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Senate Republican Leader Bonham and Senator Findley Welcome Leadership Change at Oregon Department of Forestry

SALEM, Ore. – Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) and Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale) issued statements today following the resignation of ODF State Forester Cal Mukamoto. The [announcement](#) comes amidst months of controversy surrounding the agency’s inability to pay contractors for critical work during the 2024 wildfire season, and the recent revelation of a luxury staff retreat at Brasada Ranch while contractors remained unpaid.

“This change is long overdue,” said **Senator Findley**. “ODF needs fresh leadership to fix its problems and get back to serving Oregonians. We need leaders who focus on fire prevention, fiscal responsibility, and restoring trust. This is the agency’s opportunity for a new direction. Hopefully, it’s a better one.”

“ODF’s leadership struggled to manage the basics, leaving hardworking contractors waiting for payment and taxpayers footing the bill. That’s why **Senate Republicans** called for better leadership at ODF after the special session in December,” said **Leader Bonham**. “With today’s resignation, we have a chance to reset. Oregon needs an agency that prioritizes its mission and uses resources wisely to keep communities safe and forests healthy.”

Senate Republicans remain committed to holding all state agencies accountable, ensuring that taxpayers’ money is spent wisely and that Oregon’s resources are managed effectively to benefit all Oregonians.

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