, provides raw materials for mills, and creates jobs on federal forests. The program is expanding on initial restoration work statewide supporting local collaborative groups that demonstrate results and readiness, and acting on Good Neighbor Authority granted in the 2014 Farm Bill. This provision allows the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to authorize state foresters to implement forest management activities on federal forestlands.

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AGENCY LEGISLATION AND BUDGET

2017 Agency Legislative Concept

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ODF only has one legislative concept for the 2017 legislative session.

LC 600 – Forest Practices Harvest Tax. A routine part of the budgeting process that is considered and determined every legislative session, LC 600 establishes the Forest Products Harvest Tax rate for the upcoming biennium to support administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, professional education at the Oregon State University's College of Forestry, and the College's Forest Research Lab.

2017-19 Agency Budget

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The 2017-19 Governor's Recommended Budget for the agency is \$349.7 million total funds – a 16 percent decrease from the 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget. However, the large decrease is the result of a combination of significant one-time costs for large wildfires in the 2015-17 biennium and approximately 8 percent in actual agency program reductions in line with the Governor's recommendations to address the projected statewide revenue shortfall of \$1.7 billion.

Oregon Board of Forestry

The seven-member citizen Oregon Board of Forestry is appointed by the Governor and approved by the Oregon Senate to 1) supervise all matters of forest policy within Oregon; 2) appoint the State Forester; 3) adopt rules regulating forest practices; and, 4) provide general supervision of the State Forester's duties in managing the Oregon Department of Forestry. The Board's mission is to lead Oregon in implementing policies and programs that promote environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of Oregon's 28 million acres of public and private forests. Board meeting dates are defined in statute, as well as additional meetings, tours, workshops, and community visits, as scheduled by the Board. Board staff regularly notify Tribes of meetings and provide specific invitations to Board tours and community socials.

More information on the Oregon Board of Forestry can be found at: www.oregonforestry.gov.

FIELD OPERATIONS

The following informational summary is organized by ODF area/district, and includes contact information, as well as a summary of the major activities provided at the local level through ODF field offices throughout the state for the agency's Fire, Private Forests, and State Forests Divisions – particularly fire prevention and suppression; assistance to private forestland owners; environmental protection on private forestlands through administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act and other state and federal rules and laws; and state forest management. Through these activities and services, ODF works with Tribal governments to address key issues, communicate, collaborate, and cooperate with other agencies and the Tribes.

Eastern Oregon Area, Prineville *(Private and non-federal public lands east of the crest of the Cascades)*

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On May 17, 2016, a Rangeland Protection Association Summit was held at the Burns Paiute Community Center in Burns. Representatives from the Tribe attended and opened the meeting with a blessing prayer.

Central Oregon District, Prineville

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The Central Oregon District protects approximately 2.2 million acres of forest and rangeland in 11 counties (Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler). The District Office is located in Prineville, with Unit Offices in Prineville, John Day, and The Dalles. The Prineville Unit has a sub-unit in Sisters and the John Day Unit has a sub-unit in Fossil.

The Central Oregon District has continued a very positive working relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS) and the Burns-Paiute Tribe this past year.

Fire Protection. The Central Oregon District (COD) participated in a pre-season cooperators fire simulation activity in Jefferson County that included the CTWS. The COD staff participate along with CTWS in monthly interagency fire meetings (including cooperators such as the Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Central Oregon Fire Operations Group, etc.). These types of activities are effective in building collaborative working relationships between the COD and Tribes and other cooperating fire protection agencies.

District staff in the Prineville and The Dalles units continue to coordinate with CTWS in supporting fire prevention projects through the Central Oregon and Mid-Columbia Fire Prevention Cooperatives.

There is ongoing communication and coordination with the CTWS during fire season with both the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center and the dispatch center in The Dalles, and in 2016 a strong mutual aid partnership continued through assisting partners with initial and extended attack fires. Discussions continue regarding incorporating CTWS into the new COIDC. For the first time, COIDC did manage aviation support for central Oregon's Tribes during the 2016 fire season.

The Sisters Sub-Unit Wildland Fire Supervisor was one of the thirteen ODF employees reported earlier that attended the OPRD's 2016 Archaeology Awareness Training during April in The Dalles, enabling him to share information learned during this training in the future with the seasonal employees that are hired by that sub-unit each fire season.

Private Forests. Stewardship Foresters have done previous consulting work on CTWS lands, as well as developing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) plans on the main stem and Middle Fork of the John Day River and some of its' tributaries. While there were no plans under review in 2016, these foresters remain available for consulting and CREP plans in conjunction with any future planning efforts on Tribal lands.

Coordination opportunities are presented with both the CTWS and Burns-Paiute Tribe at local county Soil and Water Conservation District meetings.

Klamath-Lake District, Klamath Falls

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The Klamath-Lake District protects approximately 1.6 million acres of public and private forestlands in Klamath and Lake Counties in south-central Oregon, as well as managing approximately 105,000 total acres of state forestlands. These include the 21,317-acre Sun Pass State Forest, located 40 miles north of Klamath Falls near the southeastern corner of Crater Lake National Park, and an additional 12,700 acres of mostly scattered tracts (including two somewhat larger tracts – Bear Valley and Yainex Butte). The District also manages Oregon's newest state Forest, the Gilchrist State Forest, located off of Highway 97 near Gilchrist, which, including final acquisitions, is now complete at approximately 72,040 acres. The District and a Unit Office are located in Klamath Falls, with a second Unit Office located in Lakeview.

The Sun Creek Project is an ongoing partnership project that ODF's Klamath Falls Unit has been participating in since 2010 that is intended to expand bull trout distribution downstream from Crater Lake National Park into the section of Sun Creek on the Sun Pass State Forest. The project supports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Draft Recovery Plan for this species, with state and federal fisheries agencies stating that this type of activity is among the most important recovery actions for bull trout in the Klamath Basin. During the past year, an on-site monitor from the Klamath Tribes was utilized, with Trout Unlimited taking the lead on this portion of the project and working directly with the Tribes to make that happen. While nothing of cultural significance was discovered, activities like

this further strengthen the partnership between the Klamath Tribes and the other partners of the Sun Creek Project, including ODF's Klamath Falls Unit.

The Klamath-Lake District will be meeting with the Klamath Tribes in the near future to discuss further involvement with ODF land management, specifically the district's cultural surveys and protection standards, but also to offer them an opportunity to review the district's State Forests Annual Operations Plan and on site management in the Gilchrist and Sun Pass state forests.

Northeast Oregon District, LaGrande

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The Northeast Oregon District protects approximately 1.9 million acres of private forestlands in Union, Baker, Wallowa, and Umatilla counties, as well as portions of Malheur, Grant, and Morrow counties. The District Office is located in La Grande, with Unit Offices located in La Grande, Pendleton, and Wallowa. The La Grande Unit also has a Sub-Unit Office in Baker City.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, and ODF continue to be involved in water quality planning processes in the Upper Grande Ronde, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Rivers, as well as the Wallowa, Lower Grande Ronde, and Imnaha River basins in Wallowa County. Tribal interests in northeastern Oregon are well represented in all facets of salmon recovery and water quality issues.

Field cooperation continues in areas of salmonid restoration and enhancement activity. ODF stewardship foresters have worked on joint restoration projects, weaving together Tribal interest and dollars with other funding sources such as the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Bonneville Power Administration, and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Tribal fisheries biologists are a great information source during these activities.

Wallowa Unit. The Oregon Forest Practices Act is administered on the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) lands in Wallowa County. At present, no operations notifications have been filed with ODF. Given the limited access, steep terrain, and the primary management purpose of promoting wildlife habitat, harvesting activity is anticipated to be low.

The Wallowa Unit Forester is a member of the steering committee that provides input to the NPT staff to aid management plan implementation for tribal lands in Wallowa County. A draft of the Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area Plan was completed in 2005 with review provided by ODF. The land was purchased with Bonneville Power Administration wildlife mitigation funds, with the primary objective for these lands being to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat.

ODF and the NPT are participants in the Wallowa County Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC). Of interest to the Tribe have been collaborative discussions on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's Lower Joseph Creek Restoration Project (aka "Lower Joe") area and associated fisheries concerns. Additionally, ODF staff is currently working with the NPT on the planning of a spring/summer herbicide treatment to combat star thistle.

The Northeast Oregon District – Wallowa Unit has a Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement with the NPT which has been in place since 1999. Under this agreement, ODF provides fire protection on approximately 14,984 acres of tribal land within the Northeast Oregon District forest protection boundary. This accumulated acreage is known as the "Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area" and is located in northeastern Wallowa County. The NPT also provides a Tribal representative to work with fire managers in instances where heavy equipment or retardant will be used on the property, due to the potential presence of cultural and fishery resources. ODF continues to coordinate with the Precious Lands Resource Manager to assure that any access changes, gate combinations, etc., are effectively communicated. There were no fires within the Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area during the 2016 fire season.

La Grande Unit. Stewardship Foresters have used their working relationships with local private landowners to introduce them to biologists with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) regarding

potential stream restoration projects. The Unit's foresters also occasionally work with CTUIR in large wood, tree, and log acquisition for stream restoration work.

La Grande Unit Stewardship Foresters and CTUIR biologists serve together on the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Upper Grande Ronde Conservation Information System program, providing technical and operational support. This work group's goal is to provide a coordinated and integrated approach to forest health and natural resources restoration in target areas within the basin. The La Grande Unit and CTUIR were two of the agencies that successfully worked on a multi-agency Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal. The proposal was approved by NRCS, and includes multi-faceted watershed level treatment on private lands to help protect and enhance habitat in the Upper Grande Ronde Watershed.

Pendleton Unit. The Umatilla Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a fee-based fire protection agreement with ODF that has been in place since 1961. Under the agreement, which is in compliance with the Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, the Northeast Oregon District's Pendleton Unit provides fire protection for approximately 55,000 acres of Indian Trust land within the Northeast Oregon Forest Protection District. The CTUIR also contracts with the Northeast Oregon District to provide wildland fire protection on approximately 21,600 acres of fee lands within the protection district that are owned and managed by the Tribe.

This is the fifth season that the BIA has been using Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center as their primary dispatch center for fire activity, which has further increased the level of coordination between BIA and ODF. ODF has continued to allow BIA to use ODF radio frequencies to dispatch crews, provide fire updates, and order shared resources (retardant aircraft, crews, etc.). A BIA frequency is available as back-up communications for both BIA and ODF fire resources if ODF's primary frequency were to go down.

The BIA, CTUIR, and ODF have mutual aid fire protection agreements that enable Northeast Oregon District's Pendleton Unit, the BIA Umatilla Agency, and the CTUIR Fire Department to assist each other with available firefighting resources as needed and available. The principal responsibility of the Tribal Fire Department is structural protection, while BIA and ODF are primarily trained as wildland firefighters. Throughout fire season, there is communication between ODF, CTUIR, and BIA firefighters and fire managers. Close cooperation among the agencies continues to provide an effective fire protection system for all residents of the Umatilla Reservation, including private landowners within the reservation boundary. Early in the 2016 fire season, a coordination meeting was held for BIA and ODF initial attack fire crews.

During 2016, four statistical fires occurred on ODF protection within the CTUIR boundary. All four fires were human caused. While the Poverty Flat Fire was 1.2 acres and the MP 244 and Deadman Pond Fires were less than .1 acres, the Weigh Station Fire burned 689 acres. The Weigh Station Fire began on July 30 and burned under severe weather conditions – high temperatures, low relative humidity, and strong winds. Numerous ground resources responded to the fire including those from ODF, BIA, and CTUIR. Aerial response included nine single engine air tankers, one large air tanker, and two helicopters. Following initial attack, the fire was managed by the Blue Mountain Interagency Type 3 Team. Evacuation orders were issued for both sides of Interstate 84, which was closed for about 24 hours. Of the 689 acres burned, 293 were BIA Trust Lands and another 57 were CTUIR fee lands. Two structures were lost during the fire. Tribal resource advisors were integrated with the incident management team during the fire. When the team's Incident Commander provided the Tribal Board of Directors with a tour of the fire area, Board members were very pleased that so much of their forefathers and children's lands were saved from destruction. The estimated cost of the fire is \$1.5 million.

On August 7, the lightning-caused Gibbon Fire started on Tribal fee land outside of the CTUIR boundary. Because of the remote location of the fire, during initial attack all crews were delivered to the fire by helicopter. In addition to crews, one large air tanker, two single engine air tankers, one Type 1 and two Type 2 helicopters were used to fight the fire. A local Type 3 fire organization was formed to manage the fire, which burned 121 acres of Tribal Fee Land and 195 acres of Umatilla National Forest land. The approximate cost of the fire is \$600,000.

Additionally, ODF Pendleton fire resources provided mutual aid to two fires on lands protected by the BIA. The Emigrant Road Fire was controlled at 3 acres and the Duff Fire was .1 acres.

The Pendleton Unit of the Northeast Oregon District perceives the working relationship concerning fire protection with the CTUIR and the BIA Umatilla Agency as successful and productive that enhances each organization's efficiencies and effectiveness. This successful working relationship provides the residents of the CTUIR with an effective and responsive fire protection, fire prevention, and smoke management system. Without this high level of cooperation between ODF, CTUIR, and the BIA Umatilla Agency, the checker-board ownership within the reservation boundaries would create a cumbersome fire protection system that would be significantly less efficient and effective.

The Oregon Forest Practices Act is administered by the District's Pendleton Unit on private lands within the reservation boundary of the CTUIR. Notifications of Operation and Permits to Operate Power-driven Machinery are required on all private forest land operations. The Unit provides a copy of all Notifications of Operation within the reservation boundary to appropriate CTUIR staff.

The ODF stewardship forester coordinated with CTUIR forestry staff and private landowners regarding Tribal permit requirements for forest activities and attended several CTUIR Natural Resources public hearings. Two timber harvesting operations on private lands covering 267 acres of land were completed. Three forest stand improvement and fuels reduction projects totaling 48 acres were completed on private lands utilizing community assistance and bark beetle cost-share funds. An additional 35 acres of forest stand improvement work was accomplished with NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds. The stewardship forester also worked with CTUIR on certifying four NRCS projects on 233 acres of Tribal lands. The ODF Stewardship Forester is currently working with private landowners and the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department on salvage harvesting and fuels reduction planning and permitting to address damages from the Weigh Station Fire.

Both the CTUIR and ODF are active members of the Umatilla National Forest Collaborative Group and attend monthly meetings. Both the CTUIR and ODF stewardship forester are also represented on the local NRCS working group, and attended two meetings this year to discuss large-scale forest restoration and fuels treatment projects within Umatilla County where Tribal and private ownership could work in a coordinated and collaborative basis. Both CTUIR and ODF also participated in the Umatilla County Climate Change Working Group consisting of two meetings and a field trip.

Northwest Oregon Area, Forest Grove (*private, state, and Bureau of Land Management forestlands west of the crest of the Cascades and north of Eugene*)

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State Forests Advisory Committee (SFAC). A representative from one of the Tribes continued to serve on the [State Forests Advisory Committee](#). The committee represents diverse interests, and provides input to the department and the board on state-managed forestland in northwest and southwest Oregon. Committee membership also includes representatives of environmental, recreational, and timber industry groups, as well as non-affiliated individuals. In addition, Oregon counties receiving revenue from timber sales are represented.

Astoria District

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The Astoria District manages the 137,000 acre Clatsop State Forest and protects approximately 450,790 acres of forest land in Clatsop, Tillamook, and Columbia counties.

Forest Grove District

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The Forest Grove District has an office in Forest Grove and a Unit Office in Columbia City. This District protects approximately 815,000 acres of forest land in Washington, Columbia, Yamhill, Tillamook and Multnomah counties. The district also manages the eastern one-third (approximately 115,000 acres) of the Tillamook State Forest.

North Cascade District, Lyons

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The North Cascade District manages the 47,871-acre Santiam State Forest, and protects 652,000 acres of public and private forestlands in Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion, and Linn counties. The District is comprised of two unit offices – the Molalla Unit and the Santiam Unit in Lyons.

South Fork Forest Camp

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South Fork Forest Camp is a Department of Corrections (DOC) minimum security facility jointly administered by DOC and the Oregon Department of Forestry, located in the Tillamook State Forest 28 miles east of Tillamook, Oregon. The forestry employees supervise inmate crews in conducting project work across 650,000 acres of state forestlands within the northwest Oregon geographic area and statewide for the Fire Protection Division. Additionally, the program strives to provide work and personal conduct skills to inmates that increase their success at integrating back into society.

In 2016, a crew leader and crew from South Fork Forest Camp coordinated with ODF recreation staff in the Tillamook District Office to arrange for a six-foot diameter Sitka spruce slab to be cut from a downed tree at the district's Nehalem Falls Campground. The South Fork crew helped load the giant tree slab onto a flatbed for Bobby Mercier and Travis Steward, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, who came to pick it up in early October. [Additional information on this activity is included in the section of the report from the Tillamook Forest Center.]

Tillamook District

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The Tillamook District protects approximately 480,000 acres of forest land in Tillamook, Clatsop, and Yamhill counties and manages over 250,000 acres (the western two-thirds) of the Tillamook State Forest.

Kate Skinner, District Forester, participated in the Day of Celebration on September 25 hosted by the Tillamook Forest Center with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (CTGR).

State Forests. Barb Moore, Assistant District Forester, has been working with Tillamook County and the CTGR on access easements and agreements associated with the sale of some Tillamook County forestlands to the CTGR. Some of those lands are accessed by crossing State Forest lands and roads, and Barb has been working to review and transfer existing access agreements, determine future access needs, and provide proper documentation to both the county and the Tribe to assist in finalizing the land sale. These are on-going conversations with help on the process from Patty Cate, State Forests Division Land Exchange Specialist.

The Tillamook District is also in the process of negotiations with Tillamook County on a land exchange. Patty Cate has provided all of the related information to the CTGR, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services for review and comment on the two parcels involved.

In 2016, ODF recreation staff in the Tillamook District coordinated with a South Fork Forest Camp crew leader and crew to arrange for a six-foot diameter Sitka spruce slab to be cut from a downed tree at the district's Nehalem Falls Campground. The South Fork crew helped load the giant tree slab onto a flatbed for Bobby Mercier and Travis Steward, CTGR, who came to pick it up in early October. [Additional information on this activity is included in the section of the report from the Tillamook Forest Center.]

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Located in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, the [Tillamook Forest Center](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.org) showcases the legacy of the historic Tillamook Burn and the public spirit behind a monumental reforestation effort that left a permanent imprint on

Oregon history while also shaping sustainable forest management today. The center is located 50 miles west of Portland and 22 miles east of Tillamook, near Milepost 22 on Oregon Highway 6.

During this reporting period, on January 21, 2016 five Tillamook Forest Center (TFC) staff members visited Chachalu, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Museum and Cultural Center in Grand Ronde. Director Fran McReynolds, Interpretation and Education Coordinator Denise Berkshire, and other TFC staff met with CTGR Exhibits Director Julie Brown and other Chachalu staff to discuss possible collaboration on a month-long exhibit at the TFC to help celebrate the TFC's 10th anniversary season in 2016.

TFC staff met with Chachalu staff every other month until the beginning of September, when Chachalu staff installed a unique exhibit at the TFC highlighting the history, culture, and artistry of the 27 tribes and bands of the CTGR. The exhibit focused on Grand Ronde logging history, tribal plant uses, and overall cultural history of the CTGR.

On Sunday, September 25, the special exhibit culminated in a Day of Celebration with the CTGR, featuring weaving demonstrations, tribal crafts vendors, film showings of a spiritual canoe journey, as well as traditional blessings and traditional song and dance. CTGR also brought their Stankiya forty-foot canoe that is used during the traditional journey, as well as carvings, baskets, and other items provided by the Tribe.

The Tillamook Forest Center proudly welcomed the members of the tribes and bands, their esteemed elders, and over 500 members of the general public to share in this celebration of our connection with the tribes of the Grande Ronde and the Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center.

During a TFC staff visit to Chachalu, CTGR Cultural Outreach Specialist Bobby Mercier indicated a need for a large tree slab that could be used to develop an historic timeline for one of their exhibits. TFC staff coordinated with ODF recreation staff in the Tillamook District and a South Fork Forest Camp crew leader and his crew to arrange for a six-foot diameter Sitka spruce slab to be cut from a downed tree at Nehalem Falls Campground. The South Fork crew helped load the giant tree slab onto a flatbed for Bobby Mercier and Travis Steward, CTGR, who came to pick it up in early October.

On October 6, 2016, Keith Baldwin and Fran McReynolds met with members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) to discuss potential partnerships between the CTSI and ODF. While there, they enjoyed a tour of the collections room and long house. Plans are in process for another visit in 2017.

West Oregon District, Philomath

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The West Oregon District protects approximately 1.1 million acres of forestland in Benton, Lincoln, Polk, and southwest Yamhill counties, and also manages approximately 36,633 acres of State Forest Lands. The District Office is located in Philomath, with three unit offices in Philomath, Dallas, and Toledo.

The West Oregon District has fee-based fire protection agreements with both the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI). Staff from the Tribes regularly attend and participate in meetings of the West Oregon Forest Protective Association. It is common to have joint fire suppression action from Tribal and ODF organizations on fires of mutual concern.

State Forests Program staff from the district contact CTSI Tribal forestry staff to discuss routine road maintenance issues on shared roads and any timber harvesting activities on state forest lands that are immediately adjacent to tribal lands. The State Forests staff regularly seeks input on planned timber sales (Annual Operations Plans) from CTSI Tribal forestry staff.

Slash disposal is also a frequent issue requiring communication and coordination. Larger planning efforts, including fire mobilization plans from each organization, are shared and reviewed between the organizations.

One of the thirteen ODF employees reported earlier that attended the 2016 Archaeology Awareness Training during April in The Dalles was from the West Oregon District enabling this employee to share information learned during this training in the future with other district employees. The district plans to send two or three employees to the training offered in 2017.

Southern Oregon Area, Roseburg (*private, state, and Bureau of Land Management forestlands west of the crest of the Cascades and including Linn and Lane counties south to the California border*)

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Coos District, Coos Bay

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The Coos District manages 93,524 acres of state forest lands in Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties, including the 91,000-acre Elliott State Forest, located in the Coast Range between Coos Bay and Reedsport, as well as providing environmental protection and assisting private forestland owners on nearly 1.25 million acres of forestlands in Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties. [Note: Through agreement with the Oregon State Forester, fire protection on the public and private forestlands in this area is provided by the private, non-profit [Coos Forest Protective Association](#).]

State Forests Program district staff reached out to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians to review the district's 2017 Annual Operations Plan for State Forest lands managed by the district. The Tribe did not express any concerns.

The Coos District has also continued working with the Coquille Indian Tribe to further clarify the limits of authority that the Private Forests Division has in regards to cultural resource protection.

Coos Forest Protective Association, Coos Bay

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Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the [Coos Forest Protective Association](#), a private non-profit association, provides fire protection on 1.5 million acres of private, county, state, and Bureau of Land Management lands within Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties.

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA), through agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a local operating agreement, maintains a positive and productive relationship with the Coquille Indian Tribe. The district also participates in the Coquille Indian Tribe's youth Field Day which covers tree planting activities, wildlife habitat, and fire prevention.

CFPA provides fire protection on 6,555 acres of Coquille Indian Tribe lands that are held in trust throughout Coos and Curry counties, 6,512 acres of land in Douglas County owned by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and 19 acres of lands in Coos County that are owned by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. The Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are active members of the protection association.

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Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the [Douglas Forest Protective Association](#) provides fire protection on 1.6 million acres of private, county, state, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs managed lands within the Douglas District.

The Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) continues to have a very close and positive working relationship with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. DFPA, through agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs

provides fire protection on approximately 3,000 acres of Tribal lands that are held in trust throughout Douglas County. In addition, DFPA also provides fire protection on an additional 3,100 acres of fee lands, which are owned and managed by the Tribe.

DFPA and the Tribe met on several occasions throughout the year to review and update the Local Operating Plan, discuss fire management throughout the landscape, and to update cooperative working agreements. These meetings were very productive and provided managers from DFPA and the Tribe the opportunity to share the critical information that is necessary for efficient and effective fire suppression operations. In addition, in 2016, the Tribe chose to become a DFPA Association Member. Like many other forest landowners throughout the Douglas District, becoming an actual association member shows the support that the Tribe has for DFPA and their commitment to protecting their natural resources.

Prior to the 2016 fire season, DFPA hosted an interagency fire school in cooperation with ODF, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, industrial land owners, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Approximately 60 students from the various agencies attended the 2016 fire school, including nine representatives from the Tribe.

DFPA continues to work with the Tribe on forest health and fuels management projects that are on or adjacent to Tribal lands, including both Trust and Fee lands. In 2016, DFPA assisted the Tribe by completing a shaded fuels break on trust lands located north of Canyonville and with a prescribed burn on trust lands located north of Myrtle Creek.

South Cascade District, Springfield

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The South Cascade District protects approximately 1.135 million acres in Linn and eastern Lane counties (east of I-5). The district is comprised of two units: Eastern Lane (in Springfield) and Sweet Home.

In 2016, the Sweet Home Unit again hosted the Mid-Willamette Interagency Fire School to prepare for the upcoming fire season. This fire school is a cooperative event between the ODF, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The school hosts approximately 200 students and instructors annually and teaches entry-level to advanced courses. The CTGR participate in planning the school, supply overhead to teach classes and assist with field operations, and send students to the school during years when the classes being taught meet the needs of their training program.

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The Southwest Oregon District protects approximately 1.8 million acres in Jackson and Josephine counties, as well as managing approximately 18,000 acres of scattered tracts of state forest lands. The district has Unit Offices in Central Point and Grants Pass.

Western Lane District, Veneta

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The Western Lane District protects approximately 756,200 acres in Douglas and Lane counties (west of I-5), as well as managing approximately 26,000 acres of scattered state forest lands. The district also includes a Unit Office in Florence.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

ODF is very pleased overall with the relationships that have been developed and continue with the Tribes over the past year, and particularly appreciative with the involvement of the Tribes in our program activities, and as members of agency advisory committees and other groups. This involvement requires a very real commitment in time and energy from the various Tribal representatives, and also adds a tremendous amount of value and important perspectives to these group processes and products that we would not otherwise be able to obtain. We are committed to continuing and enhancing those relationships and activities in 2017 and beyond.