



Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Resource Agreements



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Background



ODF secures a complement of trained firefighting resource vendors via pre-season Incident Resource Agreements (IRAs).

Having these pre-season agreements in place enables ODF districts to ensure that an additional level of resources is accessible when federal resources may be deployed elsewhere.

IRAs provide avenues for independent contractors to assist with the firefighting efforts in their communities and across the state.

The administration and management of all statewide IRA resources is being provided centrally by the Protection Contract Services Unit (PCSU) in the ODF Protection Division.

In 2022, the PCSU processed and executed applications for over 370 contractors on IRAs. Resources include:

- 413 Type 2 Crews
- 72 Faller Single, Faller Mods
- 55 Medical (staff, ambulances, BCMU, REMS)
- 240 Dozers
- 205 Excavators
- 186 Water Tenders
- 136 Engines
- 143 Log Truck/Loader/Shovel/Processors
- 92 Skidders/Skidgines
- 62 Feller Bunchers
- 60 Runners
- 41 Mulcher Masticators
- 40 Dump Trucks
- 14 Chippers
- 5 Mobile Showers
- 648 additional pieces of equipment, transports, overhead positions and services/supplies

Updates for 2023



The PCSU is at the beginning of the 2022 fire season After-Action-Review (AAR) process. The staff participates on a number of review venues, including:

- ODF fall area staff meetings
- ODF protection leadership meetings
- ODF agency-wide survey
- PNWCG contracting committee meetings
- USFS interagency business workshop
- USFS MOU training association meetings

During these venues, we listen and gather information from our stakeholder groups regarding what worked well and what improvements can be made to the IRA program to meet future needs for ODF incident firefighting capacity, industry/vendor accessibility and partnering agency resource accessibility when needed.



2023 Updates Contd.

An ODF IRA Committee was formed in early 2022 to assist and advise ODF's Protection Division on the structure and implementation of the IRAs to maximize efficiency of the state's wildfire response capacity and to provide an effective voice for the field's fire business and resource needs by working with the PCSU to promote successful outcomes for the agency and stakeholders as a whole.

The purpose and objectives of the committee are to provide guidance and recommendations to the PCSU in regards to firefighting resources agreements standards and operating procedures and focus on mission critical needs by identifying and reviewing current and long-term issues and successes relating to resource agreements in an effort to implement sustainable solutions.

The committee has reconvened in November to begin an assessment of needs based on the 2022 AARs and make recommendations to agency leadership for the 2023 and future fire seasons. Committee meetings will be held on a monthly basis through June 2023, temporarily be suspended during 2023 fire season activity, and reconvene in the fall of 2023.

Committee representatives are established for each ODF geographic area as well as operations, finance, dispatch and contract administration subject matter experts. Committee representatives are responsible to collect and disseminate information as relevant from/to ODF field staff and cooperators/stakeholders within their purview.

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Findings based on the 2022 AAR topics, and the resulting recommendations and agency leadership approvals moving forward will likely result in formal modifications being made to the current IRA.

The timeframe for the updated IRA with modifications to be posted on our website is expected for April 2023, with an open application period for new/existing vendors to add/modify resources and submit rate updates. The application period will likely remain open until mid-July 2023.

Broad communication regarding the IRA modification specifications, 2023 rate guide and application timelines will be made by the PCSU via web page updates. For existing contractors, additional communication will be made via email and hard copy correspondence.

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