

COOS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

115TH ANNUAL REPORT



District Manager's Message – Annual Report 2024

As I reflect on the 2024 fire season, I can appreciate that we did not have a historic fire season on the CFPA district. However, it was a record-breaking year for acreage burned across the Oregon landscape. I can't help but think how many times I've heard "historic" said over the last 12 fire seasons.

In Oregon and across the nation, our fire seasons are changing. The state and national fire systems continue to be tested by increasingly challenging fire seasons. Fires that once were only seen in California at the beginning of my career are now common in Oregon. If this trend persists, we will continue to see the pattern of large fires moving to the north into areas that historically experienced a much longer fire interval, as well as areas that haven't seen fire since the inception of modern firefighting. The fires that we are experiencing and the changing fire environment make the work of our employees here at CFPA as important as ever.

During the 2024 fire season in the CFPA District, we saw results from our fire prevention and public information efforts. Our number of statistical fires and acreage burned was significantly reduced from both 2023 and below our 10-year average. Altogether, we had 55 statistical fires for a total of 234 acres burned, well below our average of 72 fires for 2,437 acres burned. We were able to meet our protection goal of keeping 98% of fires at 10 acres or less during the calendar year. However, if you look at our protection goal specifically for the fire season, we were just shy of meeting the goal at 97.67%.

The district was challenged by one fire this season, the Bottom Creek Fire, which started on September 17. This fire was very resistant to control due to the coastal mountain terrain it was burning on. Located almost exactly between Coos Bay and Roseburg, the remoteness of this fire also proved challenging logistically. It is pretty rare to have to support a Type 3 organization in this district. However, due to the number of crews needed to contain and mop up this fire, a Type 3 fire camp was set up at Dellwood. The CFPA staff, along with help from the ODF Western Lane District and Salem personnel, helped to build and manage the camp throughout the duration of the incident. Altogether, the fire burned a total of 204 acres and was the bulk of the acreage burnt on the CFPA District during the 2024 fire season.

With our stats below normal, it gave our firefighters the opportunity to help other districts in need during the historic 2024 fire season. We also assisted five different states before and after our declared fire season; we sent resources to Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Alaska, and North Carolina. These opportunities provide invaluable experiences for our employees to help them grow as first responders and also helps offset rate increases to our landowners. During the 2024 calendar year, CFPA staff spent 1082 days assisting others in need. This was a welcome change from the 2023 fire season, where most of the effort was spent on neighboring jurisdictions within our district boundary.

After my first full year as the District Manager for CFPA, I'd like to thank the dedicated staff for their hard work, the landowners for their support and guidance, and all the partner agencies that helped make the 2024 fire season on the CFPA District a success.

Tyler McCarty
District Manager
Coos Forest Protective Association

FIRE PROTECTION



FIRE SEASON SUMMARY

What is fire season? A dry season in areas with sufficient plant life to be at risk for wildfires. During this time, fire season is declared or "goes into effect" and restrictions are imposed pertaining to public and industrial activities. This short window of time doesn't provide a complete review of the scope and efforts CFPA employees provide within the state, nationally, and internationally. Our fire season began June 14th and ended on October 21st, and the review is seen in the charts below and in the program updates found within this report.

Following an ice storm emergency declaration from the Governor, ODF Incident Management Team (IMT) 1's command staff were dispatched to Springfield, Oregon. As an Operations Section Chief with the team, Kyle Gibbons assisted for 12 days in January, splitting time between the Lane County Emergency Operations Center and the City of Springfield Emergency Operations Center.

In March, the district dispatched a Type 6 Engine to Texas. The first crew, Amber Cook and Rick Kilcoyne, drove down as part of an ODF strike team, backfilling for initial attack. Russell Simmons and Jesse Orozco were flown down to replace them, and the third crew of Sean Hunt and Tobin Smith flew down on the 31st.

Below average rainfall in April pushed ERCs into record highs. Even though outside of fire season, these conditions allowed multiple debris burns to escape, requiring suppression from district staff. During the same weather event, an equipment fire on East Silver Creek destroyed a processor. CFPA and the Gold Beach Fire Department responded to extinguish the fire because fire equipment was not yet required for the operation.

A high-pressure system near the end of May again pushed ERCs to record highs for that period. Staff responded to 4 statistical fires, including the Timber Lane Fire that burned 2.58 acres, and 6 non-fire crew actions.



Timber Lane

2025 FIRE SEASON IFPL SUMMARY CHART												
	CS-1		CS-2		CS-4		CS-5		SK-1		SK-2	
Closures	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
IFPL I	06/14 08/23	07/08 10/21	06/14 09/17	07/03 10/21	06/14 08/23	07/03 10/21	06/14 09/17	07/03 10/21	06/14 09/17	07/03 10/21	06/14 09/17	07/03 10/21
IFPL II	07/09	08/22	07/04 08/18	07/08 09/16	07/04	08/22	07/04 08/18	07/08 09/16	07/04 08/18	07/08 09/16	07/04 08/18	07/08 09/16
IFPL III	-	-	07/09	08/17	-	-	07/09	08/17	07/09	08/17	07/09	08/17
IFPL IV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PUBLIC USE RESTRICTION	06/14	10/21	06/14	10/21	06/14	10/21	06/14	10/21	06/14	10/21	06/14	10/21

2024 FIRE SEASON STATS

CAUSE	FIRES	ACRES
LIGHTNING	2	0.12
RAILROAD	0	0
EQUIPMENT USE INDUSTRIAL	3	0.00
EQUIPMENT USE OTHER	15	1.80
RECREATION	6	0.58
SMOKING	0	0.00
DEBRIS BURNING GENERAL	13	21.49
SLASH (During Burn)	1	1.50
SLASH (After Burn)	1	2.58
ARSON	0	0
JUVENILES	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	14	205.49
TOTAL	55	233.56
13 Non-Statistical Fires Totaling 5.38 acres		
106 Non-Fire Crew Actions		
306 Prevention / Education Actions		

2024 OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Incident Name	District/State
January Severe Weather	Lane County, OR
2024 Initial Attack	Texas
2024 NW Compact	Alaska
Letsom Mt	ODF Western Lane
Parramore	Florida
FY 24 NM Prepo	New Mexico
Upper Applegate 3900	ODF Medford
Upper Olalla	DFPA Central Unit
Salt Creek Rd MM4	ODF Medford
Larch Creek	ODF The Dalles
Falls	Malheur NF
Battle Mountain Complex	ODF Pendleton
Boneyard	ODF John Day
Lost Bucket	Umpqua NF
Old Blue	DFPA North Unit
Jack Saddle	Umpqua NF
Winding Waters Complex	ODF Wallowa
Spike Buck	DFPA North Unit
Lane 1	ODF Eastern Lane
Dixon	Umpqua NF
Copperfield	ODF Klamath Falls
Shoe Fly	ODF Prineville
Fossil Complex	ODF Fossil
Devils Knob	Umpqua NF
Milepost 98	DFPA South Unit
Rail Ridge	Prineville BLM
Lone Rock	Prineville BLM
Tropical Storm Helene	North Carolina
Siuslaw	ODF Western Lane



FIRE PROTECTION

FIRE SEASON SUMMARY, CONTINUED

The district responded to 8 statistical fires, 1 non-statistical fire and 10 non-fire crew actions in June. Out-of-district assignments included: Jeff I. dispatched to assist the USFS complete rehabilitation on the Anvil Fire; Wesley and Kaileb deployed to New Mexico as part of an ODF engine strike team on June 20th, returning in early July; Marcus deployed as a Fire Investigator trainee to the Southwest Oregon district on June 21st; Dominique, Jef, Chris, and Cody Pritchett deployed to the Southwest Oregon District to assist with suppression efforts on the Upper Applegate Fire. Additionally, Alicia was mobilized to Florida as an Aircraft Dispatcher.



Twin Cedars—Siuslaw NF

As ODF IMT 1 members returned from an early July deployment on the Salt Creek Fire in Southwest Oregon, Team 3 was dispatched to the Battle Mountain Complex in eastern Oregon on July 18th. The following day, ODF Team 1 was redeployed to the Boneyard Fire outside of John Day.



Deer Creek

A Red Flag Warning was issued on August 17th affecting the eastern parts of Coos and Curry Counties, as well as the majority of Douglas County for abundant lightning on dry fuels. The bulk of the lightning remained offshore and tracked north with very few strikes over the district. Rainfall totals across the district in August were 2.5 to 5 times the 10-year average. Despite the rainfall, the district responded to a total of 20 statistical fires that burned 1.16 acres, 4 non-statistical fires, and 8 non-fire crew actions. The district also dispatched resources to support DFPA on the Dixon Fire and 11 personnel to the Lane 1 Fire in support of ODF IMT 1.

September began with rain and below average ERCs. Throughout the month, the ERCs crept higher, resulting in the district responding to a total of 6 statistical fires, 1 non-statistical fire and 13 non-fire crew actions. This includes the 204.66 acre Bottom Creek Fire.



Deans Creek Road

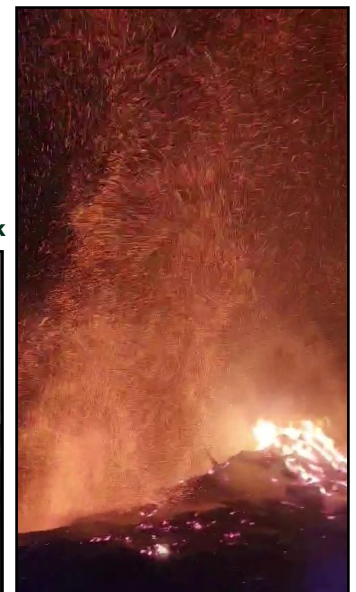
The Bottom Creek Fire remained staffed until mid-October, then placed into patrol status. The district responded to a total of 5 statistical fires prior to the end of fire season on October 21st that burned 0.90 acres and an additional 4 fires post season that burned 6.51 acres. The district also responded to 8 non-fire crew actions during the month.

November and December provided a reprieve from fire activity, the opportunity to complete the general district operational duties, and spend time with family during the holiday season. The historical concept of fire season minimizes the work model that our employees are actually engaged in.

Bill Creek Lane

Bottom Creek

Meyers Creek



FIRE PROTECTION



INDUSTRIAL FIRE PROGRAM

Industrial closures levels changed in lockstep across the interior zones. Levels remained at or above IFPL 2 from early July through mid-September. For the third year running, the coastal strip did not go into IFPL 3.

Across the district, Fire Wardens completed 109 inspections: 71 of these were High fire danger, 19 Moderate fire danger, and 19 Low fire danger. A total of 4 deficiencies were identified during inspections—all of which were Fire Prevention-related—resulting in 2 citations and 2 warnings being issued.

In total, 42 waivers were issued in 2024. Similar to prior years, a majority of waivers were issued during IFPL 3 for cable yarding until 1 p.m. and use of power saws 1 to 2 weeks ahead of the yarder, with restrictions based on temperature, humidity, and wind.

While there were 3 statistical fires resulting from active operations, no wildland acres were burned. Each of these fires was contained to a machine. Our sincere thanks to our landowners and operators for their continued support and efforts in industrial fire prevention.



Cable Logging near Bone Mountain

CLOSURE SUMMARY (DAYS/IFPL)

Closure Level	CS-1	CS-2	CS-4	CS-5	SK-1	SK-2
Level I	85	55	80	55	55	55
Level II	45	35	50	35	35	35
Level III	0	40	0	40	40	40
Level IV	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC USE RESTRICTION	Green 21 Days	Blue 59 Days	Yellow 50 Days			

INDUSTRIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

Year	Inspections	Deficiencies	Percentage of Deficiencies
2024	109	4	4%
2023	107	3	3%
2022	149	6	4%
2021	163	14	9%
2020	193	10	5%
Average	144	7	5%

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Our annual Fire School at Camp Fircroft was managed under a full Type 3 organization comprised of CFPA staff. This allowed for the planning, logistics, and finance functions to have a thorough training and simulation environment, as well as varied leadership and a “standard fire camp” experience for operations personnel.

This preparation would prove useful by the latter part of fire season, as district staff managed the Bottom Creek Fire and were able to support a fire camp of nearly 300 personnel. We appreciate the logistics assistance from the local and Salem ODF personnel as well.

Evening Briefing at Bottom Creek





FIRE PROTECTION

2024 OUT-OF-DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS



Milepost 98



North Carolina



Battle Mountain Complex



Larch Creek



Kyle at Lane County EOC



Spike Buck



Fossil Complex



Engine 13 in Texas



Shoe Fly



Falls Fire



Engine Strike Team in New Mexico

FIRE PREPAREDNESS



AVIATION PROGRAM

The Association's Aviation Unit had another successful year supporting the fire suppression efforts across the district and the State of Oregon. On July 15th Apex Helicopter's N544AS returned to the Catching Creek Helibase and started the third year of a 6-year contract.

CFPA aviation resources and personnel were requested all summer long starting in early July. Corey Bryant was dispatched to the Salt Creek Fire in the Southwest Oregon District with ODF Team 1. By the end of that assignment, Corey completed his task book and was a fully qualified Air Tactical Group Supervisor or "Air Attack."

Helitack 4AS assisted both the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and the Oregon Department of Forestry with lightning recons and fire suppression, while also responding to incidents within the CFPA district. The Helitack Crew had 2 returners this year; in the latter half of the fire season, suppression crew members did a rotation on the crew to gain new experience as well. Our helitack program assisted with 16 shifts out-of-district to DFPA and the Forest Service, as well as 4 shifts on in-district fires.

Robert Franson spent a majority of the summer with ODF Team 2 on the Larch Creek fire, Winding Waters Complex, Dixon fire, and Fossil Complex. During this time, Robert was able to work on and complete his task book as an Air Operations Branch Director. Corey and Robert also rotated through the Battle Mountain Complex with ODF Team 3 as Air Attacks.

Jeffery Dolan spent time out of district with the state's Type 1 severity Blackhawk "2WL." He was sent to Ashland and then was assigned to the Copperfield Fire with ODF Team 3. At the end of this assignment, Jeffery completed his task book to become a qualified Helicopter Manager.

During July and August, Helitack 4AS responded to local incidents on the CFPA District along with DFPA, ODF Western Lane, and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. They also supported the ODF South Cascade District with the Lane 1 project fire. In September, Helitack 4AS was extremely busy. They were assigned to the Milepost 98 fire for 10 days, reassigned to the Devils Knob fire for 6 days, and brought back to the CFPA district to support the Bottom Creek Fire for a total of 11 days. October 2nd was the 80th and final day on contract for N544AS, when they returned to Florence.

The CFPA Aviation Program gained a lot of exposure and experience on complex initial attacks, along with large, complex project fires this summer. This will benefit the Association in the future as we move forward, growing and expanding the aviation unit.

DISTRICT AVIATION STATS



• 4AS contract July 15 - October 2 (80 Days)

- 51 missions
 - 20 Recon
 - 9 Helitack
 - 22 Aerial Supervision
- 97.2 Flight Hours
- 77 buckets/16,940 gal. delivered

• ODF Severity Resources

- Type 2 Helicopter 0NH — 1.1 Flight hours
 - 13 buckets/3,120 gal. delivered
- Type 1 Helicopter 2KA — 14.6 Flight hours
 - 96 buckets/48,476 gal. delivered
- Type 1 Helicopter 2WL — 23.3 Flight Hours
 - 150 loads/147,000 gal. delivered

• Other District's Resources

- DFPA — 11H — 3.7 Flight Hours
 - 1 aerial supervision mission

• Call When Needed Resources

- 4RA — 56 buckets, 10.7 Flight Hours
- 96W — 35 buckets, 12.6 Flight Hours
- 73U — 1 mission, 4.4 Flight Hours



Helitack with 4AS — Bottom Creek Fire



Helitack Crew at Catching Creek



FIRE PREPAREDNESS

HANDCREWS

Spring work on the Allegany Fuels Reduction Grant project lasted 8 weeks before the start of fire season. Gold Beach's Crew 85 completed work on 15 home sites. Defensible space work consists of identifying fuels to be removed and cutting, piling, and chipping of the debris. These projects not only benefit the community for preparedness, but also for fire suppression; the Coos Bay crew was able to assist on 2 pre-season fires during this time.

During fire season, the crews worked on maintaining waterholes, brushing access roads, and clearing the area around our radio communication tower sites. The district handcrews were busy on fires for a majority of the season. Between Crew 80 and Crew 85, a total of 56 shifts were worked across 24 in-district fires and 5 shifts on out-of-district fires with DFPA.



**North Fork Ridge
Helipond**

FLEET

After several years of COVID-era manufacturing shortages, the district is now caught up on all standard fleet vehicle replacements. Shop staff completed buildups and put 11 vehicles, including two Type 6 engines, into service in 2024. In addition to these fleet vehicles, a new 2024 Kenworth T880 heavy equipment/lowboy tractor was purchased and was put in service to replace #62 at Fourmile. The old International tractor will remain in the fleet as a backup. A 500-gallon, five-seat FEPP Type 3 engine was also acquired to replace the aging Type 4 engine at the Reedsport station.



FEPP Type 3 Engine #31

TECHNOLOGY

An agreement and equipment were secured for a new detection camera to be installed at the old Shutter Creek institution, with work to begin in 2025. The camera at Ivers Peak was upgraded from the older analog SD model. With that upgrade, all camera sites in the district use newer HD models, substantially improving picture quality and confidence in detections.

A Starlink satellite internet unit was acquired for deployment at remote sites, and was paired with a portable AT&T FirstNet picocell site. This proved to be invaluable in improving communications and streamlining workflows. The module was first deployed at Camp Fircroft for fire school, an area which normally has limited cell reception at best. It allowed for staff internet access, improving the efficiency and reliability of the lectures, as well as electronic timekeeping training. The equipment was then used again with success at the Bottom Creek fire cache and camp.

Staff assisted with the communication tower installation at the Bandon Fire Department main station. Work will be finished in 2025, which will improve the coverage of the Coos County radio system, mainly along the coastline between Cape Blanco and the Seven Devils area.

Following the winter storms in November and December, which caused multiple outages, an automatic backup generator was installed at the Coos Bay warehouse. This should ensure continuity of the radio system infrastructure on Bunker Hill in the event of future power outages.



Ivers Peak



Bandon RFD Radio Tower

FIRE PREPAREDNESS



TRAINING

CFPA put on a robust training program in 2024, sponsoring several courses throughout the spring and summer. CFPA put on the S-300 Extended Attack IC course required for firefighters to become ICT3 qualified for district and SOA personnel. The S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface course was offered to local RFDs and Association personnel working toward becoming Task Force Leader qualified, and for RFDs to assist on conflagration fires. The S-230/231 Single Resource Crew/Engine Boss courses were taught for firefighters working to get Single Resource Boss qualifications. Personnel instructed the S-200 Initial Attack IC class for firefighters working to be qualified as ICT4. The district sponsored the L-280 Followership to Leadership course for district and area personnel.

CFPA took the lead on an area training course by facilitating the S-372 Helicopter Manager course. S-131 Advanced Firefighter training classes were offered twice over the summer to district personnel. District employees delivered OR-OSHA Basic Fire Training to landowners, cooperators, and operators by offering the training 22 times over spring and summer. CFPA personnel led nine RT-130 Annual Wildland Fire Refresher training courses for district personnel, cooperators, and landowners.

CFPA also took advantage of training opportunities across the state. Brett Weidemiller and Jef Chase attended the Hospital/Family Liaison training in Bend. Several employees attended ODF IMT training at Sunriver. Zach Anthony and Kaileb Pickett attended Forest Law Administration training in Grants Pass. CFPA sent five personnel to the S-339 Division/Group Supervisor course put on by ODF in Southwest Oregon District. Robert Hancock attended the ICS-300 Intermediate ICS course in Medford. CFPA had three instructors and two students for the ODF FI-210 Wildland Fire Cause & Determination course held in Canyonville. Dave Brown successfully completed the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) training in Arizona.

District personnel were able to complete 22 position task books (PTBs) during the 2024 fire season, distributed across all ICS disciplines. Several of these qualifications earned this past year are in short supply and typically take ten years or longer on the same career path to attain.

2024 LANDMARK QUALIFICATIONS

TFLD	Task Force Leader	1
DIVS	Division / Group Supervisor	1
OSCC	Operations Section Chief Complex	2
ICT3	Incident Commander Type 3	1
FSC2	Finance Section Chief Type 2	1
SOF2	Safety Officer Type 2	1
AOBD	Air Operations Branch Director	1
COMT	Incident Communications Technician	1

2024 TRAINING

S-200	Initial Attack Incident Commander
S-215	Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface
S-230/231	Single Resource Boss, Crew/Engine
S-270	Basic Air Operations
S-271	Helicopter Crewmember
S-290	Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
S-300	Extended Attack Incident Commander
S-372	Helicopter Manager
L-280	Followership to Leadership



Fire School 2024, Camp Fircroft

Fire School



Cal-Ore Rope Rescue



FI-210, Canyonville





FIRE PREVENTION

PUBLIC FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

CFPA employees are dedicated to outreach and prevention efforts through various community events and school programs. Despite some challenges during the early part of 2024, particularly in engaging schools, we made significant strides in connecting with both students and the general public throughout the year. Language used on the Regulated Use flyers was clarified and made more consistent to reduce confusion from the general public. We continue to have support in our public outreach among our local and county partners, as well as ODF and Keep Oregon Green.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on enhancing our school engagement and fostering deeper connections within the communities we serve. CFPA will look into the number, type and locations of our roadside prevention signs to ensure the best visibility, continue the growth of our media footprint, and explore options for more adult outreach. The momentum built through these events will be key in continuing to expand our reach to all ages.



Sixes Hometown Heroes Run

PREVENTION PROGRAM CONTACTS

School Programs	1,821
State Parks/Campgrounds	971
Safety Fairs and Home Shows	1,430
County Fairs	1,580
Open House, Festivals, Misc. Events	3,600
Hunting & Fishing Programs	300



Coquille River Days

PUBLIC INFORMATION

In 2024, the district's public information function was restructured, now headed by Brett Weidemiller and supported by Corey Bryant, Amber Cook, and Robert Hancock. With this change, increased capacity was added to better attend to our social media presence and local news interviews. Public interest in our work has been increasing over the last few years. A year-over-year comparison of our Facebook page is highlighted to the right.

The district has made strides in providing timely notice of new incidents to the public at large, increasing awareness of our prevention work and training programs, and advising of closure updates. Short videos and interviews have seen large increases in engagement.

Key Metrics Comparison:

Metric	Jan 1, 2023 - Jan 1, 2024	Jan 1, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025	Year-over-Year Change
Reach	126.7K	197.1K	+55.4%
3-Second Video Watch	3.5K	46.9K	+1237%
1-Minute Video Watch	64	11	-82.8%
Content Interaction	17.2K	28.5K	+65.9%
Watch Time	14 hours 12 minutes	9 days 21 hours	+1,380.3%
Overall Views	N/A	325.3K	N/A



BRETT WEIDEMILLER



FIRE PREVENTION



RETENTION & RECRUITMENT

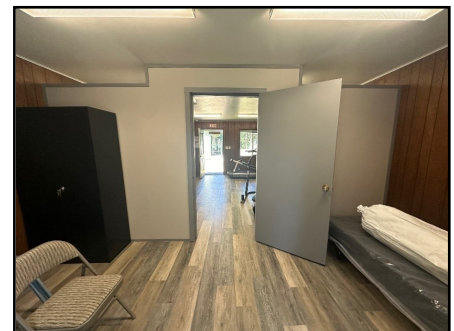
CFPA staff continue to grow the Winter Fire School program, partnering with schools to teach a Wildland Firefighting class that is equivalent to the annual basic fire school. For the 2024-2025 school year, the program will be offered in 9 different high schools in the district, adding Marshfield and Brookings-Harbor High Schools this year. Six of the district's permanent staff are primary instructors and eight additional employees substitute teach and help facilitate field days.

This commitment is paying off with new hires and also providing prevention education for young adults within the district. The 2023-24 year ended with 42 students completing the program. This program is offered to students that are 16-18 years of age, with opportunities for employment with CFPA once they reach age 18. The high school program is supplemented by an annual field day held in the Coos County Forest, where students (and prospective future employees) can get in-person experience with our engines and crews.

Affordable housing continues to be a challenge with attracting seasonal firefighters. CFPA currently has three avenues to address this problem: renting fire stations that have living quarters to out-of-area employees, converting room(s) into housing at our offices, and providing RV hookups or camping space at the duty stations. Brookings and Bridge offices had crew quarters established for 2024, and development of spaces at Coos Bay and Fourmile is ongoing into the new year. RV hookups are established at Fourmile and at the helibase. We continue to look for more housing options out of necessity as this is starting to become the new normal.

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 10-YEAR FIRE CAUSE AVERAGE

General Cause	2024	10-year Average
Lightning	2	2
Railroad	0	0
Equipment Use	18	18
<i>*powerlines/electrical</i>	3	4
<i>*vehicle related</i>	5	10
Recreation	6	5
<i>*campfire/warming</i>	3	5
<i>*fireworks</i>	1	1
Smoking	0	5
Debris Burning	15	20
<i>*pre/post fire season</i>	7	11
Arson	0	2
Juveniles	0	1
Miscellaneous	14	11
TOTALS	55	72
Rounding occurred. *Taken From Total Number		



Station Crew Quarters
Above: Brookings
Below: Bridge



Fall Recruitment Day



High School FFT2 Program at
North Bend High School



ADMINISTRATION

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February 7th marked the last day of employment for Coos Forest Protective Association's 11th District Manager, Michael Robison, who retired after a 49-year career serving the people of Oregon with Coos and Douglas Forest Protective Associations.

The district began working with a new auditing firm to complete the FY22 through FY24 audits. The audit for FY22 will be completed in early 2025. Due to the large amount of work done during the FY22 audit process, it is believed that the subsequent audits will be completed more efficiently.

A policy review task group was formed to review and bring current the district's policies. Work continued on this project throughout 2024 and should be finalized in early 2025. District staff met with personnel from Salem ODF regarding outstanding cost collection fires. As a result of this meeting, ten incidents were closed and removed from the Salem database and the district can now move forward with the review and removal of these types of incidents within the CFPA financial system.

The 114th Annual Membership meeting was held on May 2nd at The Mill Casino and was well attended.

The district was audited by the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) on May 28th for the O'Brien Creek Fire and had no findings. The cost share reconciliation for the Oak Flat and Anvil fires of fire season 2023 was completed September 5th allowing the district to send an invoice to the US Forest Service for the two fires. Payment was received in late November.

The Business Unit transitioned to the TEAMS platform for Human Resources documents. This helps streamline the processes of recruiting, onboarding, hiring, terminating and employee changes, while also minimizing the transportation of confidential documents throughout the district.

The district's line of credit was utilized to end the fiscal year. Outstanding revenues continue to be an issue and included the delay of BLM progress billings and revenues from the Oak Flat and Anvil fires. The credit line was repaid upon receiving the Public Share Fire Funding (PSFF) from the state. The Fall Board Meeting was held November 26th at The Mill Casino.

The EFCC Directive and Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF) statutes were revised in 2024, changing eligibility for large fire costs and how they are reported. The district is preparing to accommodate these changes and has created new reporting formats to facilitate timely reimbursement for eligible district cost. The changes will take effect on January 1, 2025.



Mike Robison Retirement—49 Years

2024 SERVICE AWARDS

Jeff Dolan	10 Years
Allen Miller	15 Years
Cody Pritchett	10 Years



2024 Service Awards

ADMINISTRATION



COOPERATIVE WORK PROGRAM

The Association continues to collaborate with various partners to provide year-round employment opportunities for several employees. This maintains employees on the payroll, allowing them to build professional relationships with local partners.

This year, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues to employ five employees under the Fire and Ice Program, working across the Port Orford, Davis Slough, and Reedsport areas. Additionally, the City of Coos Bay employs two Association staff, assisting with parks and facility maintenance. Manulife Investment Management and Weyerhaeuser Company each employ one CFPA employee, focusing on tree planting inspections. ODF's Coos Unit supplies co-op funding to the district's dispatcher positions, allowing office coverage for both ODF and CFPA year-round.

2024 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Oregon Department of Forestry
Weyerhaeuser Company
Manulife Investment Management
Oregon Department of Transportation
City of Coos Bay



Weyerhaeuser Stocking Surveying

GRANT FUNDING

CFPA continues to prioritize grant funding as a key driver for fuels reduction efforts, particularly in the spring and fall. This strategic focus not only supports the critical work of reducing fire risks but also extends the employment duration for select seasonal staff.

In addition to the Allegany fuels reduction project, the Coos Bay office secured two additional grants from the Oregon State Fire Marshal in 2023, totaling \$225,000. These grants were applied in the spring of 2024 to further expand fuels reduction work, with a primary focus on developing defensible space throughout Coos County. The Western States Grant being utilized for defensible space work in Curry County has been extended through 2026.

SAFETY

Safety and welfare of employees has always been at the forefront of CFPA's business. The district's safety committee worked on updates to the District Safety Plan, updating the driver's training and personal protective equipment (PPE). Safety Committee members worked to create task books to reinforce skills from the driver training course as part of the effort to improve driving safety and ensure proper vehicle operators across the district. Updating of the district's bloodborne pathogen control and exposure plan were completed. The district's quarterly building inspections were updated. The district continues to be an active member of the Southwest Oregon Peer Support Team (SOPST). This volunteer group provides support across the district to emergency response agencies experiencing a critical incident.

CFPA recorded its highest number of exposure hours, at least for the past twenty years, during 2024 with 140,085 hours. CFPA had 15 work-related injuries during 2024, 60% of which were poison oak/ivy related. The district had one time-loss injury for the year, which occurred on the Bottom Creek Fire. Poison oak allergic reactions continue to be the leading cause of injury reports for the district, accounting for 42% of injuries since 2002. The district also experienced eight vehicle incidents for the year.

In December, the district received ten new portable automatic external defibrillator (AED) units, generously donated by Gib's RV of Coos Bay. These units were distributed for placement in the satellite offices and command vehicles.

2024 CHRONOLOGY

January	ODF Cost Collection Meeting at Coos Bay
February	Mike Robison's official retirement Protection Level Study Committee Meeting
March	CFPA deployed Type 6 Engine to Texas as part of ODF strike team ODF Incident Management Team training at Sunriver; Mike White retired from IMT3 after 15 years of service
April	Son-Cal conference held in Fortuna, Calif. First pre-season fires of 2024, due to extended dry weather
May	Annual Spring Board of Directors and Membership meetings held in Coos Bay EFCC Audit in Coos Bay Noel Harrison with FireWeb came to the Coos Bay Office for training and FireWeb development
June	Fire Season began June 14th BLM WOOP revised and signed for 2024-2029 Fire School held at Camp Fircroft June 24th-29th
July	Apex Helicopters contract started July 15th CFPA deployed personnel to support simultaneous deployment of all three ODF IMTs Bill Creek Lane Fire on July 22nd
August	Historic monthly rainfall received across the district ODF Team 1 deployed to Lane 1 Fire
September	Flat Fire and Anvil Fire cost share reconciliations on Sept. 5th Coos Bay & Fourmile Open Houses Bottom Creek Fire started September 17th
October	Apex Helicopter contract ended October 2nd CFPA Recruitment Day with local high schools Fire Season terminated October 21st
November	Tyler attended SOA Fire Season Review Fall Board Meeting November 26th in Coos Bay
December	District Safety Dinner held December 6th CFPA's Winter Fire School Program began at Coquille, North Bend and Winter Lakes High Schools



Slash Burning at Perkins Creek

SLASH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

YEAR	UNITS	ACRES
2024	269	10,871
2023	366	13,023
2022	364	4,379
2021	296	4,586
2020	266	3,003
AVERAGE	312	7,172



GRAZE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

YEAR	UNITS	ACRES
2024	1	70
2023	4	143
2022	5	278
2021	1	60
2020	5	186
AVERAGE	3	147

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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ACRES

CAMPBELL GLOBAL GROUP	26881.61	
FAIRVIEW TIMBER (OREGON), LLC		23184.06
FRANKLIN CLARKSON TIMBER COMPANY, LLC		3697.55
CHARLIE & SHARON WATERMAN TRUST		513.56
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS		6639.91
COOS BAY-NORTH BEND WATER BOARD		3085.21
COOS COUNTY		18955.95
DOUGLAS COUNTY LANDS		3638.97
G3 RANCHES GROUP	1180.99	
G-3 RANCHES #1		319.95
G-3 RANCHES #2		861.04
HILDEBRAND RANCHES LLC		267.48
LONE ROCK TIMBER GROUP	49357.76	
LONE ROCK TIMBER COMPANY		11028.98
LONE ROCK TIMBER INVESTMENTS - MDB LAND COMPANY		3644.83
LONE ROCK TT LANDCO LLC		33164.93
JUNIPER PROPERTIES, LLC		1281.95
UMPQUA COQUILLE, LLC		237.07
MANULIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FOREST MANAGEMENT INC.	181028.04	
ARGOS US FOREST REIT, LLC		19998.21
CHINOOK SILVA, LLC		31061.80
HANCOCK TIMBER FARMLAND FUND		75768.59
JOHN HANCOCK FUNDING GROUP		12392.22
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO		41807.22
MASON, BRUCE AND GIRARD INC	63619.15	
BAVARIAN OLYMPUS TIMBER, LLC		14681.17
ENGLES TIMBERLAND PROPERTIES LLC		798.55
FIA TIMBER GROWTH & VALUE MASTER, LLC		26643.12
HAAS WILLIAM D 1961 TRUST		1586.40
KEYSTONE FOREST INVESTMENTS, LLC		4711.30
NEW GROWTH OLYMPUS, LLC		12230.05
UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY		2968.56
MCKENZIE FLORAS CREEK TIMBERLAND LLC		618.23
MOORE MILL & LUMBER COMPANY		43733.06
MORRILL AND SONS, L.P.		1528.70
ROSEBURG RESOURCES GROUP	123544.89	
MT. SCOTT HOLDING CO. LLC		3717.80
ROSEBURG RESOURCES CO.		119147.09
SCOTT TIMBER		680.00
SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES		3854.82
SILVER BUTTE COMPANY		3460.23
SOUTH COAST LUMBER GROUP	105933.33	
CHETCO RESOURCES, LLC		46958.19
CLR TIMBER HOLDINGS		156.92
PISTOL RESOURCES, LLC		31509.02
ROGUE RESOURCES, LLC		26996.30
SOUTH COAST LUMBER COMPANY		312.90
SWEETHILLS TIMBER COMPANY		2008.85
WEYERHAEUSER - COOS BAY TIMBERLANDS	154960.62	
WEYERHAEUSER COOS BAY TIMBER LANDS		264.16
WEYERHAEUSER TIMBER HOLDINGS		154696.46
WILLIAM H. & PAMELA J. HITNER TRUST		3125.81

2024

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FY July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Timber Grazing

District Acreage 1,513,220 74,737

District Budget \$9,451,092

District Assessment Rate (Per Acre)

Private Landowners \$2.9119 \$2.3176

Public Landowners \$5.7737 \$4.5601

Private Land Assistance (50%) \$2.8619 \$2.2426

EFC Acreage Assessment \$0.05 \$0.075

Minimum Assessment Lots - \$18.75
Improved Lot Surcharge - \$47.50



Training at Riley Ranch



New Heavy Transport #62



Non-Stat Jordan Cove



Buck Creek



Bailey Beach



Bay Area Hospital 50 Years



Saw Team in North Carolina Hurricane Recovery



