Klamath-Lake District

The Klamath-Lake District administers Department programs on more than 1.5 million acres in Klamath and Lake Counties located in south central Oregon. The District stretches north from the California border to Crater Lake National Park and east from the crest of the Cascades to the Warner Mountains east of Lakeview.

The District carries out the programs and policies of the Oregon Department of Forestry through the following local programs:

- **Management** of 105,573 acres of state-owned forestlands.
- **Protection** from wildfire on more than 1.5 million acres of forestland in Klamath and Lake Counties.
- **Administration** of the Forest Practices Act.
- **Provide** Forestry and Community Assistance.
- **Involvement** in local and federal land use planning targeting forest sustainability and wildfire issues.

The District maintains two offices, one located in Klamath Falls and one in Lakeview staffed by 26 permanent employees organized into four units: District Administration, Lake Protection, Klamath Protection and State Forest Management. In addition, approximately 50 employees are hired each year filling seasonal positions for Wildland Fire Suppression, Fire Detection, and Fuels Reduction projects in the Protection program.

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2019
Klamath–Lake District Annual Report
District Foresters Perspective

Welcome to the 2019 Klamath-Lake District Annual Report. This document provides a snapshot of the work accomplished over the course of the 2019 calendar year. Each year brings its opportunities and challenges. As always, the Klamath-Lake District employees met challenges head on and took advantage of opportunities that presented themselves. While the numbers represent tangible activities, I’d like to recognize the District staff for not only those tangibles, but for all the other ways they make the Klamath-Lake District a great place to work.

The State Forests Program continues to be the model for eastside forest management while taking on the additional tasks of GNA timber sales across the east side of the state. Private Forests takes on grant opportunities and cross-boundary fuels reduction projects, mapping, GIS, and piloting UAV’s in addition to providing customer service to our landowners. Fire Program folks continue to provide the full service of prevention, detection, suppression, and mitigation while always looking for ways to improve and add efficiencies to the system. Administration keeps it all together and moving smoothly. Of course, all programs and all employees step up and help out when there is fire on the landscape.

Outside of work, KLD employees are coaches, foster parents, search and rescue team members, school board members and food bank board members just to name a few. Our jobs take time and effort, yet employees still make themselves available to help others and contribute to the greater good. These efforts make a profound difference in the lives of those around us and are vital to the health of our communities which we live.

Lastly, I want to thank long time Forester Ed Scheick for all he has contributed to ODF, the Klamath-Lake District and State Forests in Klamath County. As everyone I know refers to him as “Dog”, I went a solid year on the District not knowing his real name. Dog is cut from the cloth of those classic foresters of days past; hard-working, dedicated, no-nonsense, no filter, grumbly, and dirty. Underneath it all, there is a guy that cares deeply about his work, the land, and his ODF family. I feel honored I can call him a friend and wish him the best of luck as he and Lois get to spend time testing new and known waters for fly-hungry trout.

Dennis Lee

Fort Rock, Lake County
KFPA Objectives

KFPA board members work hard to make positive contributions through various programs. In addition to guidance & support of the Wildfire Protection program, the KFPA also has the following objectives in both Klamath & Lake counties:

Preserve the private forests for the purpose of maintaining & enhancing timber & forage production.

Protect private forest & range resources from loss by fire, insect & disease.

Enlist the aid of other organizations in accomplishing these objectives.

Klamath Forest Protective Association

In the early 1900’s fire patrols were hired individually by land owners to prevent and suppress wildfires. Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. invited other timber owners to join them in forming a fire protection unit that would serve all landowners in the area. This joint effort, lead by Jack Kimball, came to fruition in 1908 with the creation of the Klamath and Lake Counties Forest Fire Protective Association. In 1922 the Association incorporated as a non-profit organization changing its name to the Klamath Forest Protective Association (KFPA), which it is still known by today.

Throughout the state similar associations were created to manage protection and suppression efforts & over time many of this associations began turning their fire fighting responsibilities over to the Oregon Department of Forestry. In 1975 the KFPA entered on a cooperative agreement with ODF transferring their fire protection duties, yet retaining control over their motor pool fleet. Today the KFPA board of directors work closely with the District Forester, providing advice and direction in the general operation of the fire protection program.

KFPA’s members collectively own and manage approximately 850,000 acres of private land in the Klamath-Lake District. Each year these members elect a 13 person board of directors that volunteer their time to handle the association’s affairs, and work on various related committees.
Fire Season Summary

The District responded to 63 fires on ODF protected lands burning 1,528 protected acres. This resulted in 78% of our ten-year average in number of fires and 31% of our ten-year average in acres burned. Human caused fires accounted for 59% of the number of fires and 15% of the acres burned during 2019. Compared to average, the number of human caused starts were down 14% and lightning was down 32%.

The district only experienced three small lightning events throughout the summer occurring mid-June, early August, and early September. The August storm ignited the Ward fire on August 9th southwest of Klamath Falls. The Ward fire quickly grew from the initial lightning strike to 1300 acres the first day, and then late that first night, a cold front with rain came over the area helping to secure the containment lines that had been established. Given the size, the location, and being in early to mid-August, ODF mobilized their IMT team 2 who spent a week securing and mopping up the fire. The Ward fire accounted for 85% of all the acres burned on the District in 2019. The bulk of the remaining acreage burned resulted from pre-season, pre-green up debris burning.

The 2019 fire season was mild for the district and the state as compared to recent years. The Klamath Lake District again supported the statewide effort and sent a handful of resources off district to assist. The biggest story from 2019 for the District is the adjective class never reaching the level of Extreme.

Protection from Fire

The 2018-19 winter brought above average moisture and below average temperatures to much of South Central Oregon and that trend persisted through the spring. The 2019 fire season was looking to be an average or below season for the Klamath-Lake District.

The seasonal indices for the district tracked below average until mid-June when they increased to average where they stayed until mid-September when the again dropped to below average. Overall, the District’s fire danger was in a high adjective class for 56 days (51% of fire season). Typically, the District sees about 55 days in extreme fire danger, however, in 2019 the adjective class never increased above high. It appears that this may be the first time that fire season in the Klamath-Lake District has never reached extreme. These conditions represent a below normal fire season for the district.

In 2019, the District saw an average start to fire Season with the official declaration coming on June 10th with additional public use restrictions (Regulated Use Closure) put into effect for the Klamath River Canyon. Similar public use restrictions were enacted for the remainder of the district on July 24th (3 weeks later than normal) and remained in effect until September 17th. The District remained in fire season for an additional 10 days until it too was terminated September 27th (earlier than normal). The Length of fire season was 110 days (27 days shorter than 2017) and public use restrictions were in place district-wide for 56 days (35 days shorter than 2017). Fire season length along with indices were below normal for the district during fire season and there were fewer lightning events than typically seen so the fire numbers were below average as well.

Ward Fire near Keno, OR

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Total Stat Fires: 63  Non-Stat Fires: 30  NFCA Fires: 76
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Total District Acres: 1,527.97

“Typically the district sees about 55 days in extreme fire danger, however, in 2019 the adjective class never increased above high”

Fire Aviation

Two helicopters were on contract for the Klamath –Lake District during the 2019 fire season. In addition to the helicopters, the district utilized one fixed wing aircraft based out of the Klamath Falls Tanker Base for detection flights.

- Helicopter 9TH (Timberland Aviation) on contract from July 10th—September 17th (70 days)
- Helicopter 8AH (Aris Helicopters) on contract from July 8th—September 20th (75 days)
- Recon 6ZC (Skinner Aviation) on contract from July 8th—September 20th (75 days)

Klamath Unit firefighters completing helicopter training on the Type 3 Helicopter 9TH

Chalet Fire on Stukel Mtn

Firefighter Brittany Lindsey — Helicopter Training
KLFHP is committed to:

- Providing technological and ecological information on forest health;
- Serving as a resource for all forest landowners in diagnosing and addressing forest health problems;
- Working cooperatively with landowners, the general public, and forest operators to educate and encourage best management practices on forest lands; and
- Using innovative partnerships and funding sources to increase the pace and scale of restoration across public and private lands.

The Klamath Lake Forest Health Partnership (KLFHP) is a cooperative network of diverse local and regional partners who have come together to address forestland management in the region. Within Klamath and Lake Counties, opportunities exist to address ecological restoration and stewardship needs while providing quality jobs for local workers and woody restoration byproducts for local manufacturing. Accomplishing this requires a new approach to natural resource stewardship: one that is locally-supported, incentive-driven, and relies on the power of solutions that integrate the environmental, economic, and social needs of communities.

Private Forest Program

The Private Forests Program provides education, engineering and enforcement of resource protection rules on forest operations, and assistance to forest landowners on 10.7 million acres of privately-owned forest in Oregon. Services include forest health and forest management assistance, preservation of water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, and regulation of forest operations. In 2019, these services were provided by five Stewardship Foresters: Kevin Burdon in the Lakeview office and Sarah Cantrell, Matt Flock, Jason Pettigrew and Patrick Petersen in the Klamath Falls office.

District Stewardship Inspections

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“Facilitating restoration projects on public and private forestland in Klamath and Lake Counties through education, outreach, and diverse partnerships”

Klamath Lake Forest Health Partnership

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Klamath Lake Forest Health Partnership

**Chiloquin Community Forest & Fire Project:** The Chiloquin Community Forest and Fire Project (CCFFP) is a partnership effort between private landowners, federal and state agencies, and other partners. The purpose of the project is to achieve fire resistance, fire response, forest health, wildlife habitat, and grazing objectives on private lands on a landscape-level scale, across boundaries, with Fremont-Winema National Forest.

North Warner Project: The North Warner Landscape covers 410,000 acres where private landowners and agencies are working across ownership boundaries to promote forest health and fire resiliency. Within this larger landscape, the North Warner Multi-Ownership Forest Health Project (Project) encompasses approximately 150,000 acres and focuses on dry forest restoration. This Project is unique due to the extensive stands of old legacy ponderosa pine intermixed with aspen and meadows, with greater sage grouse focal habitat immediately adjacent to the north and east. The landscape is at a severe risk of uncharacteristically intense disturbance due to heavy fuel loading and stand densities. The second phase of projects (2019-2021) will engage ten new private landowners with a goal of thinning another 5,000 acres, and the National Forest is planning to treat another 12,800 acres.

Thomas Creek Project: In 2019, the KLFHP collectively decided to start the Thomas Creek Forest Health Project (TCFHP) which is located immediately west and adjacent to the North Warner Project in Lake County. This project area extends south below Drew Reservoir and northwest above Valley Falls, encompassing over 200,000 acres of public and private land.

Similar to the North Warner Project, it was selected because it included the NEPA-ready USFS Thomas Creek Project and there was extensive aquatic restoration already completed on both public and private lands - presenting the opportunity for ridgetop to ridgetop restoration.

Gerber Project: The Gerber Watershed Forest and Juniper Project focuses technical and financial assistance on critical juniper encroached rangeland and non-industrial mixed forest that is impacting springs, wetlands, streams, and river areas around Gerber Reservoir and the upper Lost River watershed. The project will also significantly reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing forest fuels with forestry management practices.

**ODF brushwork before & after on private land within the Chiloquin Community Forest & Fire Project.**

**KLFHP 2019 Projects**

- Chiloquin Community Forest and Fire project
- North Warner
- Thomas Creek
- Gerber

**ODF Klamath Unit Stewardship Forester Jason Pettigrew discussing prescriptions on the Gerber Contract.**
**Fuels Reduction Grants:**

- Western States Fire Manager Grant—Klamath WUI (Sprague River). Fuels Crew completed 48.2 acres in 2019.
- Western States Fire Manager Grant—Chiloquin. Fuels Crew & Brush Blazer completed 88.5 acres in 2019.

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**NRCS & Fuels Reduction Grants**

The NRCS helps America’s farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners conserve the nation’s soil, water, air and other natural resources.

Jennifer Case performed outreach to landowners to assist them with fuels reduction funded through NRCS grants.

**Joint Chief’s Chiloquin**

21 landowners have signed up, Train Mountain being the largest landowner.

Outreached to approximately 41 landowners in the Chiloquin area, who have properties more than 20 acres.

**NRCS Chiloquin Properties**

9 landowners under contract
Treating 248 acres
Allocated $146,819.51 to those 9 landowners.

**NRCS Gerber Property**

1 landowner under contract
They have 2,800 acres, treating 130 acres
Allocated $53,914.20

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**Klamath Fire Prevention Cooperative**

The Klamath Fire Prevention Cooperative (KFPC) is an interagency group that provides fire prevention and life safety education to the residents of Klamath County.

The Klamath Unit has been heavily involved in fire prevention education with the KFPC for several years.

Currently two Klamath unit employees hold chairs on the co-op, Matt Anspach (President) and Pam Brown (Treasurer). In addition, many others volunteer at events hosted by the KFPC.

In 2019, Klamath Fire Prevention Cooperative was very busy with a lot of community activities. The Coop provided education at the Children’s Learning Fair in April, an event that they have been involved in for many years. At the safety fair they had three stations set up with different fire prevention activities reaching over 300 local children. The Klamath County Fair in July was well attended and was a very good resource to reach out to families. The fair setup had four interactive stations, Wildland Fire Safety, a Stop drop and Roll inflatable course, home safety tips and interacting with Smokey Bear. The fairs give the Coop and the agencies involved time to educate all members of families on home fire safety, safe recreation involving fire, the necessity to keep property clear of debris and the importance of escape routes. In 2019 the coop was fortunate to have all agencies available at the fair to reach the public and answer questions. The Coop was also involved in the KCC Extravaganza Fire Prevention Safety Day, again another place where they were able to reach the community on the importance of the role the KFPC plays as partners in the community.

During Smokey’s 75th Birthday Bash at the Kingsley Field Tanker Base area, the Coop had a booth to give out information on the different programs that are available for fuels reduction. They are dedicated in their work with the community on all fire prevention outreach program, and believe that a well-educated community is a safe community.
Fire Prevention Education

Fire prevention is an integral part of the District’s Fire Protection Program. Prevention efforts are emphasized and presented through education, public outreach and enforcement.

Each year we have provided a Wildland Fire Prevention Poster contest for our local 2nd and 4th grade students. We started the program in 1995, and through the years it has shown to be a very successful and fun program. We have partnered with local schools, forest industry, landowners and community businesses to make it a large part of our prevention program.

Volunteers and District staff present a 45-minute program in an interactive environment where the students learn the role of a wildland fire fighter, and the effort that is put forth to get resources on the ground and in the air during critical fire response. We also discuss the difference between a good and bad fire, and the importance of responsible forest stewards. This process has helped lower the amount of juvenile fire setters and brought about adults in our community educated in fire prevention.

The four top winning posters are made into tray liners/placemats for local restaurants and are displayed at the Klamath and Lake county fairs. They act as a reminder about fire safety and are used as a tool for Wildland Fire prevention awareness during fire season as well as Fire Prevention week in October.

An awards presentation is held on Friday after the last day of school each year. During this time the students are presented with their awards from local sponsors. During the event the local TV station, KOTI channel 2 gives each student an opportunity to talk about their artwork and message.

2019 Poster Contest

- In 2019 the poster contest was presented to Keno Elementary, Peterson Elementary, Merrill Elementary and Lakeview-Fremont Elementary
- Total of 372 attended the presentation in 2019.
- 73% of students who attended the presentation participated in the contest.

Poster Contest Sponsors

- KFPA
- Green Diamond Resource Company
- Columbia Forest Products
- Shanda Asset Management
- Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union
- The Epicenter
- City of Klamath Falls Parks & Recreation
- McDonalds of Klamath Falls
- Subway of Klamath Falls
- Abby’s Legendary Pizza
- Ace Hardware-Lakeview
- Subway-Lakeview

We appreciate your dedication to this program.
State Forest Program

The Klamath Lake District manages 105,573 acres of state forest lands. The district has 2 State forests within its boundaries. The Gilchrist State Forest, which contains approximately 71,833 acres and the Sun Pass State Forest which contains 21,317 acres. The Gilchrist State Forest is located approximately 90 miles north of Klamath Falls, while the Sun Pass State Forest is located 40 miles north of Klamath Falls near the southeastern corner of Crater Lake National Park. Remaining state-owned land is scattered in a number of small parcels throughout the District, with the exception of two larger blocks of land tracts – Bear Valley and Yainax Butte.

State Forest lands are managed to provide healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems, that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon. These lands are managed under the direction of the Eastern Region Long-Range Forest Management Plan, while generating revenue for both Klamath County and the Common School Fund. Of the 105,573 acres managed by the District, 98,746 acres are Board of Forestry lands and the remaining 6,827 acres Common School Forest lands.

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Final Straw Timber sale photo taken by Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.
Gilchrist State Forest

In March 2010, the Oregon Department of Forestry acquired approximately 43,000 acres of forestland from Fidelity National Timber Resources Inc., which had acquired them in 2006 from Crown Pacific. The property is part of larger holdings that were owned by the Gilchrist Timber Company for most of the 20th century.

The original purchase was financed with $15 million in lottery backed bonds approved by the 2009 legislature with support from Governor Ted Kulongoski. The bonds will be repaid over twenty years with proceeds from the Oregon lottery. On June 11, 2010 Governor Kulongoski dedicated the acquired lands as the new Gilchrist State Forest, the only Oregon state forest dedicated since the Sun Pass State Forest.

In June of 2014 ODF purchased 5,360 acres from the Conservation Fund. This purchase was completed with Lottery Backed Bonds the legislature had approved in the 2013 session. The final acquisition of the remaining 23,440 acres has been completed by ODF. Funding for these lands had been secured through Lottery backed bonds, General fund backed bonds and a Forest Legacy grant.

The Gilchrist State Forest acquisition is complete at 72,040 acres.

“‘To date the Gilchrist Intensive management has proven to be quite successful.’”

Gilchrist Activities

Approximately 3000 acres will be mechanically thinned in the Gilchrist State Forest in order to reduce stand density to acceptable levels. Diseased and overstocked material from 5.0 inches to 12.0 inches dbh will be removed. Ponderosa pine will be the preferred species to leave. The removed material will be sold as sawlog and pulp volume. It is expected that this project will result in a break-even cash flow. This project is supported by the management strategies from the 1995 Eastern Region Long-Range Forest Management Plan and policy direction as stated during the February, 2010 Board of Forestry meeting that approved the initial acquisition of the 43,235 acres of the Gilchrist State Forest.

To date the Gilchrist Intensive management has proven to be quite successful. The Purchaser will usually cut the material within a few months of the sale date, at this time they have the option to remove any volume as sawlogs. The remaining material stays in the unit to dry. The drying time varies, but usually 1 year to achieve the minimum moisture content needed. When this timeframe is met the Purchaser moves in the chipping equipment and begins moving the material in chip form.

In January The Board of Forestry approved the sale of 200 acres of the Gilchrist State Forest to the Crescent Sanitary District for $62,000. The Deed was signed in July and CSD began on site work the fall of 2018. This project was identified as a critical need for the community of Crescent by the governor’s office, and the Gilchrist State Forest Parcel was identified as the #1 location. This will allow the city of Crescent to build a sewer treatment facility, that will benefit all of the residents of the community.
Good Neighbor Authority

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) is a tool that allows federal agencies to pay the State to implement restoration work on federal land. The cost of the State’s involvement can be paid either directly by appropriated federal funds, or by recouping costs from timber value on a GNA timber sale.

The State Forest Unit has started a very successful GNA program with the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

2019 accomplishments include:

- Awarded 2 service contracts:
  
  - Paddock Juniper Removal: 610 acres - $232,800
  
  - Crooked Mud Honey (cut, skid, deck): 113 acres - $73,465

- GNA Timber Sales Sold:
  
  - Fir-lo: 492 acres 2,695 mbf $412,950.00 - Fremont-Winema NF
  
  - Completed the first CE NEPA on the Miller Lake Project - 6,000 acre project area

- Prepped 2 additional Timber Sales to be sold spring of 2020:
  
  - Rhymno – GNA: 649 acres 3,017 MBF $474,740.00
  
  - Sick Kid GNA- 985 acres 3,988 MBF $203,755.00

- Also supported EOA:
  
  - Flat: 823 acres 2,240 mbf $127,550.00 - Malheur NF
  
  - Deck: 25 mbf $1,250.00 - Mt Hood NF

Partnership with Klamath Trials Alliance

Klamath Trail Alliance (KTA) is a non-profit based in Klamath Falls that is interested in developing a trail network primarily on private land adjacent to BoF lands on Spence Mountain. This would benefit non-motorized recreationalists and also be an attractive destination for visitors to the Klamath basin.

ODF owns a BoF parcel adjacent to Hwy 140 w. This piece provides the only access to the highway in the area. The Klamath Trails Alliance approached us to use a portion of this piece as the trailhead for this trail system. An Adopt-a-Trail agreement was signed between KTA and ODF.

KTA will further develop this site by paving the approach and improving the parking lot.

A Kiosk has been built to help tell the story.

Two additional trails have been constructed through another BoF parcel within this
State Employees Food Drive

During the annual February State Employees Food Drive, Klamath Unit employees were responsible for raising $5,208.88 that was delivered directly to the Klamath and Lake Counties Food Bank. This averaged 822.5 meals per employee. Which resulted in receiving the best in EOA award.

In 2019, our local Food Bank distributed 2.2 million pounds of food to nearly 100 agencies like the Senior Centers in Klamath and Lake Counties, YMCA, Cancer Treatment Center, Salvation Army, Saint Vincent De Paul, Klamath Hospice, The Gospel Mission and many, many more. Our service area covers 18,000 square miles from Christmas Valley to Keno and Chemult to Malin.

Our local Food Bank also distributed nearly 1,000,000 pounds of fresh produce.

Thank you to everyone who helped and found a way to give to our community!

District Safety & Wellness

The safety and wellness committee is a representation group that supports all district staff to reach goals in safety and wellness. The foundation of the committee is to function as a consulting group to the District to help provide safety-related guidance & information. The core duties of the Safety and Wellness Committee include development of our yearly safety plan, implementing the wellness program, OSHA posting and correspondence, and identifying and addressing developing trends.

The KLD Safety & Wellness committee has teamed up with representatives from the Blue Zones project, and together we reached our goal of becoming a Blue Zones approved worksite in June 2018. To achieve this goal we made changes to our work environment and policies, as well as encourage our employees to make positive changes that dramatically improve their health and well-being. Throughout 2019 we continued to make positive changes towards the health & wellness of our employees.

2019 Committee Members

- Jon Fitch—Chair
- Dennis Lee
- Jacob Barnett
- Sarah Cantrell
- Matt Flock
- Teresa Thomas
- Nancy Sherin
Personnel Changes

In 2019 the district saw many personnel changes.

- Cale Graves resigned from his position as the FFR Coordinator.
- Jacob Barnett promoted from Fire Planner to Wildland Protection Supervisor.
- Sarah Cantrell made a lateral move from her position as Stewardship Forester in the Private Forest program to Fire Planner in the Protection program.
- Geoff Lahale resigned his position as District Business Manager.
- Leon Diego Montoya promoted from a seasonal Forest Officer and Forest Management Technician to a Permanent Natural Resource Specialist 1 in the State Forests program.
- Richard Gates was hired as the ODF dispatcher at LiFC

2019 Recognitions

- Dustin Gustaveson celebrated 25 years of State service.

Dog Retires

In 2019 Edmund Scheick AKA Dog retired after 33 years of state service as a Natural Resource Specialist in the Klamath Unit State Forests program.

His knowledge, humor, dedication and stories will be missed by all who worked with him. We all wish him happiness and good health in his retirement.

Ed Scheick: Sunpass State Forest.