



## Lake County Board of Commissioners

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August 19, 2015

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners  
PO Box 6005  
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Dear Commissioners,

The Lake County Board of Commissioners are appreciative of the opportunity to be a member of the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative group.

This Board has been invested and engaged since the beginning of the Cohesive Strategy. As a Board, we have been working to meet the three main goals recognized by the initial steering committee and believe meeting these goals is imperative for moving our forests to a true fire resilient condition.

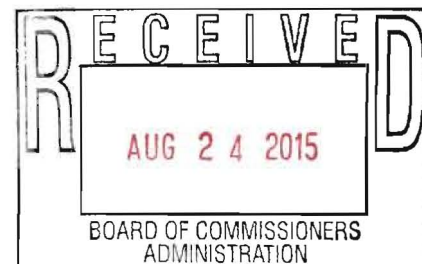
Thank you again for this opportunity. We look forward to participating in the Central Oregon Cohesive Initiative group Strategy group and working toward healthier and more resilient forests.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Winters  
Chair

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**Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District**  
*"Protecting Life and Property through Quality Service"*

July 21, 2015

Joe Stutler  
1300 NW Wall St. Suite 200  
Bend, OR 97701

Subject: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is in full support of the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. Our fire district covers a large area in both Jefferson and Deschutes County which is heavily timbered lands with many residential subdivisions's to protect.

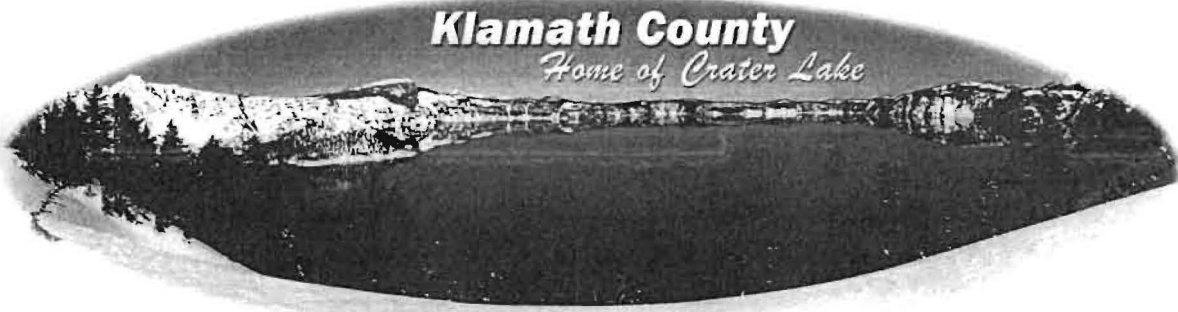
Restoring our forested environment to a "pre-homestead" development era of the early 1900's should be our government goal to create a fire resistive, healthy and resilient forest. Also to educate lawmakers, land-use officials, developers and property owners on the effects of wildland fires and how they can be mitigated effectively without large sacrifices to the government taxpayer or the safety of firefighters.

Fire science laboratory research, field experiments and case histories of residential subdivisions surviving wildland fires have concluded that communities can be developed within the wildland-urban interface without catastrophic losses to homes and our environmental values.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary N. Marshall  
Community Risk & Fire Safety Manager

Roger Johnson  
Fire Chief



**Klamath County Commissioners**

**Tom Mallams, Commissioner**  
Position One

**Kelley Minty Morris, Commissioner**  
Position Two

**Jim Bellet, Commissioner**  
Position Three

July 28, 2015

Deschutes County Commissioners  
Crook County Commissioners  
Jefferson County Commissioners



Dear Commissioners:

Klamath County is very concerned about wild fire in the forests of the Western United States and with forests covering a large portion of our county, we as County Commissioners want to be very involved in any program that will reduce the chance for fire.

We believe that effective forest management is the key to a healthy and fire resistant forest. We need to protect our citizens, their property and the assets that the local, state and federal agencies have in our counties.

The Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative is a program that will achieve these goals. As numerous agencies and stakeholders come on board to support this program, Klamath County also wants to be a supporter and partner in the Initiative. We look forward to learning more about and participating in the strategy that will help make our landscapes more resilient to fires.

Sincerely,

Tom Mallams  
Chair

Kelley Minty Morris  
Commissioner

Jim Bellet  
Commissioner



From: Matt Smith <[msmith@ccf-r.com](mailto:msmith@ccf-r.com)>  
Date: August 20, 2015 at 08:45:59 PDT  
To: Joe Stutler <[Joe.Stutler@deschutes.org](mailto:Joe.Stutler@deschutes.org)>  
Subject: RE: Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative

Dear Joe,

It is my pleasure to support a Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. This project brings together all our individual efforts to restore our fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. I believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient and more likely to reach our goals.

Sincerely,

Matt Smith  
Fire Chief  
Crook County Fire and Rescue

**Subject:** RE: Need your statements of support please

**Date:** Wed, 19 Aug 2015 20:04:34 +0000

**From:** Ed Keith

**To:** Kate Lighthall

I fully support the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative and the overarching goals of fire adapted communities, resilient ecosystems and coordinated wildfire response. Deschutes County has been working with many partners over several years to advance these goals and I look forward to continuing to this important work while developing and enhancing relationships with partners throughout the region as a part of this initiative.

Ed Keith

Deschutes County Forester

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To: "[Joe.Stutler@deschutes.org](mailto:Joe.Stutler@deschutes.org)"

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:41 PM

Subject: Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative

Dear Joe,

It is without hesitation and with the full support of the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District to participate in the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. This project brings together all our individual efforts to restore our fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. I believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient and more likely to reach our goals. We are committed to assisting in this endeavor when and however possible.

Sincerely,

**Debbe Chadwick**

**District Manager ~ Jefferson SWCD**

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August 13, 2015

# La Pine Rural Fire Protection District

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Mr. Joe Stutler  
Senior Advisor to Deschutes County  
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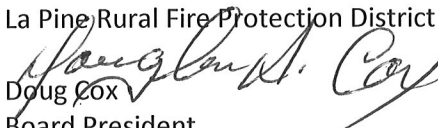
Dear Mr. Stutler:

The La Pine Rural Fire Protection District supports the Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative to safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and live as a community with wildland fire. The fire district supports the goals of restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes, creating fire adapted communities, and a safe and effective wildfire response.

The fire district currently:

- Is a leading partner in the in the national renown Central Oregon multi-agency cooperative agreements.
- Has federal and state wildfire resources co-located and pre-staged at the district facilities during the wildfire season with a joint all hazard responses as the normal operating procedure.
- Is helping build the innovative regional wildland fire structural risk assessments data program.
- A collaborator with six communities that have achieved and maintained national Firewise recognition within the fire district; and working on more.
- A collaborator with the County Project Wildfire program helping local communities achieve healthy forests and fire resilient landscapes in our communities.
- A collaborator with the County Wildfire program and Deschutes County Sheriffs Office of Emergency Management in developing evacuation plans and routes for our communities.
- A collaborator on four Community Wildfire Protection Plans and their updates.
- Collaborators with County Planning to help insure new rural developments are fire resistive and resilient.
- Agency partner with the Upper Deschutes River Coalition.
- Actively reviews and participated in area National Forest management planning.

The fire district understands this list only show the districts resolve to date and is the starting point in this initiative to build from to make our communities safer through greater collaboration under a cohesive strategy.

Sincerely  
La Pine Rural Fire Protection District  
  
Doug Cox  
Board President

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August 20, 2015

I support and will participate in a Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. This project brings together our individual efforts to restore our fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. I believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient and more likely to reach our goals.

Echo Murray  
Dispatch Education Coordinator  
Walker Range FPA



Dear Joe,

It is my pleasure to support and participate in a Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. This project brings together all our individual efforts to restore our fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. I believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient and more likely to reach our goals.

Sincerely,

Nicole Strong

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Nicole A. Strong  
Forestry Extension agent, Assistant Professor  
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Joe Stutler  
Deschutes County Senior Advisor  
Co-Chair WRSC Cohesive Strategy  
Wildland Fire Policy Committee, IAFC

August 20, 2015

Mr. Stutler,

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) looks forward to participating in the Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy. COIC is actively involved in wildfire protection activities and facilitates the Crook and Jefferson County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Steering Committees. This includes working with rural fire districts to implement a fuels reduction cost share program and educating homeowners on how to protect themselves and home against the threat of wildfire.

The Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy brings together all our individual efforts to restore Central Oregon's fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. We believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient. We look forward to participating in this Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy.

Sincerely,

Katrina Van Dis  
*Program Administrator*  
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8 September 2015

Mr. Joe Stutler, Senior Advisor  
Deschutes County Wildland Cohesive Strategy  
Western Region Co-Chair IAFC, Wildland Fire Policy Committee  
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Bend, OR 97701-1960

Dear Joe,

It is the pleasure of Sunriver Resort, L.P. and Caldera Springs Real Estate LLC to extend our support and participate in a Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative. This project brings together our individual efforts to restore our fire adapted and resilient ecosystems, engage our communities to be fire-safe, and to provide a safe and rapid wildfire response. We believe this partnership will allow all of us to be more effective and efficient in attaining the common goals of regional wildland fire safety.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Shea  
Managing Director

Steven M. Runner  
V.P. Development, Planning and Construction

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