

Petition to the Joint Ways and Means Committee From Oregon Forest Land Owners

Petition summary and background

The undersigned landowners respectfully request the Joint Ways and Means Committee fund ODF's budget by restoring cut recommendations in the GRB to core programs, including Fire Protection and Private Forests.

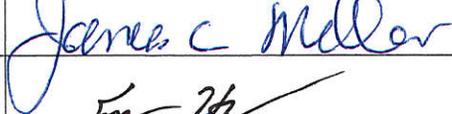
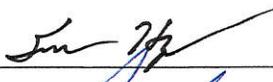
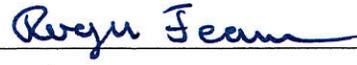
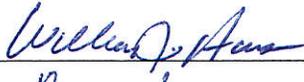
We further petition the Legislature to honor the commitments to Fire Protection as instituted in the Wildfire Protection Act (2013), including

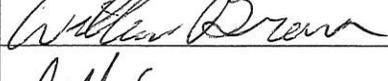
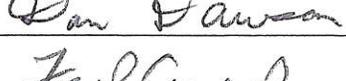
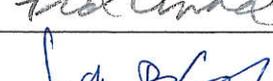
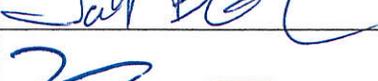
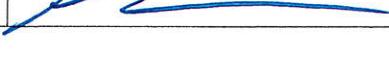
1. Funding base fire protection 50-50 with landowners;
2. Matching landowner contributions, dollar for dollar, toward \$20mm of Emergency Protection costs;
3. Crediting the \$13.6 million annual contribution by landowners of in-kind ground resources toward ODF's Administrative pro-rate charge;
4. Maintaining rate relief for Eastern Oregon landowners in high fire districts with less productive lands; and
5. FULLY FUNDING A COMPLETE AND COORDINATED FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT ERRODE INITIAL ATTACK CAPABILITY.

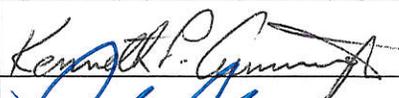
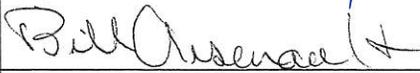
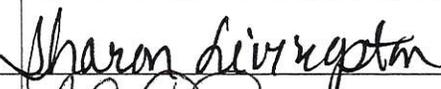
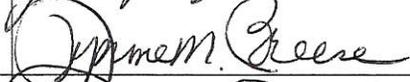
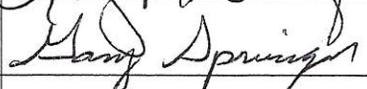
The Governor's Budget (GB) proposes to substantially reduce key staffing within both the Fire Protection Division and the Private Forests Division. Due to the unique make-up of ODF funding, the reduction in General Fund (GF) dollars ultimately equates to deeper cuts as equal amounts must be cut from cooperating fund sources, such as landowner dollars. The GB reductions will create a loss of 33 seasonal firefighters (10 FTE), or 5% of the seasonal staffing, and an additional 19 positions (17 FTE) in Private Forests, including 9 stewardship foresters. Conversely, the GB recommends continued funding of the Federal Forest Restoration Program with \$4.4 million in lottery funds. The FFRP has the potential to be a beneficial program for our federal forests, however, in addition to structural changes needed in measurement of productivity within the program, the investment of state dollars to subsidize federal forest work when Oregon's fire suppression staff are potentially being reduced is both illogical and irresponsible. It is imperative that the legislature recognize ODF's core mission principles and fund the department in a way that ensures the current level of service in both fire protection and forest protection.

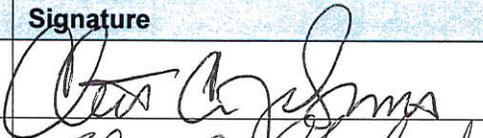
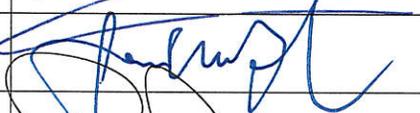
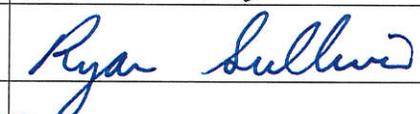
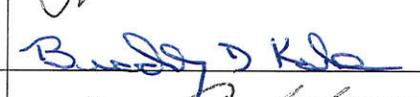
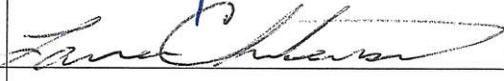
Contextually important to this conversation, and to understanding the long-standing relationship between ODF and Oregon's Forest Land Owners, is the Wildfire Protection Act (WPA). Passed in the 2013 legislation, the WPA created equality by instituting a cost-sharing plan for funding large fire costs. 2017 will be the final year of the phased-in plan, finally bringing landowner dollars (through the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund) and GF dollars into balance. Investment in statewide severity funds continue the 50-50 partnership between GF and the OFLPF. The OFLPF contributes \$3 million in statewide severity funding, to be matched with \$2 million from the GF and an additional \$1 million provided as an offset to landowner costs in the more fire prone, lower productivity lands on the East side of the state.

Landowners have been long-standing partners with ODF and continue to be invested in maintaining the complete, coordinated system that is unique to Oregon. This partnership is evident on the ground every fire season as landowners provide engines, staffing, heavy equipment, and additional resources to help fight fires across the ODF protection area. In fact, landowners provide over \$13 million in additional resources. This out-of-pocket investment has been recognized, and equivalence attempted, by the removal of the administration pro-rate costs from the landowner matched funding for the Fire Protection Division. While the landowner contribution is still greater than the admin pro-rate cost, landowners have accepted the offset as part of the 50-50 partnership.

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