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2018 and 2019 Oregon Firefighting Season Successes

Mr. Peter Daugherty, Director

Oregon Department of Forestry

Ron Graham, Dave Lorenz, Doug Graffe, Mike Robison, Dave Larson

Hello Mr. Daugherty and Staff

Despite that it is late, please accept this letter as a most sincere note of gratitude to the Oregon Department of Forestry and Coos Forest Protective Association for your great success especially this past two years. It has been beyond noteworthy, the positive impacts almost immeasurable for my County. In days past, I've already thanked them personally; however I wish to extend appreciation specifically to Dave Lorenz, Link Smith, Derwin Boggs, Tim Keith, Tom Fields, Don Everingham and Mark Prince -- along with many others. I watched them almost every single day during very difficult weeks. Needless to say, all were very professional, effective, respectful, thorough and accountable; not to mention, their historic dedication to fiercely protecting Oregon Forests and property.

May I also offer; "Saving Oregon Communities". In our previous meetings, I've been able to communicate to you, Mike Robison and staffs led by the Oregon Department of Forestry, Coos Forest Protective Association, and the Oregon State Fire Marshall -- along with the U.S. Forest Service, the Curry Sheriff's Department, and all Curry Local Emergency Management.

Again we send appreciation for you ultimately saving our City of Brookings on August 22, 2018 through to the final October containment of the Chetco Bar Fire. Less than a year later, battling heavy winds, yet in less than 24 hours, the gallant

effort CFPA made keeping the Lobster Creek Fire under 400 total acres. Of course we can't forget on October 14, 2019 when all combined to save the little community of Agness from the fierce Klondike Fire as it got within only 1.5 miles; all simply is remarkable!

Many people included in this email played a significant role in the decisive suppression during both Oregon '18' and '19' Fire Seasons. My County for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year is indebted to your programs. Oregon State Forestry is simply the very best of the 14 Western U. S. States.

I'm getting to know my way around your Department and Campus in Salem. I will look forward to further opportunities to hopefully contribute. If ever I can help, I'm confident you and your staff will never hesitate to contact me!

Thank You again.

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Curry County Oregon Commissioner