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March 28, 2018

Peter Daugherty
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Dear Peter,

On behalf of the Clackamas-Marion Forest Protective Association, I would like to take a few moments of your time to highlight ODF's hard work and to address a concern for 2018 and beyond.

North Cascade District's 2017 fire season was again a triumph because of the excellent work accomplished by ODF employees. The number of statistical fires (36) was lower than the ten-year average, but the amount of work that happened during the fire season cannot be seen within figures. The amount of planning that took place in preparation for the Great American Eclipse led to a story of success. A lot of effort was spent working on the Whitewater and the Eagle Creek fires, the coordination between landowner liaisons, US Forest Service (USFS) and other agencies helped keep the loss on protected lands to a small quantity.

For 2018 and beyond, the biggest worry on everyone's mind is the lack of management by the USFS, forestry professionals are talking about it every chance they get. I'm hopeful that the new Forest Service Chief, Vicki Christiansen will get things moving in an improved direction. Better management is important to all the stakeholders of the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey the association's appreciation for the work done by the North Cascade District.

Sincerely,



Lance Christensen
Clackamas-Marion Forest Protection Association

cc: Andy White, ODF NW Area Director
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April 12, 2018

Mr. Peter Daugherty
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Dear Peter,

On behalf of the Eastern Lane Forest Protective Association, I'd like to thank you for your dedicated leadership throughout 2017. The current political and social challenges facing the Forest Industry and the State of Oregon Department of Forestry are many. Your continued support of the Industry especially related to fire issues is very much appreciated by the Association landowners. I must apologize for the lateness of this letter and I want to emphasize the importance of our annual conversation!

To say the 2017 fire season was challenging is an understatement, and I know you are well versed in the details. I commend the South Cascade District and specifically the Eastern Lane ODF Unit managers and team who rose to meet that incredible challenge. Each and every fire manager, staff member and firefighter worked determinedly throughout the active fire season, often without enough sleep. They were dedicated to protecting private lands which were threatened by adjacent Federal fires - Jones, Avenue and Staley, while also effectively handling a large number of District fire calls.

Having experienced one of the most active and prolonged Federal fire seasons, private landowners, ODF personnel and the entire State fire management system were pushed to the limits of endurance. A shortage of experienced fire managers and overworked ODF personnel is recognized by this Association as unsustainable in the State of Oregon into the future. We are supportive of your efforts to study and improve this situation and ask that you call on us when we can provide advice or support.

Association landowners expended extraordinary time and effort and many bore the extra financial burden of lengthy participation with ODF in protecting private land from the adjacent large USFS fires. This is also not a sustainable condition

for landowners in this district or for the public. Policy changes are crucial for effective private resource protection in the future. The Association agrees that engaging with the USFS at all levels about the importance of aggressive initial and extended attack firefighting vs engaging in long duration fire events is critical. Also important is the realization of the value of private forestlands as well as discussions about mitigating exposure to private lands along adjacent boundaries. These discussions are an important step for minimizing fire risk and costs of Federal fires to private landowners. At the local level, Association landowners will continue to build trusting and effective partnerships with our USFS and BLM neighbors.

On another Federal topic, the expiration of the BLM contract to provide fire prevention and suppression on Western Oregon BLM lands is important to the Association since there are a large number of intermingled acres in the district. The recent BLM Study to calculate the true cost of large fires to the OFLPF and the public, and the disparity in financial support provided by both Oregon landowners and the General Fund vs BLM, is a valuable tool to understanding the financial relationship we have under the current contract. We trust this is being given due consideration to solve this issue in negotiations for a new agreement.

I want to thank South Cascade District Forester Chris Cline and Eastern Lane Unit Forester Michael Curran and the entire ODF staff for their high degree of professionalism and their cohesiveness as a true team. Their positive attitudes and the willingness to tackle the tough jobs, such as Agency Reps for large USFS fires, Forest Land Classification, deferred building maintenance planning for the ODF compound and the restructuring of fire resources to reduce fire program cost to the landowners, is very much appreciated by this Association.

Thank you for your support in keeping our sustainable Private Forests healthy and viable in the state of Oregon in order to provide the environmental and economic benefits of forests for our communities now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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December 4, 2017

Peter Daugherty, State Forester
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Dear Peter,

Eastern Oregon Forest Protection Association (EOFPA) wishes you and your staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As the President of EOFPA, it is my honor to compose the traditional annual communication letter from the EOFPA Board. This tradition is an important communication tool between our association and ODF.

I invite you to attend our next Board meeting, which will be held in John Day on April 25th 2018. This meeting has significance as it marks the 50th year of the EOFPA. We are planning a celebration along with our normal meeting. We plan to invite current and past members of the association, current and retired ODF staff, and Oregon Board of Forestry members, along with lawmakers from the region. We plan to honor the history of the association while looking toward the future. As we get an agenda finalized, I hope we can plan on you attending and saying a few words on behalf of ODF.

Over the last several years the EOFPA has seen membership decline. The current EOFPA Board is planning to identify landowners in the region that may be interested in participating. We plan to use the 50th anniversary of the association as an opportunity to reach out to landowners. It is the Board's hope to grow the EOFPA.

The 2017 fire season was another difficult summer for Oregon. Fortunately the Central and Northeast Oregon District didn't experience the large fires other parts of the state dealt with. Our region set several record ERC's during the summer of 2017 and major preparations were made leading up to the eclipse. There were some tremendous catches of fires during the

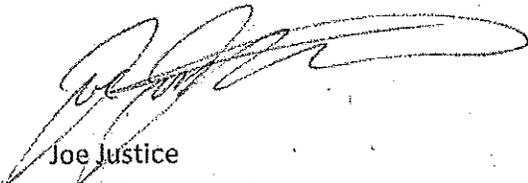
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summer even though detecting fires was challenging due to smoke from fires outside of our region. Once again the use of severity resources helped keep fires small. Because of the draw down of resources across the west, both Districts understood fire starts in our region would only be fought by local resources. The EOFPA Board commends the hard work of local firefighters in both Districts.

The threat of fire coming off of Federal lands continues to be a concern of the EOFPA. We appreciate the hard work of our Federal partners fighting fire in the region but the fuel build up on Federal lands creates hazards that must be addressed. The EOFPA continues to support the work ODF is doing to address this issue.

The loss of \$500,000 of Eastside Rate Relief was disappointing to the EOFPA. As you know, Eastside Rate Relief was part of The Wildfire Protection Act (WPA) that many members of the EOFPA worked hard on. At the time of the WPA passing, it was understood the financial challenges keeping working forest working in Eastern Oregon. The loss of this portion of the rate relief will likely impact rates by ten cents per acre next year. It is important to the EOFPA to continue the dialog about rate relief. It is our hope that the \$500,000 can be restored.

Sincerely,



Joe Justice
President, EOFPA