



# HARNEY COUNTY COURT

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Oregon Department of Forestry  
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Greetings,

Harney County is very appreciative and fortunate to have the services of all seven Rangeland Fire Protection Associations in our County. With over 10,000 square miles to cover in this sparsely populated frontier area of Oregon, they give us a peace of mind for fire suppression.

We understand that the Silver Creek RFPA is asking to increase their protection area to include the Double 'O' road and along Highway 20 to the east. We give our full support to their request for this expansion area and more.

The initial attack on a fire in this high desert rangeland is of utmost importance. The RFPA's are the best tool in the tool kit to provide that attack.

Again, we are here in full support of the RFPA's. Thank you for what you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Runnels".

Harney County Court  
Pete Runnels – Judge  
Mark Owens – Commissioner  
Patty Dorroh - Commissioner