Oregonians for Food & Shelter

OREGON FARM BUREAU

Oregon Cattlemen's Association

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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment &
Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

This year in Oregon, wildfires consumed more than 600,000 acres, impacting timber and grazing resources, fish and wildlife habitat, a National Scenic Area, private homes and public health. Majority of the of these fires started on federal land, where they were allowed to become established and spread. Attached is an Oregon Department of Forestry map highlighting the fires across our state.

Nationally, 8.5 million acres have already burned this year, and the devastating fires in California continue to be front page news. It is time for Congress to reform the federal forest management policies that allow for overstocked and unhealthy federal forests.

We appreciate your Committee's actions to focus on Federal land management. We are supportive of the concepts in the staff draft under consideration this week. We see this concept as the first step in bipartisan negotiations for meaningful federal forest reforms.

In the West, litigation of public land management has become a barrier in land management objectives. We believe the language in the draft will give projects increased certainty and relief from crippling litigation. The draft expedites NEPA analysis while preserving public input and involvement.

The categorical exclusion for certain sage grouse and mule deer habitat vegetation projects is important to our membership. The State of Oregon and our ranching community has committed significant resources to support voluntary habitat projects on both public and private land. The provisions in this legislation are important to continue to encourage these projects.

The projects promoted in the draft to reduce fuels are critical to the future of our public forests and rangelands. These lands cannot withstand the continued catastrophic fires that overloading and mismanagement produces. Additionally, the expanded categorical

exclusions for insect and disease are an important element in achieving appropriate management objectives.

Many of the elements of the draft are needed to improve conditions on Bureau of Land Management lands, which are a significant portion of Western forests.

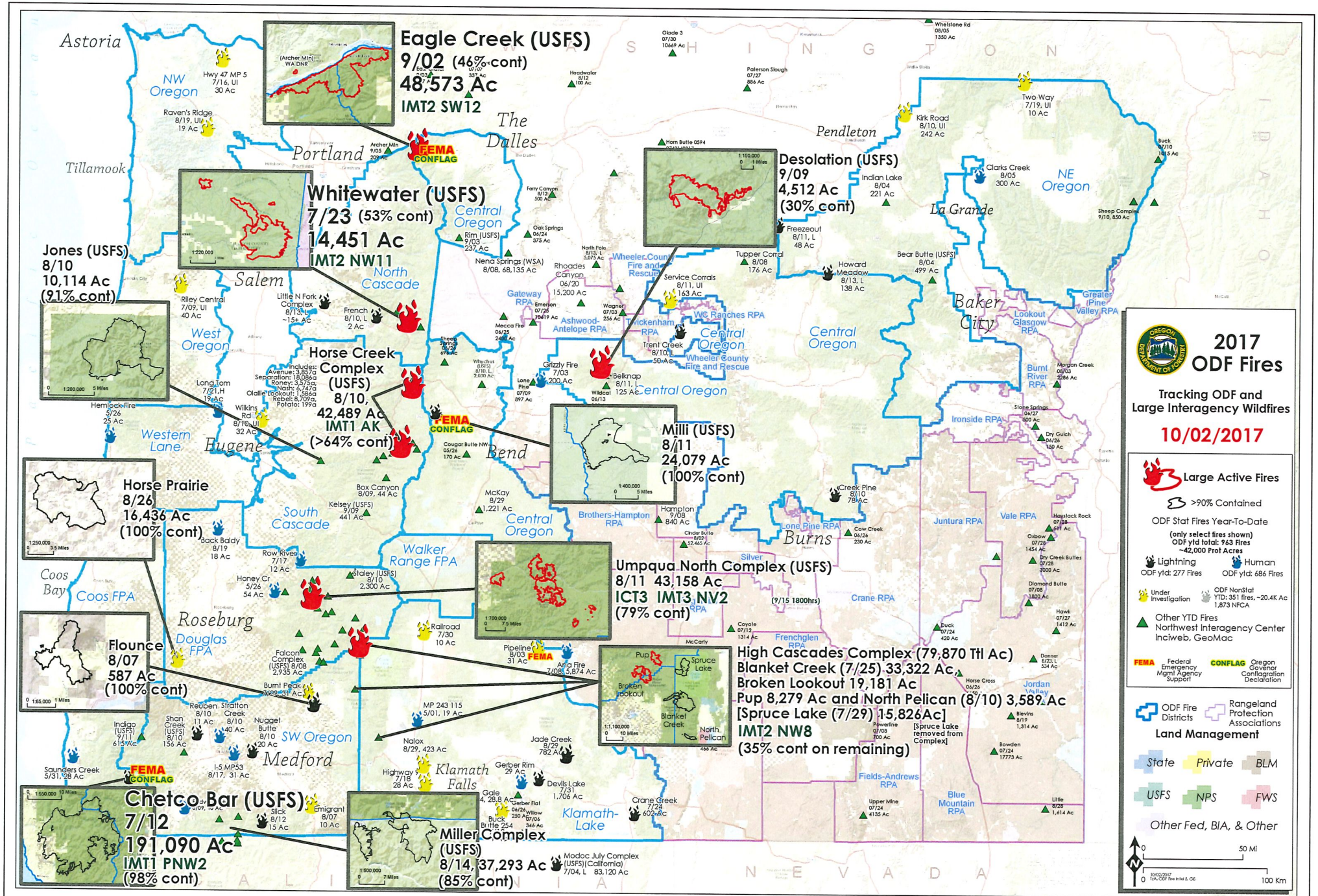
Our organizations appreciate the Committee's efforts to address needed changes in Federal forest management. The concepts in the staff draft are important elements in improving forest health and communities surrounding public lands.

Sincerely,

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Eagle Creek (USFS)
9/02 (46% cont)
48,573 Ac
IMT2 SW12
Whitewater (USFS)
7/23 (53% cont)
14,451 Ac
IMT2 NW11
Jones (USFS)
8/10
10,114 Ac
(91% cont)
Horse Creek Complex (USFS)
8/10,
42,489 Ac
IMT1 AK
(>64% cont)
Horse Prairie
8/26
16,436 Ac
(100% cont)
Flounce
8/07
587 Ac
(100% cont)
Chetco Bar (USFS)
7/12
191,090 Ac
IMT1 PNW2
(98% cont)
Miller Complex (USFS)
8/14, 37,293 Ac
(85% cont)
Desolation (USFS)
9/09
4,512 Ac
(30% cont)
Milli (USFS)
8/11
24,079 Ac
(100% cont)
Umpqua North Complex (USFS)
8/11 43,158 Ac
ICT3 IMT3 NV2
(79% cont)
High Cascades Complex (79,870 Ttl Ac)
Blanket Creek (7/25) 33,322 Ac,
Broken Lookout 19,181 Ac
Pup 8,279 Ac and North Pelican (8/10) 3,589 Ac
[Spruce Lake (7/29) 15,826Ac]
IMT2 NW8
(35% cont on remaining)
[Spruce Lake removed from Complex]
FEMA CONFLAG
Astoria
Portland
Tillamook
Salem
The Dalles
Pendleton
La Grande
Baker City
Bend
Eugene
Roseburg
Medford
Klamath Falls
Klamath-Lake
Burns
NW Oregon
West Oregon
Western Lane
North Cascade
Central Oregon
NE Oregon
South Cascade
Coos Bay
Coos FPA
Douglas FPA
SW Oregon
Walker Range FPA
Brothers-Hampton RPA
Lone Pine RPA
Juntura RPA
Vale RPA
Crane RPA
Frenchglen RPA
Fields-Andrews RPA
Blue Mountain RPA
Ironside RPA
Gateway RPA
Ashwood-Antelope RPA
Wheeler County Fire and Rescue
WC Ranches RPA
Trickenham RPA
Lookout Glasgow RPA
Greater Pine Valley RPA
Burnt River RPA
Jordan Valley
Silver
Hampton 9/08 840 Ac
Cinder Butte 8/02 52,465 Ac
Rhoades Canyon 06/20 15,200 Ac
Nena Springs (WSA) 8/08, 68,135 Ac
Rim (USFS) 9/03 237 Ac
Grizzly Fire 7/03 200 Ac
Belknap 8/11, L 125 Ac
Trent Creek 8/10, L 50+Ac
Howard Meadow 8/13, L 138 Ac
Bear Butte (USFS) 8/04 499 Ac
Tupper Corral 8/08 176 Ac
Freezeout 8/11, L 48 Ac
Indian Lake 8/04 221 Ac
Clarks Creek 8/05 300 Ac
Kirk Road 8/10, UI 242 Ac
Two Way 7/19, UI 10 Ac
Whetstone Rd 08/05 1350 Ac
Paterson Slough 07/27 886 Ac
Glade 3 07/20 10669 Ac
Headwater 8/12 100 Ac
Horn Butte 0594
Oak Springs 06/24 375 Ac
Ferry Canyon 8/12 500 Ac
Service Corrals 8/11, UI 163 Ac
Creek Pine 8/10 78 Ac
Cow Creek 06/26 230 Ac
Oxbow 07/28 1454 Ac
Dry Creek Buttes 07/28 2000 Ac
Diamond Butte 07/08 1800 Ac
Haystack Rock 07/28 691 Ac
Hawk 07/27 1412 Ac
Danner 8/23, L 534 Ac
Bevins 8/19 1,314 Ac
Bowden 07/24 17773 Ac
Little 8/28 1,614 Ac
Upper Mine 07/24 4135 Ac
Powerline 07/08 700 Ac
Horse Cross 06/26 59
Duck 07/24 420 Ac
Coyote 07/12 1314 Ac
McCarty
Pup
Spruce Lake
Broken Lookout
Blanket Creek
North Pelican
466 Ac
Ana Fire 7/08, 5,874 Ac
Pipeline 8/03 31 Ac
Railroad 7/30 10 Ac
Staley (USFS) 8/10 2,300 Ac
Falcon Complex (USFS) 8/08 2,935 Ac
Burnt Peak 7/29, 31 Ac
Honey Cr 5/26 54 Ac
Row River 7/17 12 Ac
Back Baldy 8/19 18 Ac
Box Canyon 8/09, 44 Ac
Kelsey (USFS) 9/09 441 Ac
McKay 8/29 1,221 Ac
Cougar Butte NW 05/26 170 Ac
Wildcat 06/13
Lone Pine 07/09 897 Ac
Wagner 07/03 256 Ac
Emerson 07/25 70419 Ac
Mecca Fire 06/25 2466 Ac
Sheep Springs 06/29 69 Ac
Whychus 8/05(L) 8/10, L 2,030 Ac
North Pole 8/13, L 5,075 Ac
Wilkins Rd 8/10, UI 32 Ac
Hemlock Fire 5/26 25 Ac
Long Tom 7/21,H 19 Ac
Riley Central 7/09, UI 40 Ac
Little N Fork Complex 8/13, L ~15+ Ac
French 8/10, L 2 Ac
Includes: Avenue: 3,857a Separation: 18,086a Roney: 9,575a Nash: 6,747a Olallie Lookout: 1,586a Rebel: 8,709a Potato: 199a
Raven's Ridge 8/19, UI 19 Ac
Hwy 47 MP 5 7/16, UI 30 Ac
Archer Mtn 9/05 209 Ac
(Archer Mtn) WA DNR
Saunders Creek 5/31, 28 Ac
Indigo (USFS) 9/11 615 Ac
Shan Creek (USFS) 8/10 156 Ac
Reuben 8/10 11 Ac
Stratton Creek 8/10 40 Ac
Nugget Butte 8/10 20 Ac
I-5 MP53 8/17, 31 Ac
Slick 8/12 15 Ac
Emigrant 8/07 10 Ac
Gale 4, 28.8 Ac
Buck 254
Gerber Flat 06/26 250 Ac
Willow 07/06 346 Ac
Gerber Rim 29 Ac
Devils Lake 7/31 1,706 Ac
Crane Creek 7/24 602 Ac
Highway 7/18 28 Ac
Jade Creek 8/29 782 Ac
Nalox 8/29, 423 Ac
MP 243 115 5/01, 19 Ac
Modoc July Complex (USFS)(California) 7/04, L 83,120 Ac
2017 ODF Fires
Tracking ODF and Large Interagency Wildfires
10/02/2017
Large Active Fires
>90% Contained
ODF Stat Fires Year-To-Date
(only select fires shown)
ODF ytd total: 963 Fires
~42,000 Prot Acres
Lightning ODF ytd: 277 Fires
Human ODF ytd: 686 Fires
Under Investigation
ODF NonStat YTD: 351 fires, ~20.4K Ac 1,873 NFCA
Other YTD Fires Northwest Interagency Center Inciweb, GeoMac
FEMA Federal Emergency Mgmt Agency Support
CONFLAG Oregon Governor Conflagration Declaration
ODF Fire Districts
Rangeland Protection Associations
Land Management
State
Private
BLM
USFS
NPS
FWS
Other Fed, BIA, & Other
50 Mi
100 Km