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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

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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,

P.J. Daugherty

Peter Daugherty
Oregon State Forester