

Oregon Department of Forestry

2017 Report – Tribal-State Agency Government-to-Government Relations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oregon Department of Forestry offers this 2017 Tribal-State Agency Government-to-Government report, with continuing dedication to working cooperatively with Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribal nations to effectively steward our valued forest resources.

In early 2016, the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Executive Team reaffirmed the agency’s commitment to Government-to-Government relations and have implemented a number of related initiatives that are outlined in this report. Throughout the year, ODF representatives attended various tribal events, cluster gatherings and other meetings. Agency leadership -- from the Board of Forestry and the State Forester on down -- have set an ever-higher trajectory of partnership and collaboration for the current year.

This report outlines specific activities in which ODF is engaged in Government-to-Government activities at the divisional and programmatic levels, as well as throughout our field operations. While there is always more to accomplish and avenues for improvement, the Oregon Department of Forestry continues to offer the hand of respect and friendship to Oregon’s tribal nations and looks forward to strengthening these relationships and developing news partnerships in 2018.

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"Stewardship in Forestry"

Oregon Department of Forestry *2017 Government-to-Government Report On Tribal Relations*

October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

INTRODUCTION

During 2017, the [Oregon Department of Forestry](#) continued its communication and coordination with Oregon's federally recognized tribes as it conducted its business of forestry. This involvement is reflected in agency policy and agreements, training, education, informational materials, and participation in opportunities that improve employee knowledge and skills, including direct consultation, communication and cooperation. This report provides an overview on agency-wide activities, division/program summaries and service delivery from field offices.

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Agency's Designated Representative

Deputy State Forester Nancy Hirsch remains ODF's liaison to tribal nations. Nancy is assisted by Dave Lorenz and Private Forests Division Field Coordinator Keith Baldwin, and others within the agency as appropriate/necessary.

AGENCY-WIDE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ALL TRIBES

Strengthening Government-to-Government Actions within ODF

In early 2016, ODF's Executive Team meeting focused on the topic of Government-to-Government discussions including affirmation of Executive Team member roles and expectations, employee roles, recent experiences and observations, identification of opportunities for improvement, a status report on ODF policy and training requirements, and recommendations moving forward. The team renewed the agency's commitment to Government-to-Government and strengthening relationships with the tribes – from consultation at the appropriate points in decision-making processes, to educating and training employees at varying levels (from new employees through Executive Team members). There were also recommendations to review and, if needed, update the current ODF policy directive to ensure that it

aligns with statute and reflects the current agency policy, as well as updating, finalizing, or developing any other associated agreements and procedures/guidance to further implement the policy.

Recommendations also included increased awareness and training in Government-to-Government relationships at the agency's Leadership Team level, which were addressed at Leadership Team meetings throughout 2017, including a September meeting in North Bend (additional information on this specific activity is included later in this report). The Executive Team also approved added capacity to focus on increasing Government-to-Government relations and implementation: Keith Baldwin was appointed to a limited duration position from January through June 2017 that focused on revising policies and procedures, communications – with tribes, within ODF, and with other agencies/entities – and recommendations moving forward. Procedures include awareness and protection of cultural resources and human remains inadvertently discovered during emergency and non-emergency operations

Specific Government-to-Government Activities

- ***Involvement with Cultural Resources Cluster.*** Cluster meetings were held in December 2016, and in March and May 2017. Private Forests Division Field Coordinator Keith Baldwin and Organizational Development Manager Carlos Rodriguez attended these meetings. Joe Touchstone attended the meeting in May and provided a FERNS (Forestry Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System) subscriber demonstration.
- ***Involvement with Natural Resources Work Group.*** ODF Southern Oregon Area Director Dave Lorenz co-chaired the work group (with Jason Robison, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians) during 2017, with Public Affairs Specialist Jeri Chase providing additional logistical support. Two meetings were held in 2017 – one on March 17 and another on September 20. In addition to Dave and Jeri, ODF Monitoring and Forest Health Coordinator Terry Frueh also attended both of these meetings, and Forest Practices Field Coordinator Keith Baldwin attended in September, presenting on the Oregon Forest Practices Act and the Endangered Species Act.” At these same meetings, Terry presented on the “Oregon Forest Pest Detector Program” and Sarah Navarro gave a presentation on Sudden Oak Death.
- ***LCIS Fall Gathering and Annual Training.*** On November 1, Nancy Hirsch, Dave Lorenz, Keith Baldwin, and Ron Zilli, State Forests Field and Policy Manager, attended the LCIS Fall Gathering and Annual Training in Lincoln City.
- ***LCIS Government-to-Government Annual Summit.*** On Nov. 2, 2017, Dave Lorenz, Keith Baldwin and Ron Zill, State Forests Field and Policy Manager, attended the LCIS Annual Summit meeting in Lincoln City.
- ***Tribal Governments Day and Brown Bag Lunch Conversation.*** On February 9, State Forester Peter Daugherty, Nancy Hirsch, Ron Zilli, Terry Frueh and Keith Baldwin attended the Tribal Governments Day event at the Oregon State Capitol. That same day, Peter and Keith also participated in a brown bag luncheon conversation with LCIS and Tribal members.

- **Tribal Celebration Day.** On May 18, Nancy Hirsch, Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief, Ron Zilli, Tod Haren, State Forests Resource Analyst, Patty Cate, State Forests Land Specialist, and Keith Baldwin attended the Tribal Celebration day at the Oregon State Capitol.
- **Legislative Commission on Indian Services Interaction.** On February 8, State Forester Peter Daugherty introduced himself to the commission about his Government-to-Government philosophy and thoughts on Oregon's forests. Peter is committed to including input from the tribes in shaping policy recommendations and also offered to meet personally with tribes and/or tribal members. Nancy Hirsch and Keith Baldwin also attended the meeting, and Jeri Chase provided meeting support. On October 3, Private Forests Division Chief Lena Tucker attended the LCIS meeting in Kah-Nee-Tah and presented on the 2017 fire season and the state's role in detection, monitoring and eradication treatments of Sudden Oak Death Syndrome.
- **2017 Archaeology Awareness Training.** Eight agency employees attended the 2017 Archaeological Awareness Training, offered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, April 4-7, 2017 in The Dalles. Attendees at this training included employees from around the state with responsibilities in the Private Forests, State Forests, and Fire Protection divisions – front-line foresters working on forestry and fire operations, as well as unit managers. This leads to ongoing knowledge transfer from this training and internal training on ODF responsibilities and processes to protect cultural resources. Over the past few years, over 100 ODF employees have attended this training. Leaders in many ODF districts have commented on the value of this training and their intent to continue to send employees as the opportunity is offered.
- **New Employee Orientation.** On February 9, 2017, Perry Chocktoot, Klamath Tribes Cultural Resources Director, presented on the history of the Klamath Tribes and their culture to the ODF New Employee Orientation training class. This was a class of about 46 employees who were relatively new to the agency and attending required training.
- **Oregon Geographic Names Board.** With Doug Decker's retirement as Oregon State Forester, State Forests Division Chief Liz Dent is now serving as the Oregon Department of Forestry's representative to the Oregon Geographic Names Board, There were no specific actions over the past year that apply to state forest lands.

DIVISION AND PROGRAM SUMMARIES RELATING TO ALL TRIBES

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The Private Forests Division is responsible for enforcement of the Forest Practices Act and other federal and state rules and laws on approximately 10.7 million acres of private forest lands. The Division also provides landowner assistance to small forest landowners so that they can achieve their management objectives for their forestlands.

Riparian Rulemaking. The Board of Forestry ruled in November 2015 to increase buffers and tree retention standards on small or medium fish-bearing streams determined to have salmon, steelhead or bull trout present, west of the crest of the Cascades (excluding the Siskiyou region). The decision

included options to provide economic relief for some landowners and a prescription for streams that run in an east-west direction to tailor protections to the path of the sun. A rulemaking advisory committee was established by the Board to provide input on key policy matters, rule language and fiscal impact. The Board adopted the committee's consensus policy recommendations.

The Board directed the department to begin rulemaking for the Riparian/Salmon-Steelhead-Bull Trout rules, with proposed rule language approved by the committee. Multiple public hearings on the proposed rules were held in November and early December 2016, with the public comment period ending on March 1, 2017. The department summarized public input and developed a hearings report for the committee and Board. See also www.oregon.gov/ODF at [Streamside \(Riparian\) Buffer Rules](#).

Online Public Subscriptions to Notifications of Forest Operations. The department launched a free electronic subscriber service for notifications of forest operations. Notifications are not permits approved by the Department. Anyone may register to receive electronic notifications of any proposed forest operations by designating their area and/or activity of interest. The subscriber then may comment on the written plans for these proposed forest operations within 14 days of the notifications being filed. A demonstration of the electronic subscription service was presented to the Cultural Resource Cluster at the May, 2017 meeting.

Aerial Herbicide Application. ORS 527.672 was added to the Oregon Forest Practices Act via Section 21 of HB 3549, which was adopted in the 2015 Regular Session. The restrictions on aerial herbicide applications within ORS 527.672 took effect starting January 1, 2016. To help implement the regulations, the department developed guidance, which became effective January 1, 2017 and will remain until it is replaced with administrative rules and/or updated guidance.

Bald Eagle Rule Changes. The Board of Forestry rescinded rules for bald eagle roost, perch, and nesting sites in acknowledgment of the delisting of bald eagles from the federal and state endangered species act. The Board modified the protection measures for the bald eagle and moved the rules language to the Sensitive Bird Nesting, Roosting and Watering Sites rule section. Bald eagles are still protected under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Monitoring questions – streamside protection in the Siskiyou and eastern Oregon. In November 2016, the Oregon Board of Forestry directed ODF to work with stakeholders to identify specific monitoring questions to review Forest Practices standards for streamside protection in the Siskiyou and eastern Oregon geographic areas. ODF has conducted outreach on this project to a range of potentially affected or interested groups and nations, including the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon. Each tribe received a letter, email and phone call requesting their input on priority monitoring questions through an online survey meant to allow ODF to share the range of feedback from contacted groups, individuals and tribal nations at a future meeting with the Board of Forestry. The offer was also extended for ODF staff to personally visit tribal offices to further explain the project goals. Meetings were held with natural resources staff of three tribes, including one webinar (necessitated due to weather constraints on travel). A total of six survey responses were received representing perspectives from five different tribal entities, appearing to consist mostly of natural resources personnel. Survey responses will not be interpreted as representing official tribal positions or opinions. ODF will continue outreach and engagement with the tribes as this project progresses.

The board directed ODF to commence a rule analysis process for the marbled murrelet, beginning with ODF conducting an initial review of a related petition submitted to the Oregon Board of Forestry. In the fall 2017, ODF began developing a technical report, which will include an expert panel review.

Forest Health Program. As of 2016, ODF added the natural resource lead staff contact for the nine federally recognized Tribes to the ODF distribution list for the *Forest Health Highlights*. The *Highlights* is an annual summary of overall forest health conditions. Information is gathered through a variety of means, including aerial survey. Every year, ODF cooperates with the U.S. Forest Service to map forest insect and disease damage on over 30 million acres of forest – essentially every forested acre in Oregon, regardless of ownership type.

In 2017, ODF reached out to tribal nations to request participation in developing the Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan. This plan will serve as a guide for the state of Oregon to actively prevent the introduction of the Emerald Ash Borer and to control and manage any populations that could arrive in the future. Employees from the Forest Health Unit presented a summary of this effort to the State-Tribal Natural Resources Workgroup in September, and followed up with several emails and phone calls.

Also at the September 2017 State-Tribal Natural Resources Workgroup meeting, ODF Forest Health Unit staff presented information on two other forest health topics: Sudden Oak Death and the Oregon Forest Pest Detector Program. ODF partnered with OSU Extension, ODA and several other groups to create the detector program, designed for professionals who work in and around trees and who are likely the first to encounter new pests and diseases. Using videos, online presentations, classroom sessions, and training courses in forest stands, foresters, arborists, park rangers and landscapers receive training about the common signs and symptoms of invasive pests.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry manages approximately 730,000 acres of state forest lands for environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Alternative Forest Management Plan for Northwest Oregon. In 2012, the Oregon Board of Forestry undertook a planning process to ensure that the State Forests Division – the division charged with managing, monitoring, and conserving state forestland, and financially supported almost entirely by revenue from timber sales – would continue to be financially viable in the coming years following the economic recession. In addition, the Board tasked staff with creating a plan that was not only financially viable, but would also improve conservation over time in northwest Oregon state forests. This planning process has included substantial public involvement, and the Board continues to study options for meeting these financial and conservation goals.

Cultural Resources Interagency Agreement. The State Forests Division has an interagency agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to have professional archaeologists review proposed timber sales for cultural resources. Through this agreement, the ODOT archaeologist gains access to the cultural resource database maintained by the State Historic Preservation Office, which will help the Division prevent inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and assist the Division with efforts to ensure cultural resources are protected or avoided during management activities. Planned management activities continue to be evaluated through this process, and modifications are made to address the presence of cultural resources prior to finalizing the plans.

Elliott State Forest. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of State Lands assumed management duties as the owners of the 82,500 acres of Common School Forest Lands in the Elliott State Forest. While fire protection responsibilities in the area continue to be provided by the Coos Forest Protective Association, remaining ODF responsibility includes Forest Practices administration, Sudden Oak Death abatement, and management of the 11,000 acres of forestlands that are not part of the Elliott State Forest. The termination of ODF's management role reduced staffing level needs in the ODF Coos Bay office, necessitating an organizational change. The geographical base of the former Coos District is now managed as a unit of the Western Lane District. The district now includes nine Stewardship Foresters and manages 37,000 acres of forestland over all or part of four counties. In addition, the district continues to provide fire protection on 756,000 acres in western Lane and northern Douglas counties.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry protects 16 million acres of private and public forestlands, including the Bureau of Land Management forestlands west of the Cascades, from wildfire. Services provided include fire prevention, suppression and investigation. Coordination with Tribes is accomplished primarily at the local level through relationships that work together on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition to this, when a fire becomes large, there is specific outreach and coordination with tribes at the local level and often through the Incident Commander of Incident Management Teams. Tribal representatives are frequently present at planning meetings, shift briefings or other meetings.

2017 Fire Season. Heavy winter snowfall and a wet spring did not prevent a significant fire season in 2017, a season that included record-setting fire indices across much of the state. While the actual number of total fire starts was not exceptional, a significantly larger number of acres burned than the past decade's average. Several fires in Oregon started on wilderness areas, which made it more difficult to mount an aggressive initial attack and ultimately achieve containment.

On ODF-protected lands, more acres burned than average (approximately 46,000 compared to a 10-year average of 35,000), and about a dozen wildfires starting on other jurisdictions spread to lands protected by ODF and the forest protective associations. Those fires accounted for about 55 percent of the total acres burned on ODF-protected lands, with just one fire – Chetco Bar – accounting for about half of those total acres. Fires that started on ODF-protected lands only accounted for 21,270 acres burned, with three-quarters of that acreage due to one fire – the Horse Prairie Fire. More than 1,000 other fires started on ODF-protected lands; however, they burned a total of fewer than 4,900 acres – an average of less than five acres each. About 95 percent of all fires originating on ODF-protected lands were caught at 10 acres or less.

Aggressive initial attack, pre-positioned resources (including those provided through special legislative appropriations), and cooperation and assistance from stakeholders, landowners and partners helped contribute to successes during the 2017 season. ODF Incident Management Teams were dispatched to two large fires in southwest Oregon – the 600-acre Flounce Fire, about 20 miles north of Medford and the 16,000-acre Horse Prairie Fire, about 15 miles west of Canyonville.

Since many of the state's significant wildfires started on non-ODF protected forestlands, the agency was deeply involved in collaborative efforts with other fire agencies working to suppress fires at initial attack or to limit the spread of uncontained fires onto ODF-protected lands. Other hallmarks of the 2017 fire season included significant impacts from heavy smoke, often throughout much of the state, for several days during August and early September. In addition to the possible health effects from high particulate levels, the smoke hampered detection of new fires, interfered with aircraft's ability to attack fires from the air, and directly impacted aviation transportation, including life flights of patients to medical facilities.

Fire Statistics on ODF-protected Forestlands. Following are the fire statistics for the 2017 calendar year through November 30, 2017, along with statistics for the past 10-year average over the same period of time.

Number of Fires and Acres Burned – January 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017:

Human-Caused Fires: 782 Fires Burned 21,249 Acres
Lightning-Caused Fires: 291 Fires Burned 24,415 Acres
Total: 1,073 Fires Burned 45,664 Acres

Number of Fires and Acres Burned – 10-Year Average for January 1 through November 30:

Human-Caused: An Average 681 Fires Burned an Average 6,101 Acres
Lightning-Caused: An Average 278 Fires Burned an Average 28,448 Acres
Total: An Average 959 Fires Burned an Average 34,550 Acres

Industrial Fire Prevention Rule Changes in 2017. The Oregon Board of Forestry approved changes to the department's industrial fire precaution level administrative rules, which became effective July 1, 2017. The revised rules reflect clarification, updates and changes to fire prevention rules and requirements for industrial operations based on changing technology and logging practices. The rule changes also address areas of inconsistency with similar rules. The rules increase requirements in some areas, while reducing requirements in other areas. Revised rules included changes to water supply and delivery, fire tools and extinguishers, Watchman (Firewatch) Service, operation area prevention, and power saws.

Smoke Management Review. Prescribed forest burning is a valuable forest management tool in appropriate situations, such as preparing a site for replanting or reducing excess fuels on an overstocked forestlands, thereby reducing wildfire risk. Oregon's Smoke Management Plan, adopted in 1972 as a requirement to meet the federal Clean Air Act, identifies ODF as the agency to regulate the number and size of burns, based on weather and wind conditions, to minimize smoke intrusion into populated areas. Every five years an advisory group is formed to review the plan and suggest improvements. The current review is being conducted by the Smoke Management Program Review Committee, which formed in June 2017. The committee's charge is to recommend improvements to ODF and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for using controlled burns to improve forest health and protect nearby residents from wildfire while minimizing impacts on communities to protect public health. The 20-person committee is a broad-based group representing a variety of constituencies, and also includes Colin Beck from the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Oregon's Rangeland Protection Associations. Rangeland fire protection associations (RPAs) are non-profit, locally governed independent associations of landowners organized to provide their own fire protection to rangeland in portions of eastern Oregon. These organizations are formed under the authority of the Oregon Board of Forestry and with assistance from ODF, and essentially function as volunteer fire departments. Oregon's unique asset of RPAs brings additional resources to the state's complete and coordinated fire protection system by providing added overall firefighting capacity and protecting rangelands under their jurisdiction. RPAs also serve as potential protection from fire advancing onto other bordering landowners, including tribal lands. There are currently 22 active associations across eastern Oregon that field approximately 800 volunteer firefighters and more than 300 pieces of water-handling fire equipment. These associations protect over four million acres of private land and approximately 500,000 acres of state-owned lands across an area of Oregon exceeding 15 million acres.

During this reporting period, on November 2, 2016, the Oregon Board of Forestry approved a boundary expansion for the Ashwood-Antelope Rangeland Fire Protection Association to incorporate a specific section of Wasco County in the vicinity of Antelope and Shaniko. With this approval, the department will continue work with local landowners and the Ashwood-Antelope Rangeland Fire Protection Association developing mutual aid agreements, providing training as requested, offering FEPP equipment as available, and any other assistance as requested and feasible.

In addition to other benefits that these associations provide, fire is the major threat to greater sage grouse habitat, making rapid fire suppression response in key habitats integral to restoring grouse populations in eastern Oregon. The majority of this habitat lies within areas protected by RPAs. RPA fire equipment is stationed at ranches scattered throughout these core habitat areas, enabling rapid response to fires in that habitat. Funding for RPAs is a central component of Oregon's All-Lands All-Threats Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, which is playing a critical role in creating a stable platform for conserving sage grouse while also assuring the continued economic vitality of eastern Oregon.

Urban & Community Forestry Program

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ODF's urban forestry program helps communities enhance urban health and livability. The program relies upon strong partnerships and cooperative relationships with other organizations and agencies (such as Oregon Community Trees and the U.S. Forest Service) that allows the agency to leverage scarce resources and enable effective service delivery.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Natural Resources Manager Michael Wilson serves on the Oregon Community Tree Board of Directors, which is the statewide urban forestry advisory committee.

Partnership & Planning Program

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This program provides information, research, analysis and planning to assist the Board of Forestry and the department, and identifies funding opportunities, coordinating grants and incentives for forest landowners. The program also supports federal forest restoration activities and contributes to Oregon's

rural economies through local collaborative efforts in rural communities and implementing the federal Good Neighbor Authority.

Oregon Annual Timber Harvest Report. Each year, ODF’s principal economist contacts all Oregon tribes requesting information for the state’s annual Timber Harvest Report. Timber harvest reporting data is available electronically for the years 1962 through 2016, broken out by county and general land ownership categories (including the compilation category of “Native Americans”), on the State of Oregon’s data.Oregon.gov website at <https://data.oregon.gov/Natural-Resources/Timber-Harvest-Data-1942-2015/v7yh-3r7a/data>. This site also has a PDF file of the past 25 years of timber harvest history, and separate PDF files of volume east and west of the Cascades.

ODF Federal Forest Restoration Program. Through collaborative partnerships, the Federal Forest Restoration Program continues to address federal policies that would accelerate the pace, scale and quality of federal forest restoration. The program is expanding on initial restoration work statewide supporting local collaborative groups that demonstrate results and readiness. The Good Neighbor Authority granted in the 2014 Farm Bill allows the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to authorize state foresters to implement forest management activities on federal forestlands.

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Forest Practices Harvest Tax. ODF introduced one legislative concept during the 2017 Legislative Session. A routine part of the budgeting process that is considered and determined every legislative session, this bill established the Forest Products Harvest Tax rate for the 2017-2019 biennium. The tax supports administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, professional education at the Oregon State University’s College of Forestry and the College’s Forest Research Lab.

2017-19 Agency Budget

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The 2017-19 Legislative Approved Budget for the agency is \$445.1 million and 867 FTE.

Oregon Board of Forestry

The seven-member citizen Oregon Board of Forestry is appointed by the Governor and approved by the Oregon Senate to 1) supervise all matters of forest policy within Oregon; 2) appoint the State Forester; 3) adopt rules regulating forest practices; and, 4) provide general supervision of the State Forester’s duties in managing the Oregon Department of Forestry. The Board’s mission is to lead Oregon in implementing policies and programs that promote environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of Oregon’s 28 million acres of public and private forests. Board meeting dates are defined in statute. Additional meetings, tours, workshops, and community visits are held as scheduled by the Board. Board staff regularly notify Tribes of meetings and provide specific invitations to Board tours and community socials.

More information on the Oregon Board of Forestry can be found at: www.oregonforestry.gov.

SERVICE DELIVERY TO / INTERACTIONS WITH OREGON'S TRIBES

Descriptions and contact information for ODF's local area, district and unit offices and leadership are provided following this section. Services provided at the local level through ODF field offices throughout the state for the agency's Fire Protection, Private Forests, and State Forests divisions – particularly fire prevention and suppression; assistance to private forestland owners; environmental protection on private forestlands through administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act and other state and federal rules and laws; and state forest management. Through these activities and services, ODF works with Tribal governments to address key issues, communicate, collaborate, and cooperate with other agencies and the Tribes.

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE

The Rangeland Protection Association program is committed to provide basic fire training to the Tribe.

Coordination opportunities are presented by Central Oregon District staff with the Burns-Paiute Tribe at local county Soil and Water Conservation District meetings.

Malheur Occupation presentation by Jarvis Kennedy. On February 16, Nancy Hirsch, Dave Lorenz, Keith Baldwin, Mary Schmelz, and Sherry Rose attended a presentation by Jarvis Kennedy on the Malheur Occupation, held at the Willamette University.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW

Elliott State Forest. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of State Lands has taken over management duties as the owners of the 82,500 acres of Common School Forest Lands in the Elliott State Forest. While fire protection responsibilities in the area are provided by the Coos Forest Protective Association, remaining ODF responsibility includes Forest Practices administration, Sudden Oak Death abatement, and land management of the 11,000 acres that are not part of the Elliott State Forest. The termination of ODF's management contract reduced staffing level needs in the ODF Coos Bay office, necessitating an organizational change. The geographical base of the former Coos District is now managed as a unit of the Western Lane District. The district now includes nine Stewardship Foresters and manages 37,000 acres of forestland over all or part of four counties. In addition, the district continues to provide fire protection on 756,000 acres in western Lane and northern Douglas counties.

State Forests Management. The ODF Western Lane District provided its draft Annual Operations Plan for management of the district's state forest lands to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, as well as the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, for feedback and comment.

Fire Protection on Tribal Forestlands. The Coos Forest Protective Association provides fire protection on 19 acres of lands in Coos County that are owned by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

Confiscated bear grass. Last winter, a Marion County sheriff's deputy confiscated several hundred pounds of illegally-collected bear grass on the Santiam State Forests land. The Tillamook Forest Center and the North Cascade District communicated about the confiscated bear grass with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Representatives of the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes picked up the confiscated bear grass for use by the Tribes.

Tribal Acquisition of Tillamook County forestlands. ODF Tillamook District Assistant District Forester has continued working with Tillamook County and the CTGR on access easements and agreements associated with the sale of some Tillamook County forestlands to the CTGR. ODF granted an easement to the county and it was appurtenant to the land. The county and Tribe finalized the sale at the end of December 2016. The District worked with a surveyor hired by the Tribe to survey the boundary; getting them access through the gate during the spring of 2017.

Other related interactions between the ODF Tillamook District and the CTGR pertaining to the tribes as a new forest landowner include activities associated with the area's forest protection association. As a forest landowner, the Tribe is part of the district's protection budget subcommittee, and attended the budget and forest protection association meetings as needed.

Fire protection on Tribal Forestlands. ODF's West Oregon District has fee-based fire protection agreements with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Staff from the Tribes regularly attend and participate in meetings of the West Oregon Forest Protective Association. It is common to have joint fire suppression action from Tribal and ODF organizations on fires of mutual concern.

Slash disposal is also a frequent issue requiring communication and coordination. Larger planning efforts, including fire mobilization plans from each organization, are shared and reviewed between the West Oregon District and the Tribe.

The Dallas Unit is working with the Tribes to have the community of Grand Ronde recognized as a Firewise Community, a process where communities work to prepare and protect their homes against the threat of wildfire.

Tillamook County/ODF Tillamook District Land Exchange. The State Forests Division is currently working on a land exchange with Tillamook County involving the ODF-owned Trask Park (87 acres) and the County-owned Sprague Memorial Wayside (154.4 acres). Information on the exchange has been provided to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for their review and comment.

Mid-Willamette Interagency Fire School. In 2017, the Sweet Home Unit again hosted the Mid-Willamette Interagency Fire School to prepare for the upcoming fire season. This fire school is a cooperative event between the ODF, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The school hosts approximately 200 students and instructors annually and teaches entry-level to advanced courses. The CTGR participate in planning the school, supply overhead to teach classes and assist with field operations, and send students to the school during years when the classes being taught meet the needs of their training program.

Cedar Planks. Bobby Mercier of CTGR contacted Tillamook Forest Center Director Fran McReynolds about the possibility of obtaining cedar planks from state forestlands. Fran contacted Ty Williams of the Astoria District, who sent photographs to the Tribe, but ultimately did not have trees that met the Tribes' needs.

State Forests Management. The ODF Western Lane District provided its draft Annual Operations Plan for management of the district's state forest lands to the CTGR, as well as the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, for feedback and comment.

State Forests Advisory Committee. A representative from the CTGR continues to serve on the ODF State Forests Advisory Committee. The committee represents diverse interests, and provides input to the department and the board on state-managed forestlands in northwest and southwest Oregon. Committee membership also includes representatives of environmental, recreational, and timber industry groups, as well as non-affiliated individuals. In addition, Oregon counties receiving revenue from timber sales are represented.

Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency. Ross Holloway, ODF Senior Advisor and Doug Decker, former State Forester, met with the CGTGR Council to explain the Salmonberry Trail project and opportunities for financial support. A CGTGR representative serves as a board member of the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency.

Grand Ronde Annual Cultural Summit. On October 3, Fran McReynolds attended the annual Grand Ronde Cultural Summit.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

Confiscated bear grass. Last winter, a Marion County sheriff's officer confiscated several hundred pounds of illegally-collected bear grass on the Santiam State Forests land. The Tillamook Forest Center and the North Cascade District communicated about the confiscated bear grass with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Representatives of the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes picked up the confiscated bear grass for use by the Tribes.

State Forester Visit/Meeting with Tribe. At the February LCIS meeting State Forester Peter Daugherty extended a standing offer to meet/visit with Tribes - Tribal Members, Council Members, and/or Tribal staff. The CTSI extended an invitation and on June 6, 2017, Peter, Ron Zilli, and Keith Baldwin met with some Tribal Council Members and Mike Kennedy, Natural Resources Manager, which was followed by a forest and fish pond tour.

Fire protection on Tribal Forestlands. The West Oregon District has fee-based fire protection agreements with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for the counties that are within the district's boundary. Staff from the Tribes regularly attend and participate in meetings of the West Oregon Forest Protective Association. It is common to have joint fire suppression action from Tribal and ODF organizations on fires of mutual concern. The Coos Forest Protective Association also provides fire protection on 6,512 acres of land in Douglas County owned by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, The CTSI are active members of the CFPA, as well.

Slash disposal is also a frequent issue requiring communication and coordination. Larger planning efforts, including fire mobilization plans from each organization, are shared and reviewed between the West Oregon District and the Tribe.

The Coos Forest Protective Association also provides fire protection on 6,512 acres of land in Douglas County owned by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, The CTSI are active members of the protection association.

State Forests Management. State Forests Program staff from the West Oregon District contact CTSI Tribal forestry staff to discuss routine road maintenance issues on shared roads and any timber harvesting activities on state forest lands that are immediately adjacent to Tribal lands. The State Forests staff regularly seeks input on planned timber sales (Annual Operations Plans) from CTSI Tribal forestry staff.

The ODF Western Lane District provided its draft Annual Operations Plan for management of the district's state forest lands to the CTSI, as well as the CTGR, and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, for feedback and comment.

Tillamook County/ODF Tillamook District Land Exchange. The State Forests Division is currently working on a land exchange with Tillamook County involving the ODF-owned Trask Park (87 acres) and the County-owned Sprague Memorial Wayside (154.4 acres). Information on the exchange has been provided to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for their review and comment.

Tillamook Forest Center Partnership Opportunities. Nancy Hirsch, Keith Baldwin, and Fran McReynolds met with CTSI Tribal Council Member Robert Kentta to explore partnership opportunities for the future. They also enjoyed a tour of the collections department.

As a result of conversations about natural resources during the tour, the TFC helped facilitate the distribution of confiscated bear-grass to Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes through Joe Arbow in the North Cascades District.

Fran McReynolds also contacted Robert Kentta of the Siletz tribes regarding assistance with damaged exhibits at the TFC as well possible program collaborations in 2018.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIANS

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and ODF continue to be involved in water quality planning processes in the Upper Grande Ronde, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Rivers. Tribal interests in northeastern Oregon are well represented in all facets of salmon recovery and water quality issues.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Umatilla Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs continue a strong wildland firefighting relationship with ODF's Northeast Oregon District through long-standing contracts and agreements that designate the Northeast Oregon District as their primary protection agency.

La Grande Unit – Private Forests. Stewardship Foresters have used their working relationships with local private landowners to introduce them to biologists with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) regarding potential stream restoration projects. The Unit's foresters also occasionally work with CTUIR in large wood, tree and log acquisition for stream restoration work.

La Grande Unit Stewardship Foresters and CTUIR biologists serve together on the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Upper Grande Ronde Conservation Information System program, providing technical and operational support. This work group's goal is to provide a coordinated and integrated approach to forest health and natural resources restoration in target areas within the basin. The La Grande Unit and CTUIR were two of the agencies that successfully worked on a multi-agency Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal. The proposal was approved by NRCS, and includes multi-faceted watershed level treatment on private lands to help protect and enhance habitat in the Upper Grande Ronde Watershed.

Pendleton Unit – Fire Protection. The Umatilla Agency of the BIA has a fee-based fire protection agreement with ODF that has been in place since 1961. Under the agreement, which is in compliance with the Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, the Northeast Oregon District's Pendleton Unit provides fire protection for approximately 55,000 acres of Indian Trust land within the Northeast Oregon Forest Protection District boundary. The CTUIR also contracts with the Northeast Oregon District to provide wildland fire protection on approximately 21,600 acres of fee lands within the protection district that are owned and managed by the Tribe.

This is the sixth season that the BIA has been using Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center as their primary dispatch center for fire activity, which has further increased the level of coordination between BIA and ODF. ODF has continued to allow BIA to use ODF radio frequencies to dispatch crews, provide fire updates and order shared resources (retardant aircraft, crews, etc.). A BIA frequency is available as back-up communications for both BIA and ODF fire resources if ODF's primary frequency were to go down.

The BIA, CTUIR and ODF have mutual aid fire protection agreements that enable Northeast Oregon District's Pendleton Unit, the BIA Umatilla Agency, and the CTUIR Fire Department to assist each other with available firefighting resources as needed and available. The principal responsibility of the Tribal Fire Department is structural protection, while BIA and ODF are primarily trained as wildland firefighters. Throughout fire season, there is communication between ODF, CTUIR, and BIA firefighters and fire managers. Close cooperation among the agencies continues to provide an effective fire protection system for all residents of the Umatilla Reservation, including private landowners within the reservation boundary. Early in the 2017 fire season, a coordination meeting was held for BIA and ODF initial attack fire crews. In addition, BIA hosted an S-212 (Wildland Fire Chainsaws) training course for area firefighters and ODF was able to provide instructors for the course. ODF also hosted multiple helicopter training opportunities, and involved BIA and CTUIR firefighters. This training allowed firefighters from all agencies to talk to and direct helicopters doing bucket work in a controlled environment. ODF also provided engines and overhead on two prescribed fires conducted by the BIA.

During 2017, three statistical fires occurred on ODF protection within the CTUIR boundary. Two fires were human-caused and one was caused by lightning. While the Tower Fire was 0.8 acres and the Bingham Fire was 1.6 acres, the Indian Lake Fire burned 222 acres. The Indian Lake Fire began on August 4th and burned under weather and fuel conditions conducive to large fire growth – high temperatures, low relative humidity, and high energy release component values. Numerous ground resources responded to the fire, including those from ODF and BIA. Aerial response included five single engine air tankers, two large air tankers and two helicopters. Following initial attack, a local type 3 fire organization was formed to manage the fire. Of the 222 acres burned, 12.74 were BIA Trust Lands. Two structures were lost during the fire. The estimated cost of the fire is \$1.34 million.

Additionally, ODF Pendleton fire resources provided mutual aid to three fires on lands protected by the BIA. The Mission Fire burned 0.5 acres, The Kirkpatrick Fire burned 20.14 acres and the Geyer Fire burned 2.4 acres. BIA provided mutual aid to ODF on the Kirk Road Fire.

The Pendleton Unit of the Northeast Oregon District appreciates the working relationship concerning fire protection with the CTUIR and the BIA Umatilla Agency. This successful working relationship provides the residents of the CTUIR with an effective and responsive fire protection, fire prevention and smoke management system. Without this high level of cooperation between ODF, CTUIR, and the BIA Umatilla Agency, the checker-board ownership within the reservation boundaries would create a cumbersome fire protection system that would be significantly less efficient and effective.

Pendleton Unit – Forest Practices. The Oregon Forest Practices Act is administered by the District’s Pendleton Unit on private lands within the reservation boundary of the CTUIR. Notifications of Operation and Permits to Operate Power-driven Machinery are required on all private forest land operations. The CTUIR are subscribers to the Department’s FERNs electronic notification system, which allows the Tribe to access all Notifications of Operation within the reservation boundary.

Over the past year, the ODF stewardship forester coordinated with CTUIR forestry staff and private landowners regarding Tribal permit requirements for forest activities and attended several CTUIR Natural Resources public hearings. Three separate projects took place on lands managed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department within the boundary of the CTUIR Reservation. These include one timber harvesting operation totaling 218 acres; one slash treatment project covering 128 acres; and one forest stand improvement and fuels reduction project totaling 17.5 acres utilizing bark beetle cost-share funds. The stewardship forester also worked with CTUIR on certifying an NRCS project on 90 acres of Tribal lands.

Both the CTUIR and ODF are active members of the Umatilla National Forest Collaborative Group and attend monthly meetings. Both the CTUIR and ODF stewardship forester are also represented on the local NRCS working group, and attended the yearly meeting to discuss large-scale forest restoration and fuels treatment projects within Umatilla County where Tribal and private ownership could work in a coordinated and collaborative basis. During the year, ODF and Tribal representatives also participated in the Umatilla County Climate Change Working Group consisting of two meetings and a field trip. Also, the CTUIR and ODF were one of several sponsors of the presentation “Era of Mega-fires” which took place in September in Pendleton. More than 100 people attended the presentation.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS

ODF’s interactions with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at the local level take place primarily with the Central Oregon District, and are usually related to fire protection as well as additional services and conservation through ODF’s Private Forests Program. COD has continued a very positive working relationship with the CTWS this past year.

Confiscated bear grass. Last winter, a Marion County sheriff’s officer confiscated several hundred pounds of illegally-collected bear grass on the Santiam State Forests land. The Tillamook Forest Center and the North Cascade District communicated about the confiscated bear grass with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Representatives of the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes picked up the confiscated bear grass for use by the Tribes.

Fire Protection. COD and CTWS both participate in monthly interagency fire meetings (including cooperators such as the Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and Central Oregon Fire Operations Group), as well as training activities within Jefferson County. Over the last year, Jefferson County updated its Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The CWPP committee consisted of COD staff as well as

other agencies that provide service and assistance to the CTWS. These types of activities are effective in building collaborative working relationships between COD, the Tribes and other cooperating fire protection agencies.

COD staff in both the Prineville and The Dalles units continue to coordinate with CTWS in supporting fire prevention projects through the Central Oregon and Mid-Columbia fire prevention cooperatives. In the spring of 2017, The Dalles Unit participated in an interagency meeting with representatives from the CTWS and other federal and rural agencies to improve coordination processes during initial attack fire activities.

There is ongoing communication and coordination with the CTWS during fire season with both the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center in Redmond and the dispatch center at ODF The Dalles Unit Office. In 2017 a strong mutual aid partnership continued through assisting our Tribal partners with initial and extended attack fires. Discussions continue regarding incorporating CTWS into the new COIDC, but COIDC has continued dispatching aviation resources for the BIA within CTWS lands.

In August of this year, COD fire staff out of The Dalles Unit worked closely with the CTWS on the Nena Springs Fire, which burned on CTWS reservation and adjacent lands, ultimately burning more than 68,000 acres. ODF protects 103 acres of tribal land outside of the reservation boundary that burned in the fire. ODF managed the suppression, mop-up and repair work on that portion of the fire in coordination with the incident management team and the CTWS fire staff.

Private Forests. Stewardship Foresters have done previous consulting work on CTWS lands, as well as developing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) plans on the main stem and Middle Fork of the John Day River and some of its tributaries. While there were no plans under review in 2017, these foresters remain available for consulting and CREP plans in conjunction with any future planning efforts on Tribal lands.

Coordination opportunities are presented with the CTWS at local county Soil and Water Conservation District meetings.

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

ODF Leadership Team Meeting, September 2017. In September the department's leadership team met in North Bend where a portion of the meeting was focused in improving understanding and expectations of ODF employees related to Government-to-Government Relations. A highlight of the meeting was a tour of Coquille Tribal forest lands, including an active timber harvesting operation. Tribal members also spoke to the group and they were hosted to dinner with some members of the Tribe at the Tribe's Plank House where Chief Don Ivy and Bridgette Wheeler provided engaging accounts of the Tribe's history.

State Forester Visit/Meeting with Tribe. At the February LCIS meeting State Forester Peter Daugherty extended a standing offer to meet/visit with Tribes - Tribal Members, Council Members, and/or Tribal staff. The Coquille Indian Tribe extended an invitation, and Peter, Dave Lorenz, and Keith Baldwin met with Tribal Chairperson Brenda Meade and natural resource staff members, and also toured the Tribe's Forest Stewardship Council - certified forestlands, on May 22, 2017.

Elliott State Forest. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of State Lands has taken over management duties as the owners of the 82,500 acres of Common School Forest Lands in the Elliott State Forest. While fire protection responsibilities in the area are provided by the Coos Forest Protective Association,

remaining ODF responsibility includes Forest Practices administration, Sudden Oak Death abatement, and land management of the 11,000 acres that are not part of the Elliott State Forest. The termination of ODF's management contract reduced staffing level needs in the ODF Coos Bay office, necessitating an organizational change. The geographical base of the former Coos District is now managed as a unit of the Western Lane District. The district now includes nine Stewardship Foresters and manages 37,000 acres of forestland over all or part of four counties. In addition, the district continues to provide fire protection on 756,000 acres in western Lane and northern Douglas counties.

Smoke Management Review Committee. Colin Beck, Coquille Indian Tribe, serves as a Tribal Representative on the department's Smoke Management Review Committee, which is reviewing the state's Smoke Management Plan and recommending improvements to ODF and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for using controlled burns to improve forest health and protect nearby residents from wildfire, while minimizing impacts on communities to protect public health.

Fire Protection. The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA), through agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a local operating agreement, maintains a positive and productive relationship with the Coquille Indian Tribe. The district also participates in the Coquille Indian Tribe's youth Field Day, which covers tree planting activities, wildlife habitat and fire prevention.

CFPA provides fire protection on 6,555 acres of Coquille Indian Tribe lands that are held in trust throughout Coos and Curry counties, 6,512 acres of land in Douglas County owned by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and 19 acres of lands in Coos County that are owned by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. The Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are active members of the protection association.

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS

ODF Incident Management Team Dispatches to Large Fires in Southwest Oregon. During 2017, ODF Incident Management Teams were dispatched to two large fires in southwest Oregon – the 600-acre Flounce Fire, about 20 miles north of Medford, and the 16,000-acre Horse Prairie Fire, about 15 miles west of Canyonville. Southern Oregon Area Director Dave Lorenz met with representatives of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians regarding both fires, providing the latest information and sharing any concerns. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians provided important logistical support for the Horse Prairie Fire

State Forester Visit/Meeting with Tribe. At the February LCIS meeting State Forester Peter Daugherty extended a standing offer to meet/visit with the Tribes - Tribal Members, Council Members, and/or Tribal staff. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians extended an invitation and on April 7, Peter and Dave Lorenz met with several Tribal Council members and staff, as well as toured the Tribe's forestlands.

Fire Protection – Douglas Forest Protective Association. The Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) continues to have a very close and positive working relationship with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. DFPA, through agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, provides fire protection on approximately 3,000 acres of Tribal lands that are held in trust throughout Douglas County. In addition, DFPA also provides fire protection on an additional 3,100 acres of fee lands, which are owned and managed by the Tribe.

The Tribe chose to become a DFPA Association Member in 2016. Like many other forest landowners throughout the Douglas District, becoming an actual association member shows the support that the Tribe has for DFPA and their commitment to protecting their natural resources.

DFPA and the Tribe met on several occasions throughout the year to review and update the Local Operating Plan, discuss fire management throughout the landscape, and update cooperative working agreements. These meetings were very productive and provided managers from DFPA and the Tribe the opportunity to share the critical information necessary for efficient and effective fire suppression operations. DFPA and the Tribe maintained frequent contacts throughout the year with all forms of communication. DFPA was able to utilize Tribal equipment during fire season on the Section Creek Fire, which threatened Tribal lands.

DFPA continues to work with the Tribe on forest health and fuels management projects that are on or adjacent to Tribal lands, including both Trust and Fee lands. DFPA and the Tribe will continue to coordinate on smoke management issues. In 2017, DFPA assisted the Tribe with pasture burning for a variety of benefits, while allowing for hands-on training of Tribal employees. Opportunities for an active burning program are expected to grow in the coming years.

Fire Protection – Southwest Oregon District. The Southwest Oregon District provides fire protection on a small amount of tribal inholdings (an 1,800-acre ranch) within that district.

Elliott State Forest. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of State Lands assumed management duties as the owners of the 82,500 acres of Common School Forest Lands in the Elliott State Forest. While fire protection responsibilities in the area are provided by the Coos Forest Protective Association, remaining ODF responsibility includes Forest Practices administration, Sudden Oak Death abatement, and land management of the 11,000 acres that are not part of the Elliott State Forest. The termination of ODF's management contract reduced staffing level needs in the ODF Coos Bay office, necessitating an organizational change. The geographical base of the former Coos District is now managed as a unit of the Western Lane District. The district now includes nine Stewardship Foresters and manages 37,000 acres of forestland over all or part of four counties. In addition, the district continues to provide fire protection on 756,000 acres in western Lane and northern Douglas counties.

KLAMATH TRIBES

Sun Creek Project. The Sun Creek Project is an ongoing partnership project that ODF's Klamath Falls Unit has been participating in since 2010. It is intended to expand bull trout distribution downstream from Crater Lake National Park into the section of Sun Creek on the Sun Pass State Forest. The project supports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Draft Recovery Plan for this species, with state and federal fisheries agencies stating that this type of activity is among the most important recovery actions for bull trout in the Klamath Basin. On-site monitoring from the Klamath Tribes has been utilized throughout the project, with Trout Unlimited taking the lead working directly with the Tribes to make that happen. While there is still some work to do, the Sun Creek channel has been restored and connected to the Wood River. Activities like this further strengthen the partnership between the Klamath Tribes and the other partners of the Sun Creek Project, including ODF's Klamath Falls Unit.

State Forests Management; Other Coordination Opportunities. Staff from ODF's Klamath-Lake District met with members of the Klamath Tribes in the spring of 2017. Topics included involvement with ODF land management, specifically the district's cultural surveys and protection standards, an opportunity to review the district's State Forests Annual Operations Plan, and on-site management of the Gilchrist and Sun Pass state forests. In addition, the Private Forests Program and aspects of the Fire Protection Program were also discussed. The District will continue to seek feedback and opportunities to ensure coordination and information flow with the Klamath Tribes.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE (federally recognized in Idaho)

Summary. The Wallowa Unit of the Northeast Oregon District primarily interacts with the Nez Perce Tribe in Wallowa County, providing service delivery related to fire protection and forest conservation through implementation of Oregon's Forest Practices Act. The Nez Perce Tribe and ODF continue to be involved in water quality planning processes in the Wallowa, Lower Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins in the county. Tribal interests in northeastern Oregon are well represented in all facets of salmon recovery and water quality issues. The Nez Perce Tribe also continues a strong wildland firefighting relationship with the district through long-standing contracts and agreements that designate ODF's Northeast Oregon District as their primary protection agency.

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ODF's Central Oregon District protects approximately 2.2 million acres of forest and rangeland in 11 counties (Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Umatilla, Wasco and Wheeler). The District Office is located in Prineville, with Unit Offices in Prineville, John Day, and The Dalles. The Prineville Unit has a sub-unit in Sisters and the John Day Unit has a sub-unit in Fossil.

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The Klamath-Lake District protects approximately 1.6 million acres of public and private forestlands in Klamath and Lake Counties in south-central Oregon, as well as managing approximately 105,000 total acres of state forestlands. These include the 21,317-acre Sun Pass State Forest, located 40 miles north of Klamath Falls near the southeastern corner of Crater Lake National Park, and an additional 12,700 acres of mostly scattered tracts (including two somewhat larger tracts – Bear Valley and Yainax Butte). The

District also manages Oregon's newest state forest, the 72,040-acre Gilchrist State Forest, located off of Highway 97 near Gilchrist. The District and a Unit Office are located in Klamath Falls, with a second Unit Office located in Lakeview.

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The Northeast Oregon District protects approximately 2.1 million acres of private, county, state, federal, and tribal forestlands in Union, Baker, Wallowa, and Umatilla counties, as well as portions of Malheur, Grant, and Morrow counties. The District Office is located in La Grande, with Unit Offices located in La Grande, Pendleton, and Wallowa. The La Grande Unit also has a Sub-Unit Office in Baker City.

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The Forest Grove District has an office in Forest Grove and a Unit Office in Columbia City. This District protects approximately 815,000 acres of forest land in Washington, Columbia, Yamhill, Tillamook and Multnomah counties. The district also manages the eastern one-third (approximately 115,000 acres) of the Tillamook State Forest.

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The North Cascade District manages the 47,871-acre Santiam State Forest, and protects 652,000 acres of public and private forestlands in Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion, and Linn counties. The District is comprised of two unit offices – the Molalla Unit and the Santiam Unit in Lyons.

South Fork Forest Camp

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South Fork Forest Camp is a Department of Corrections (DOC) minimum security facility jointly administered by DOC and the Oregon Department of Forestry, located in the Tillamook State Forest 28 miles east of Tillamook, Oregon. The forestry employees supervise inmate crews in conducting project work across 650,000 acres of state forestlands within the northwest Oregon geographic area and statewide for the Fire Protection Division. Additionally, the program strives to provide work and personal conduct skills to inmates that increase their success at integrating back into society.

Tillamook District

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The Tillamook District protects approximately 480,000 acres of forest land in Tillamook, Clatsop and Yamhill counties, and manages over 250,000 acres (the western two-thirds) of the Tillamook State Forest.

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Located in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, the [Tillamook Forest Center](#) showcases the legacy of the historic Tillamook Burn and the public spirit behind a monumental reforestation effort that left a permanent imprint on Oregon history while also shaping sustainable forest management today. The center is located 50 miles west of Portland and 22 miles east of Tillamook, near Milepost 22 on Oregon Highway 6.

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The West Oregon District protects approximately 1.1 million acres of forestland in Benton, Lincoln, Polk, and southwest Yamhill counties, and also manages approximately 36,633 acres of State Forest lands. The District Office is located in Philomath, with unit offices in Philomath, Dallas, and Toledo.

Southern Oregon Area, Roseburg *(private, state, and Bureau of Land Management forestlands west of the crest of the Cascades and including Linn and Lane counties south to the California border)*

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Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the [Coos Forest Protective Association](#) - a private non-profit association - provides fire protection on 1.5 million acres of private, county, state and Bureau of Land Management lands within Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties.

Douglas Forest Protective Association, Roseburg

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Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the [Douglas Forest Protective Association](#) provides fire protection on 1.6 million acres of private, county, state, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs managed lands within the Douglas District.

South Cascade District, Springfield

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The South Cascade District protects approximately 1.135 million acres in Linn and eastern Lane counties (east of I-5). The district is comprised of two units: Eastern Lane (in Springfield) and Sweet Home.

In 2017, the Sweet Home Unit again hosted the Mid-Willamette Interagency Fire School to prepare for the upcoming fire season. This fire school is a cooperative event between the ODF, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The school hosts approximately 200 students and instructors annually and teaches entry-level to advanced courses. The CTGR participate in planning the school, supply overhead to teach classes and assist with field operations, and send students to the school during years when the classes being taught meet the needs of their training program.

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The Southwest Oregon District protects approximately 1.8 million acres in Jackson and Josephine counties, as well as managing approximately 18,000 acres of scattered tracts of state forest lands. The district has Unit Offices in Central Point and Grants Pass.

Western Lane District, Veneta

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In 2017, the Department of State Lands has taken over management duties as the owners of the 82,500 acres of Common School Forest Lands in the Elliott State Forest. While fire protection responsibilities in the area continue to be provided by the Coos Forest Protective Association, remaining ODF responsibility includes Forest Practices administration, Sudden Oak Death abatement, and management of the 11,000 acres of forest lands that are not part of the Elliott State Forest. The termination of ODF's management contract reduced staffing level needs in Coos Bay, necessitating an organizational change. The geographical base of the former Coos district is now managed as a unit of the Western Lane District. The Western Lane District now includes nine Stewardship Foresters and manages a total of 37,000 acres of forest land over all or part of four counties. Additionally, the district provides fire protection on 756,000 acres in western Lane and northern Douglas counties.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

ODF is very pleased overall with the relationships that have been developed and continue with the tribes over the past year, and particularly appreciative with the involvement of the Tribes in our program activities, and as members of agency advisory committees and other groups. This involvement requires a very real commitment in time and energy from the various tribal representatives, and also adds a tremendous amount of value and important perspectives to these group processes and products that the agency would not otherwise be able to obtain. ODF remains committed to continuing and enhancing those relationships and activities in 2018 and beyond.