



2012 Summary Report

Oregon Department of Forestry

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Tribal-State Agency Government-to-Government Relations

INTRODUCTION

During 2012, the [Oregon Department of Forestry \(ODF\)](http://www.oregon.gov/odf) continued its involvement and communication 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 further employee government-to-government relations' knowledge and skills, and in direct consultation, communication, and cooperation. This report will discuss this departmental involvement, on a geographical basis, reporting on both program and district activities.

AGENCY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

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Agency's Designated Representative

Paul Bell, Deputy State Forester, continued as the agency Liaison for Government-to-Government Relations.

Annual Government-to-Government Activities and Training Opportunities

Paul Bell attended the State Agency Annual Training session on May 10, 2012. Paul and Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director, both attended the Tribal Day celebrations at the State Capitol on May 11, 2012.

Paul Bell attended and participated in the Annual Tribal Summit in November 2011.

Doug Decker, Oregon State Forester, Paul Bell, and Dave Lorenz are all scheduled to attend the Annual Tribal Summit on November 29, 2012. ODF expects to continue participating in these and similar activities as they are available during the remainder of 2012 and throughout 2013.

Involvement with the Natural Resources Cluster Group

Paul Bell was the designated agency representative for the Natural Resources Cluster Work Group during this reporting time period. Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director, will continue as the representative during the next reporting period.

Involvement with the Cultural Resources Cluster Work Group/Other Cultural Activities

Paul Bell was the designated agency representative for this cluster during this reporting period and will continue during the next reporting period.

Informational Brochure: Copies of the department's brochure entitled "Protecting and preserving Oregon's archaeological and cultural resources – A Guide for Forest Landowners and Operators" continues to be available at all ODF local offices and Salem Headquarters. This brochure outlines landowner responsibilities regarding archaeological sites and is a resource for the agency's field foresters to provide information to landowners of their obligations when dealing with cultural sites. An electronic version of the brochure is available on the department's web page about agency Tribal-State Relations at: www.oregon.gov/odf/Organizational_Management/Tribal_State_Relations.shtml

Oregon Geographic Names Board

Oregon State Forester Doug Decker serves as an advisor to the Oregon Geographic Names Board and is involved in the ongoing discussions of squaw place name replacements, and the wider topic of consultation with Tribes on the naming of geographic features. This board continues to deliberate on squaw place name changes, however, there were no specific actions over the past year that apply to state forest lands.

Forest Resources Planning – Oregon Annual Timber Harvest Report

All Oregon tribes were contacted by the program this year requesting information for the annual Timber Harvest Report.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry manages 821,000 acres of state forest lands for environmental, economic, and social benefits.

The Division has initiated an administrative rule amendment process for the State Forests forest land management classification system. This amendment process is intended to create enhanced visibility for conservation efforts on State Forest lands. This rule amendment process will include two public hearings and discussions with stakeholders, including the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, who serve on the State Forest s Advisory Committee.

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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.

Fire Division

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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.

AGENCY 2013 LEGISLATION

The Oregon Department of Forestry plans to introduce three legislative concepts for the 2013 Legislative Session – one substantive, one to accomplish statutory clean-up, and one that is a routine part of the budgeting process and considered as housekeeping.

LC 575 – Wildfire Protection Act: This legislation would revise wildfire funding in Oregon. The purpose of the concept is to control and equitably distribute costs in Oregon’s wildfire protection system, which combines state and landowner resources to protect forests and communities – assets of value to all Oregonians.

LC 576 – Forestland Classification: This concept adjusts statutes guiding local committees that determine which lands meet definitions, as described in wildfire protection law, of forest and grazing land. The concept restores an unintended language change from 2009 regarding committee membership, and allows the state forester to intervene in court appeals of committee orders. Both changes address factors that may limit participation in the committees.

LC 577 – Forest Practices Harvest Tax: This concept, a routine part of the budgeting process, establishes the Forest Products Harvest Tax rate for calendar years 2014 and 2015, to support the Oregon State University Forest Research Lab, and implementation of the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

The following informational summary is organized by area/district, and includes contact information, as well as a summary of the major business functions provided through 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 – in which the agency works with tribal governments, efforts to address key issues, communication, and collaboration and cooperation with other agencies and the tribes.

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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.

Stewardship Foresters have done consulting work on Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) lands and continue Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program plans on the main stem and Middle Fork of the John Day River and some of its' tributaries.

Personnel from the District's John Day Unit worked with members of the Burns-Paiute Tribe to increase fire prevention awareness at the Lake Creek Camp. Unit personnel also provided forest practice guidance to CTWS tribal members on projects they are working on near Galena.

Coordination opportunities are presented with both the CTWS and Burns-Paiute at the Grant and Harney counties' Soil and Water Conservation District meetings.

In areas of fire protection, 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.

The district participated in a pre-season cooperators meeting sponsored by the CTWS to discuss fire management, dispatch, cooperative working agreements, and information-sharing. This was effective in creating a better working relationship between CTWS and all of their cooperating 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 (COIDC) and The Dalles dispatch center. In 2012, we

continued a very strong mutual aid partnership by assisting each other with initial and extended attack fires.

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The [Klamath-Lake District](#) protects approximately 1.4 million acres of public and private forestlands in Klamath and Lake counties, as well as managing approximately 77,000 acres of state forestlands: the 21,317-acre Sun Pass State Forest, 40 miles north of Klamath Falls near the southeastern corner of Crater Lake National Park, and the 43,000-acre Gilchrist State Forest, located approximately ninety miles north of Klamath Falls. The District and a Unit Office are located in [Klamath Falls](#), with a second Unit Office located in [Lakeview](#).

The Klamath-Lake District provides the Klamath Tribes an opportunity to review and provide responses to the Annual Operations Plan for State Forests' management on the District.

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The [Northeast Oregon District](#) protects approximately 1.8 million acres of private forestlands in Union, Baker, Wallowa, and Umatilla counties, as well as portions of Malheur, Grant, and Morrow,. The District Office is located in La Grande, and Unit Offices are located in [La Grande](#), [Pendleton](#), and [Wallowa](#). The [La Grande Unit](#) also has a Sub-Unit Office in [Baker City](#).

Both the Tribes and ODF continue to be involved in water quality planning processes in the Upper Grande Ronde, the Walla Walla, and the Umatilla Rivers, as well as the Wallowa, Lower Grande Ronde, and Imnaha River basins in Wallowa County. Tribal interests in Northeast 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 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Tribal fisheries biologists are a great information source during these activities. In Wallowa County, representatives from the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) and ODF serve on the Natural Resource Advisory Committee, which is a technical committee that reviews land use actions and activities, and makes recommendations to the county commissioners.

La Grande and Wallowa Units: The Forest Practices Act is administered on the 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 in the implementation of a management plan for tribal lands in Wallowa County. A draft of the Precious Land Wildlife Management Area Plan was completed in 2005 with review provided by ODF. The land was purchased with BPA wildlife mitigation funds (Snake River dams), and the objectives for these lands are to enhance and preserve wildlife habitat.

Regarding fire protection, 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 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 provide a Tribal representative to work with the fire managers in instances where heavy equipment will be used on the property, due to the potential presence of cultural resources. Tribal employees working on the property during the summer months have also aided ODF in the early detection of fires on Tribal lands, as well as on adjacent private and public lands. ODF continues to coordinate with the Precious Lands Resource Manager to assure that any access changes, gate combinations, etc., are effectively communicated.

Due to the active fire season on NPT ownership in 2010, fire managers met with NPT representatives in the spring of 2011 to discuss tribal interests relative to fire suppression activities within the Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area. This meeting was very productive and provided managers within both agencies the critical information necessary for efficient and effective fire suppression tactics and communication. Of particular interest was a discussion involving the use of heavy equipment and retardant use on NPT ownership. Although there were no fires on the Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area in 2012, the Cache Creek Fire was very close. ODF personnel worked closely with the NPT to communicate the suppression strategies of the fire team, and also worked closely with the fire team to ensure and protect the interests of the Tribe.

Pendleton Unit: The Forest Practices Act is administered by the ODF Pendleton Unit on private lands within the reservation boundary of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). Notifications of Operations 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 staff of CTUIR. Private landowners within the Reservation are informed of their need to obtain a conditional - use permit from the CTUIR for harvesting activity. In 2012, seven notifications were received for operations within the CTUIR, including two for timber harvesting, two for non-commercial thinning, and one for slash burning. Avenues exist for joint pre-operation inspections (between CTUIR and ODF) to occur on operations deemed sensitive to protected resources within the CTUIR boundary.

The Umatilla Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has a fee-based fire protection agreement with the district that has been in place since 1961. Under the agreement, Northeast Oregon District - Pendleton Unit provides fire protection for approximately 54,245 acres of Indian Trust land within the Northeast Oregon District forest protection boundaries. This agreement is in compliance with the Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement. As in past years, representatives of the BIA, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and ODF met prior to the beginning of the 2012 fire season to update the Local Operating Plan. Only minor updates to the Plan were required. The CTUIR also contracts with Northeast Oregon District to provide wildland fire protection on 15,296 acres of fee lands within the protection district that are owned and managed by the Tribe.

In May 2012, as part of a series of community leader visits in northeast Oregon, State Forester Doug Decker met with the CTUIR Board of Trustees. This was an informative gathering and specific concerns regarding forest patrol assessments for tax-exempt Tribal members surfaced during the meeting. The Northeast Oregon District and CTUIR will work towards resolution on this issue over the coming year.

Since the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center (BMIDC) does not have BIA and CTUIR radio frequencies, ODF has continued to allow BIA to use ODF radio frequencies to order shared resources (retardant aircraft, crews, etc.). This season, the BIA began using BMIDC as their primary dispatch center for fire activity, which has further increased the level of coordination between BIA and ODF.

The BIA and ODF have a mutual aid fire protection agreement that enables each agency to help the other within their jurisdictional area. Both the BIA-Umatilla Agency and the ODF-Pendleton Unit have Mutual Fire Aid Fire Protection Agreements with the CTUIR Tribal Fire Department. These agreements allow the ODF-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. The close cooperation between all of these agencies continues to provide an effective fire protection system for all residents of the Umatilla Reservation, including private landowners within the Reservation boundary.

During 2012, eight statistical fires occurred on ODF protection within the CTUIR boundary. Three of these fires originated on BIA Trust Lands, and another on CTUIR fee lands. Two of the fires were confined to vehicles. The total acreage burned within the CTUIR boundary was 13.4 acres. In total (including fires outside of ODF protection and smoke chases), ODF and BIA had 16 joint responses, and ODF and Tribal Fire had 11 joint responses. The cooperative agreement between ODF, Tribal Fire, and BIA continued to work successfully in 2011.

ODF helped coordinate smoke management with the CTUIR on the slash burning Notification of Operation it received on the private land within the reservation.

This year, the BIA-sponsored Lake Hum-te-pin National Fire Plan grant concluded with an additional 117 acres of fuels reduction work completed on private lands around the Lake Hum-te-pin (Indian Lake) Tribal Resource Area through a BIA-sponsored National Fire Plan grant. This fuels reduction project was designed to complement and coordinate with similar work being accomplished on Tribal lands in the same area. These projects are primarily designed to reduce excessive fuel loadings, and provide fuel breaks and/or defensible space in critical areas. Improved forest health is an important side benefit. Fuels reduction activity is targeted in high-priority wildland-urban interface areas that were identified in the Umatilla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, completed in 2005. ODF, Tribal Fire, and BIA all worked jointly as members of the steering committee in the creation of this document. Overall, this grant treated 834 acres of land in need of fuels reduction on private lands in the Lake Hum-te-pin area, with another 330 acres treated using other grants. Some of this treated land has since been acquired by the CTUIR.

The Pendleton Unit of Northeast Oregon District perceives the working relationship concerning fire protection with the CTUIR and the BIA-Umatilla Agency as successful and productive, and as one that enhances all of the agencies' 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 agencies, the checker-boarded ownership within the reservation boundaries would create a cumbersome fire protection system that would be significantly less effective.

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: The Northwest Oregon Area Office continues to work with the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde through their representatives on the [State Forests Advisory Committee](#), Jason Bernards and Zach Haas. The State Forests Advisory Committee represents diverse interests and provides input to the department and the board on state-managed forestland in northwest and southwest Oregon. Committee membership includes environmental, recreational and timber industry groups, as well as individuals nonaffiliated to particular interests. In addition to the various interests, 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 one 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. The Forest Grove District also has a Unit Office in [Columbia City](#).

North Cascade District

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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 Camp

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[South Fork 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 Program. Additionally, this program strives to provide work and personal conduct skills to inmates that increase their success at integrating back into society.

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 of the Tillamook State Forest.

Tillamook Forest Center

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Located at the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, the [Tillamook Forest Center](#) 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.

This year, the Tillamook Forest Center hosted Eirik Thorsgard, tribal member and Cultural Protection Coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Eirik presented a great program on traditional ecological knowledge related to water and fish, with local connections to the Tillamook and Clatsop peoples.

The center also hosted an intern over the summer in 2012, Caitlin Heusser, who focused her energy on creating a program called, "Four Seasons in the Forest Market: Native Americans and the Tillamook State Forest. Caitlin worked directly with Eirik, including a trip to the Grand Ronde to meet with him to collect information for her program.

The history of the Tillamook State Forest is a rich one and the story of Native Americans is an important part of that history. The Center is committed to continuing the cooperative relationships with the two local tribes: The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, including public programs which share the history and culture of Oregon's Native People. Both tribes have been extremely supportive of the center's education program since the center's 2006 opening.

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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 34,797 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. 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 Siletz 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 Siletz 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.

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Coos District, Coos Bay

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The [Coos District](#) manages 95,273 acres of state forest lands in Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties, including the 93,003-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 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](#).]

Each year the Coos District sends copies of planned sales to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw for their review early in the Annual Operation Plan process. The purpose is so they can review individual sale locations to see if there is potential for cultural resources on the site. So far, there have not been any issues.

Occasionally, permits are issued to the tribes for collecting various forest plants to be used for cultural purposes.

The Coos District also interfaces with both the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw and the Coquille Tribe on local watershed councils.

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 to 1.5 million acres of private, county, state, and Bureau of Land Management lands within the Coos District.

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA), through agreements with the BIA and a local operating agreement, maintains a positive and productive relationship with the Coquille Indian Tribe. Due to a downturn in the biomass market, the CFPA will be assisting the Coquille Indian Tribe in meeting their fuels management goals through planning and operational assistance. The district also participates in the Coquille Indian Tribe's youth Field Day which covers tree planting activities, wildlife habitat, and fire prevention.

The 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 the Siletz Indians, and 19 acres of lands owned by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians in Coos County. The Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians are active members of the Association

Douglas Forest Protective Association, Roseburg

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Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the [Douglas Forest Protective Association](#), a private non-profit association, provides fire protection to 1.6 million acres of private, county, state, and Bureau of Land Management lands within the Douglas District.

The Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) continues a very close and positive working relationship with the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians. The DFPA, through agreements with the BIA, provides fire protection on approximately 3000 acres of tribal lands that are held in trust throughout Douglas County. The DFPA continues to work with the Tribe on forest health and fuels management projects, including long-range planning on incorporating past and future fuels management projects into the county's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Last year, DFPA crews were utilized on several fuels treatment projects in high-risk areas on trust lands that will dovetail into future landscape treatments funded by Western States Wildland Urban Interface grant monies. The crews were also utilized for pile burning and the cutting of firewood for Tribal Elders. DFPA and the Tribe have entered into discussions regarding the reintroduction of fire on a landscape level as a land management tool.

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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](#).

The Sweet Home Unit hosted the Mid-Willamette Interagency Fire School June 25-29, 2012. 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 the Grand Ronde. The school hosts approximately 200 students and instructors annually and teaches entry-level to advanced courses. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde 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 1,800,000 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 [Medford](#) and [Grants Pass](#).

Western Lane District

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The [Western Lane District](#) protects approximately 756,200 acres in Lane and Douglas counties, 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 stakeholder 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 unique 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 2012 and beyond.