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"A Partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry"

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April 5, 2019

Peter Daugherty
State Forester
Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
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Dear Peter,

On behalf of the Clackamas-Marion Forest Protective Association, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year.

North Cascade District's 2018 fire season was once more a success because of the excellent work accomplished by ODF employees. The number of humans causing fires always keeps the crews busy in this district. A safe, fast and aggressive response is very important and ODF has done a notable job with that.

The negotiations being done with the BLM protection agreement is something that benefits all of us in Oregon, thank you to the ODF staff that has been working hard on that agreement. I look forward to the day when we have some type of an agreement or whatever it might be, in place to compel the USFS to do more management and aggressive response to wildfires.

Again, we appreciate the efforts of the Oregon Department of Forestry and the hard work they put into a successful 2018. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



Lance Christensen
Clackamas-Marion Forest Protection Association

cc: Andy White, ODF NW Area Director
Steve Wilson ODF North Cascade District Forester

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Klamath Forest Protective Association

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

KLAMATH FALLS OREGON

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE FOREST PROTECTION

To: ODF Protection Division, BLM State of Oregon, BLM Lakeview District

From: Klamath Forest Protection Association

Subject: Acreage Reduction out of the Western Oregon Protection Agreement

We strongly oppose the reduction of acreage proposal that is reflected in the current draft of the ODF/BLM Western Oregon Protection Agreement. The draft leaves out BLM O&C lands in Klamath County, which has been part of the agreement for decades.

Our most troubling concern is that an Adequate Level of Protection (ALP), as mandated by State of Oregon Statutes is not met. While the BLM has their idea of what an adequate level of protection is, we have demonstrated for years what our ALP is by developing, participating in and approving annual budgets and equipment purchases at the local ODF District level. While we understand that the Lakeview District BLM has Initial Attack resources, currently those resources can be hours away, closer to places like Bend and Burns than to the forests of Southwest Klamath County. Under this model, ODF would have to respond to fires on BLM land anyway in order to keep those fires from spreading on to our protected lands. Thus, to keep an ALP without the revenue from O & C land it will cost our landowners and additional \$.20 per acre. Landowners that have hundreds of thousands of acres, this represents a significant overall impact. Limiting this impact would involve reducing firefighters and equipment.

Our system has been developed for over 100 years. Today it is based on efficiencies and effectiveness of a complete and coordinated system. This not only includes Suppression, but Prevention and Detection as well. There are currently no plans in place to address how the BLM will take over these duties. There are no plans in place to communicate this to adjacent affected landowners. Yet, BLM officials at the State Office with little local understanding can destroy a decades old partnership. With 3 months to go until Fire Season, this is the prime set up for a disaster that does not need to happen and will have negative impacts for all of us.

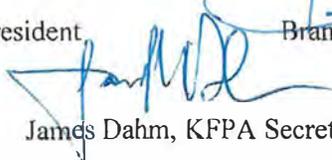
As landowners that have timberlands directly adjacent and intermixed with these checkerboard parcels of BLM, we believe that one protection agency responsible for all these properties is the most efficient and cost effective way to ensure fire protection in this area. We strongly encourage you reconsider this proposal of eliminating O&C BLM lands in Klamath County from the Western Oregon Agreement process either now or at any point in the near future.



M. Brett Johnson, KFFPA President



Brandon Wood, KFFPA Vice President



James Dahm, KFFPA Secretary/Treasurer

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NORTHWEST FOREST PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
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April 19, 2019

Mr. Peter Daugherty
State Forester
Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Mr. Daugherty,

The Northwest Forest Protection Association voted unanimously at its April 11, 2019 semi-annual meeting to approve the 2020 fiscal year operating budget and the level of protection it provides. This year's budget represents an increase of 4.33% over last year's budget. Despite the budget increase, landowners in the Association will see a reduction in the per acre assessment of \$0.1182 or roughly 9.67% due to carryover from previous years.

Northwest Forest Protection Association experienced a typical to below average fire 2019 season. The low number of fires in the area can be attributed to the effectiveness of the "Complete and Coordinated System" hitting on all cylinders. Landowners can arguably be the first link in the system. Many take steps on their own to protect their property that is often times not reported. Beyond owning fire equipment and training employees, landowners implement their own voluntarily guidelines for restricting access to the public and implement strict shutdown requirements for forest activities being performed on their property. A noticeable trend by contractors to purchase fire equipment that exceeds the minimum requirements adds a degree of insurance and enables that piece of equipment to become an asset to be called upon throughout the year. Districts within NWFPA frequently call upon landowners, operators and adjoining Fire Districts for assistance should a fire be reported. Finally; the leadership, professionalism and cooperative attitude displayed by the ODF Protection and District staff's bring all the pieces together into a seamless program that has proven to be quite effective and cost efficient.

Thank you for your leadership and guidance throughout this past year. The challenges faced this year in the legislative area have been many and each one threatens to seriously affect the nature in which we manage our forests for the highest, best use. Your dedication and support is noticed by the landowners in the association and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Rodney L. Jacobs
President, NWFPA

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May 31, 2019

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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Dear Lance,

I greatly appreciated your recent letter acknowledging the successes of the 2018 fire season. Our folks here at the Oregon Department of Forestry value the support you expressed, as do I.

Our agency is also appreciative of the invaluable assistance and resources provided by your Association members. It is because of this combined effort we are able to look back at the 2018 season as a success, especially in the North Cascade District. With more human-caused fires and limited resources across the region due to increased wildfire activity, the value of our partnerships were proven time and again.

As the 2019 season approaches, our fire teams are well prepared, and I'm sure yours are as well. As you know, we have already seen more pre-season fire activity than usual, but I'm confident in the competence and resolve of our people to vigilantly protect Oregon's forestlands again this season.

ODF has signed a five-year operating plan with the BLM for the protection of the 2.3 million acres of BLM administered O&C lands in western Oregon, continuing the decades-old partnership between the BLM and ODF. We will also continue strengthening our relationship with the USFS and look for new opportunities to partner together, such as through the Shared Stewardship program.

Again, thank you for your confidence in our agency and the long-standing partnership.

Sincerely,

Peter Daugherty
Oregon State Forester



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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the BLM Western Oregon Protection Agreement. We understand your concerns and are committed to continuing to work with BLM to find the best way to provide wildfire prevention, detection and suppression throughout Oregon.

I wholeheartedly agree that Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system is an efficient and effective approach to fire protection. That system relies partnerships like the one between our two organizations.

ODF has signed a five-year operating plan with the BLM for the protection of 2.3 million acres of BLM-administered O&C lands in western Oregon. The Klamath Resource Area acres are currently under a one-year agreement; however, our Protection Division leadership—including ODF's Klamath Falls District Forester Dennis Lee—assure me that they will continue working toward keeping those acres in the agreement. We understand that the Adequate Level of Protection standards are also of concern and are taking those into consideration as we work toward a solution.

Thank you for your continued support and shared commitment to our long-standing partnership. Ron Graham, Deputy Chief of Fire Protection for ODF, is our agency's point on the BLM agreement. Please don't hesitate to reach out to either Ron or myself if you have any questions or concerns about the agreement.

Sincerely,

Peter Daugherty
Oregon State Forester



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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Dear Rodney,

Thank you for your recent letter acknowledging the successes of the 2018 fire season. As with seasons past, we could not have been successful without the support provided by Association members statewide, including those from the Northwest Forest Protection Association.

I wholeheartedly agree with your assessment of the effectiveness of Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system. That system relies on strong partnerships between landowners, Associations, forest operators, government agency cooperators, and the fire contracting community. The relationship between our organizations serves as a solid example of what makes this system work.

As I'm sure you are aware, we have seen more fire activity than usual prior to the start of fire season. That makes it even more important that all parts of the complete and coordinated system are ready to come together again to aggressively attack fires while they are still small to minimize costs and losses.

Finally, thank you for the invite to your annual meeting. I enjoyed the meeting and appreciated the opportunity to further strengthen the connection between ODF and NFPA and show our support for an important partner in the complete and coordinated system.

Sincerely,

Peter Daugherty
Oregon State Forester