

# Central Oregon District 2007 Annual Report



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**Prineville / Sisters Unit Firefighters**



**The Dalles Unit Firefighters**



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**The people make the difference**

# A Message from the District Forester

Travis Medema

As I look back at 2007 my first thought is to thank all of the staff for their passion in meeting the district's needs. Regardless of the time needed or issue at hand, the employees' ability to bring organization to complex and changing environments is commendable, and it means a lot to me to watch new employees jump in with such success and help in this ever changing environment.

Our District was very busy in 2007 with an extremely challenging fire season. Along with our heavy initial attack load, eleven Incident Management Teams worked for, interfaced with or were bordering the Central Oregon District in 2007. I was extremely proud of the level of expertise, knowledge, and skills this district brought, and continues to bring to the table in fire management.

COD has a remarkable group of committed employees; I can't thank all the landowners, staff, and other districts enough for their support in the 2007 fire season.



Travis Medema

# Larry Hoffman Scholarship in Wildfire and Ecosystem Health

The legacy continues to grow for the Larry Hoffman Scholarship In Wildfire and Ecosystem Health. The endowment grew by nearly 45% from contributions and investment gains to total \$49,534.54. This is really exciting growth and shows there is still quite a bit of support flowing into a discipline Larry cared a great deal about.

The 2007 Scholarship Recipient is Mr. Cary Swain a College of Forestry student at Oregon State University.

**To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Larry Hoffman Scholarship Fund:** address checks to the OSU Foundation with "Larry Hoffman Scholarship Fund" in the comment line.

Send to: OSU Foundation, 850 SW 35th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333. Gifts of cash or appreciated securities are welcome.

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## Central Oregon District Safety

In 2007 at the direction of a new District Forester the District Safety Committee was reorganized. The new committee that formed was on a volunteer basis: a member from each unit. The first task of the new committee was to reorganize the District Safety Plan into a more user-friendly condensed document. The committee met this challenge by creating a document that included accident flow charts and all the necessary forms. Other projects the committee was asked to look at were the safety incentive program and ATV training. The Committee, at the direction of the District Forester, came up with a new Safety Recognition Program to be in place for 2008. Currently at this time, the State-Wide Safety Committee is reviewing

District Employee Exposure Hours: 153,588.25; roughly 30,000.00 more hours than in 2006. The District has 75 seasonal employees and 35 permanent employees.

Accidents in 2007 seemed to be on the rise. The District had a combined total of 18 accidents (personal, and vehicle): seven personal accidents (2 poison oak, 1 insect bite and other minor injuries) and 11 vehicle accidents (4-vehicle verses animal).



**Safety Station at the Sisters Office**

2007 District  
Safety Committee Members:

Dana Tenold—Chairperson  
Tracy Mizer  
Steve Drake  
Ben Duda  
Kirk Ausland  
Travis Medema



# Protection From Fire

## The District in Review

It was an early start on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 when the Assistant Unit Foresters gathered from all corners of the district for their regularly scheduled meeting in Fossil, OR, to establish training needs and plot for the season ahead. One of the AUF's started telling the others how, when he first got the job, everyone warned him about the pre-season fires in his area; "Yeah, right! In all my years here, it hasn't happen yet," he proudly proclaimed. The rest of the AUF's shook their heads knowing that karma has sharp teeth.

Just a few hours after the meeting adjourned, this certain Assistant Unit Forester was off to the races on the lightning caused 20-acre Hawk Ridge Fire. Then a few days later the 35-acre Griffin Canyon Fire and 17-acre Portuguese Canyon Fire, both proving true those earlier words of wisdom.

Apparently, just being in the room when such a pre-season statement is made also makes you a target. Also on May 15<sup>th</sup>, The Dalles Unit fought the five-acre Campbell Fire and shortly after, the one-acre Hwy 281 Fire and nine-acre Chenoweth Fire. The Sisters Sub-Unit also fell prey to an early fire season; Memorial Day Weekend brought the 90-acre Wilt Fire and a week later the Sisters Unit was providing mutual-aid to Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Department on the 330-acre Crooked Fire.



**Crop Duster fighting the Cherry Heights Fire  
in The Dalles Unit**



**Calamity Complex—John Day Unit**

All told, the district had 66 calls for service in the pre-season. (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Jun 15<sup>th</sup>); a 38% increase over last year. Thirty-nine of those fires resulted in 336 acres of burned protected lands. Central Oregon Districts relationship with cooperators and landowners proved instrumental in the suppression of these fires. For example, the ODF/USFS cooperative thinning crew in Sisters was used extensively during this period for Initial Attack and extended operations. The Permanent Forest Officers who were busy building engines and doing project work also picked up shovels across the district to help with the pre-season firefighting effort. The 2007 season started with a bang one month early; unfortunately it didn't end early.

All season stories flooded in from across the district of tooth and nail fire fighting: the Ball Point Fire, the Monument Complex (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>?), the Egley Complex, the Mud Springs Fire, and the GW Fire were all events that will leave memories and scars across Central Oregon and nationwide. This season saw the first official use of crop dusters on the Cherry Heights Fire near The Dalles (see photo at left); a very effectively tool! It was yet another fast response from local resource from the firefighting tool box.

# Protection From Fire

## The District in Review (cont)

After getting pounded by lightning in July, the Prineville Unit went 40 days (7/13 - 8/31) without a single fire!

District-wide the number of moving parts were tremendous. Crews and overhead from all over the state landed in Central Oregon at one point or another. We were finally able to return the favor on the 1500 Rd. Fire outside of Dallas. Central Oregon also sent crews and overhead out of state. Georgia, Florida, California, and Washington all called for aid and Central Oregon District was there to answer the phone. Even in the middle of the night.

The statistics don't lie; Fire season '07 was yet another above average year. Despite the snow in the hills, plans are being made for the trend to continue. Hoping for the best and planning for the worst, Central Oregon District sharpens pencils and pulaski's, waiting for the alarm to sound (we also don't talk about pre-season fires anymore.).

		'07 / '06 / Avg
Total number of calls for service		<b>362 / 376 / 357</b>
Statistical fires		<b>192 / 221 / 181</b>
<b>2007 acreage</b>		
Lightning	38,313 acres	<b>105 / 141 / 93</b>
Railroad	0.52 acres	<b>3 / 3 / 3</b>
Equipment	47.21 acres	<b>17 / 11 / 15</b>
Recreationist	6.78 acres	<b>14 / 14 / 15</b>
Smoking	22.22 acres	<b>5 / 7 / 11</b>
Debris Burn	168.57 acres	<b>22 / 27 / 26</b>
Arson	0.52 acres	<b>3 / 3 / 1</b>
Juveniles	6.4 acres	<b>4 / 8 / 6</b>
Misc.	217.58 acres	<b>15 / 7 / 13</b>
Under invest	2746.98 acres	<b>4 / 0 / 0</b>
Avg is a 10year average 1997 -2006		



**A Thundercloud starts to build early morning Friday July 13th, 2007**

# Protection From Fire

## Letter from a wildland firefighter—A California Wildfire Experience

Speaking of weather events, how about those Santa Ana winds? You may have guessed by now that I am safely returned to Sisters and to the daily routine. It is not without a good deal of sadness that I returned. Answering the call to the California wildfires has been the greatest experience of my career, so far. The long drive south was filled with anticipation and anxiety. Every television station showed live feeds of monstrous walls of flame, every radio station broadcast reports of devastation. I knew what we were headed towards. Since day one, first year, we all have studied the major fuel types. Only a fool would not be afraid of the California chaparral. Add to that record high winds topping out at 100 mph gusts. I'm not ashamed to admit that I was feeling intimidated.

By the time we arrived in Riverside on Tuesday evening, the Los Angeles county fires had mostly burned to the sea. The priority had now been shifted to the Grass Valley and Slide fires in the mountains above San Bernardino. We arrived at our rally point, Rim Of The World, well after nightfall but the hills were not dark. Winds were raging across the ridges in excess of twenty miles per hour and the fire acted accordingly, illuminating the peaks and canyons. I laid out my sleeping bag that night not knowing what to expect of the coming day. As I started to fall asleep, the smoke burning my throat and eyes, I listened to the wind overhead and hoped that I would not become another fatality statistic.

The next morning, to our surprise, was calm. The wind had died off and we were under an inversion. We were told at briefing that the fires were at zero containment, all resources (and there were a hell of a lot) would be as-

signed to structure protection, and that if last night's rate of spread continued, the anticipated loss would be in the range of one thousand homes. When we arrived at our division (the Lower Rowco area of Running Springs) visibility was less than 50 feet. The smoke was dark brown and acrid. Division breakout was populated by firefighters with burning red eyes and running noses. Homes were burning just down the hill.

The wind didn't blow that first day, nor any of the next days. The Santa Ana event had ended. We lost a couple of structures on our division in the first few days, not due to the flaming front, of course, but because of the small and unseen embers and heat. I won't bore a firefighter with the details of our tasks. I will say only that we had a few good knock-downs and some good saves. Like most fires it was a little action and a whole lot of mop-up.

This one was different for me, though. It happened round about the end of the first week. We had been working around the same structures the entire week, but they were no longer structures. They were homes. And somewhere there were people who belonged in these homes. I was no longer putting out smokes to meet objectives. I was seeking out all of the heat so that families could come home and feel safe. This was not a million dollar neighborhood. After stomping around in the same backyards for a week, I felt close to these people. The toys, the long lost soccer balls, the beer cans... this was a working class neighborhood. Our people.

We were given a warning that the evacuation order was to be lifted and that we were to remain visible to the public and assist in any way that we could. Greg and I talked a great deal about our feelings. A dozen homes were leveled on our division, seven of them on a single street where Greg and I were assigned. What do you say to a person whose entire life has been reduced to twisted metal and ashes? We were nauseated with the prospect.

On the first day of re-entry, we parked the engine and walked. We walked for hours on end throughout the neighborhood trying to be some sort of comfort. We met dozens of people with dozens of stories. We concluded our conversations with "We're glad you're home." It was a true sentiment.

Well, Karl, I could go on and on, but the truth is, I'm still trying to process everything that I felt during this experience. I feel that I left Oregon on October 22nd with a lot of assumptions, but somewhere along the way I finally became a firefighter. You've heard me protest again and again that I "don't have enough experience" and "I'm not qualified". Technical aspects will be learned along the way, I know that now. There was an elderly woman at the Red Cross station in Running Springs; she was fighting back tears when she looked at me and said "thank you". I said "we're here for you" and asked where she lived and if her house had survived. She nodded yes and said apologetically "I can't talk", she was too choked up. As she turned to walk away I reached out and put my hand on her shoulder. She turned around and gave me a hug, as dirty as I was. It was something she needed to do, and I suppose I needed it too. I will never see that woman again, but I will never forget her, either.

Billie Townsend, PFO Sisters Unit



Wildfire—Santiago, CA

Photo by GR Foster



# Private Forests Program

## Forest Practices

Harvesting continued at a steady pace in the first half of 2007, but slowed considerably due to poor market conditions as the year came to a close. By all indications 2008 will continue to be slow in the harvesting arena. Despite the slowdown forest operators continued exceptional work with several receiving letters of commendation from the district. Of special note, Moore and Hueckman Logging of Canyon City was nominated for the Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year for their exceptional work on several thinning projects in the John Day unit.



This stream crossing by Longview Timberlands greatly exceeds FPA flow requirements and replaced a blown out culvert and unstable fill from 1996. Operators continue to show a high compliance rate with the Oregon Forest Practices Act and willingly apply best management practices when installing stream crossing structures.

### Private Forests by the Numbers

#### 2007 Central Oregon District Accomplishments

Forest Practices notifications	888
Stewardship Plan Acres	3717
Non Commercial Thinning acres	2816
Reforestation acres	68
CREP planting acres	1942
CREP stream enhancement miles	100

## Forestry Assistance



This ponderosa pine stand was thinned as part of the bark beetle mitigation program, which aims to reduce density and increase tree health and resistance to bark beetle attack.

It was another busy year on the district as stewardship foresters provided technical forest management assistance to landowners, as well as being involved in several cost share incentive programs. Some popular programs include the bark beetle mitigation program which provides funds for non commercial thinning, the forest stewardship program that funds management planning, and the CREP program which is a stream conservation program that ODF participates in by providing technical assistance for riparian planting.

The stewardship foresters also continue to be involved in other activities including watershed councils, community wildfire groups, administering national fire plan grants, and supporting the protection from fire program.

# Urban and Community Forestry Assistance



**Katie Lompa, ODF speaks to volunteers about proper tree planting techniques in Irrigon, Oregon.**

With technical assistance from the U&CFA Program, the City of Sisters developed and adopted a public tree ordinance in the fall of 2007. This tree ordinance is not only the foundation of the city's developing urban forest management program, but as one of the standards that must be met to become a Tree City USA, the city is one step closer to achieving this award.

The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Oregon Department of Forestry were proud to present Tree City USA status in the spring of 2007 to yet another Central Oregon city for the first time. The City of Metolius joined the City of Bend, City of Madras, and the Sunriver Owners Association in being recognized for their programs to plant and care for public trees.

The City of Sisters can be proud of having someone on staff who recently graduated from the ODF U&CFA Program's Community Tree Management Institute (CTMI). Laura Lehman, Assistant Planner for the City of Sisters was accepted into the year long course and graduated in November. CTMI is a course in urban forest management for municipal employees who have tree related responsibilities.

The City of Irrigon celebrated National Arbor Day on April 27 as more than thirty volunteers teamed up with city staff and ODF U&CFA program staff to plant thirteen shade trees around the city's newly dedicated skatepark. The project received technical assistance from the ODF U&CFA Program throughout the planning and implementation of the project.

The 1992 Oregon Legislature directed the Oregon Department of Forestry to provide technical assistance to Oregon cities and community groups to help them plant, manage, and care for the urban forest (ORS 526.510). ODF helps cities capitalize on the many economic, environmental, and social benefits that trees provide through the agency's Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Program (U&CFA) and its staff of three professional urban foresters. As one of the three "urban foresters", Katie Lompa, community assistance forester covers the 18 counties which make up the Eastern Oregon Area.

Recent budget reductions in the ODF's Urban Forestry program have resulted in Katie and her counterpart on the Westside of the Cascades being only funded at half time positions since July 2007.



**Mayor Brad Boyd and Katie Lompa, ODF receive help from Sisters elementary school students planting a tree for Arbor Day.**



# National Fire Plan Grant Funded Projects

In 2007 1,684 acres were treated in the Central Oregon District, and \$307,534 dollars allocated. National Fire Plan Grants are very important to all of Oregon, and hopefully, these dollars will continue to be available to help off set costs for creating defensible space, reduce fuel loading, and make our communities a safer place to live. Thanks again, to all of our dedicated employees for a job well done.



**A National Fire Plan Chipping Project in Sisters, OR**

## Central Oregon District

Acres Treated	1,684
Grant Dollars Distributed	\$307,534

Prineville Unit;

Another year has come and gone. Time goes by fast, when you are having fun, keeping busy and accomplishing your objectives and meeting goals.

In 2007, the Prineville Unit started shifting defensible space priorities from one acre lots to larger landowners, blocks of common grounds, road right of ways, and evacuation routes adjacent to or within subdivisions. These grant related projects took place on properties located within La Pine, Sunriver, Bend, Sisters/Camp Sherman, Cloverdale and Madras Rural Fire Districts. As a result of these projects, 510 acres of fuels reduction, 147 acres of slash treatment, 178 acres of thinning, and six miles of road right of ways and evacuation routes received treatments, as well as establishing shaded fuel breaks. In 2007, \$66,184 National Fire Plan dollars were dispersed.

Two of our National Fire Plan Grants expired in June of this year. We met our goals on one of these grants and far exceeded expectations and goals on the other, namely our chipping grant.

In 2007,utilizing the ODF chipper and crews, we treated 111 acres, served 95 house holds, 12 vacant lots, resulting in 1,227 cubic yards of chips. Since the inception of the chipper grant in 2002, over 5,000 house holds have been served and over 5,200 acres treated, resulting in 15,600 cubic yards of chips. As long as grant dollars are available, we will continue implementing, National Fire Plan Programs.

The Dalles Unit;

The Dalles Unit completed three National Fire Plan grants in 2007 and are presently in the process of allocating funds on three of the four remaining grants. These funds will be distributed in Hood River and Wasco counties in areas identified in the Community Wildfire Protection Plans, as high priority treatment areas. Accomplishments for the unit in 2007 include 62 evaluations, 362 acres treated, and dollar allocations of \$182,750.

Since the inception of the National Fire Plan in 2002, The Dalles Unit has signed up and completed projects on properties of 360 landowners in Hood River and Wasco Counties.

John Day Unit;

National Fire Plan accomplishments in 2007 for the John Day Unit consisted of thinning stands of trees to reduce fuel loading, modify ladder fuels, and create defensible space. Dollars allocated for these projects totaled \$58,600, resulting in 251 acres treated, and an additional 125 acres signed up for thinning in the future, using National Fire Plan Grant dollars.



# Oregon Forestland Urban Interface Fire Protection Act

“It’s a long term investment and it just makes sense..”

During the past year Central Oregon District, working with three county courts, completed the classification, public meetings and hearings for Jefferson, Wasco and Crook counties.

The public meeting and hearings were well attended, public support for the implementation of the Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection act continues without any negative testimony or written comments. Certification packages will be mailed to homeowners during the spring of 2008.

An interesting sidebar; in the Metolius Basin the Oregon Department of Forestry is working with the US Forest Service to apply the standards of SB 360 to both private lands protected by ODF and Forest Service summer homes protected by the USFS. Homeowners on both private and public lands will utilize the treatment formulas recommended by the Jefferson County Classification committee and will return certification cards to be included in our statewide data base.

Additionally Wasco, Jefferson, and Deschutes Counties have incorporated the standards of SB-360 into their respective building codes. Crook County has incorporated the standards into their Community Wildfire Protection Plan. “We are finding that not only does the public embrace the treatment recommendations of the Act but county planners and emergency services personnel are utilizing and incorporating our prescriptions in their building codes” commented Travis Medema, District Forester.

“We are continuing to work toward meeting the State Foresters objective of having all Oregon Counties implemented by the year 2011” said George Ponte Acting Central Oregon District Forester.

Deschutes County is on the fifth year of the initial implementation and will be reconvening the classification committee in 2008 to initiate the second SB 360 cycle for the county.

We are continuing to add certified assessors to our growing cadre of contractors, fire department personnel and homeowner that are trained by the Oregon Department of Forestry to provide community assistance and help others understand the provisions of the Act. To date we have trained over 150 assessors in the Central Oregon District.



**Before**



**After**

# Fire Prevention



**The New Central Oregon Fire Prevention Cooperative Jr Fire Fighter Challenge**



**Team Teaching across Central Oregon**



**Grant County Fair Booth  
John Day**

It has been another busy year for fire prevention in the Central Oregon District. It all starts with engineering: fuels mitigation, industrial requirements, and increased patrols, then moves heavily into education.

Central Oregon is one of the fastest growing areas, especially in the wildland urban-interface. With a climbing number in population and recreationists, and a high turn over in residents, education is our number one advocate in fire prevention.

Central Oregon district is involved with very active fire prevention cooperatives; employees both lead and participate in many fire prevention education / awareness activities, reaching over 100,000 children and adults across the district each year. District employees also work very closely with the private landowner regarding specific prevention requests such as increased patrols, signing, public service announcements, and more.

Central Oregon District has the privilege of having the first three *Firewise Communities USA* neighborhoods nationally recognized in the state of Oregon: Fall River in 2004, Caldera Springs in 2007, and Wildriver, also in 2007. Working closely with communities is key in achieving this defensible space urban-interface wildland fire safety.

This past summer, several human caused fires were investigated within the district with the assistance of the Oregon State Police arson investigators. This partnership has provided much needed public awareness with law enforcement patrolling COD protected lands.

Enforcement is the third leg of the fire prevention triangle and does play a role; after fire prevention warnings to individuals, citations were written.

A huge thanks goes out to all the various employees that helped at each of this past years events!

## Fire Prevention Events

- Team Teaching
- HOA & Defensible Space
- Home Assessments
- FireFree
- Signing
- Media Campaigns
- Outdoor schools
- County Fairs
- Parades
- Rodeos
- Festivals
- Health & Safety Fairs
- Hunter Booths
- FIREBUSTERS
- Other interagency programs

Reaching over 100,000 children and adults each year



# State Employees Food Drive

The 2007 Governor's State Employee Food Drive proved another successful and fun time for COD employees. We are a community focused organization and it gives each of us great honor to be able to help support the needy in our local area.

## The Green Bean Cup

Food and fun was had by all at the 3rd annual Green Bean Cup Tournament. This year there were several different games going with 16 players; ultimately the official Green Bean Cup trophy went to Elden Ward who won with a staggering 24 hand! Two fours, a five, and two sixes! Way to go Elden! Elden has one year to keep the prized trophy and will need to add a special food drive momento before handing it to next years winner!

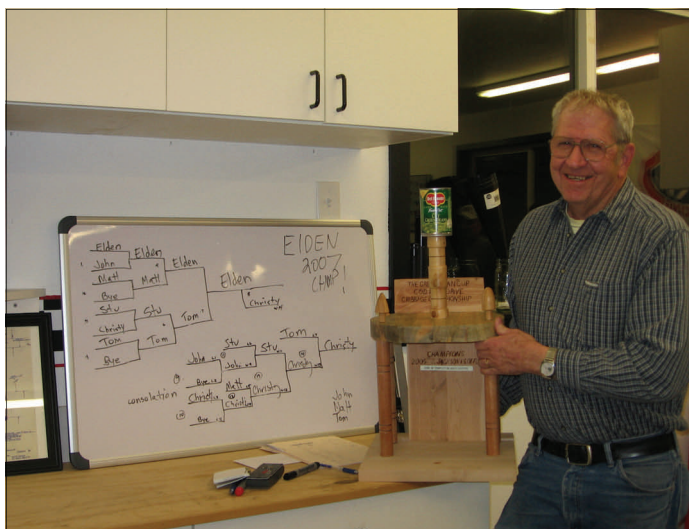
## Snow Day

A second event has started its way into COD history: "snow day." This year marked the first year of this fun event with snowshoeing, skiing, and Dutch oven cooking!

## Drum Roll Please...

Along with fun events, some individual employees chose to give money, and the district raised 3582.4 pounds (between food and cash) which was donated to our local St. Vincent DePaul.

Plans are in place for next years tournaments and outdoor food drive activities!



Elden Ward receiving the Green Bean Cup

## Administration

### Service Awards

Bart Lee—25 Years

### Promotions

Travis Medema, COD District Forester

George Ponte, EOA Assistant to the Area Director

### New Hires

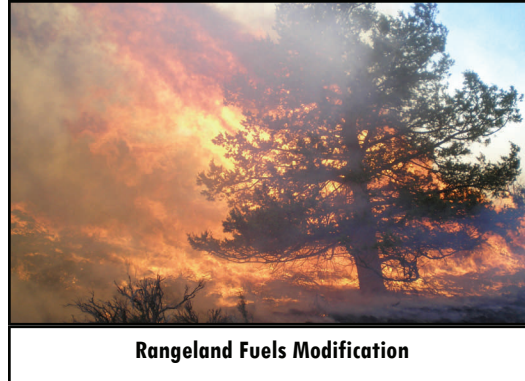
Billie Townsend, Permanent Forest Officer, Sisters

Lori Smith, Office Specialist 1, John Day

# Rangeland Protection Associations



Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Rangeland Fuels Modification

The 2007 fire season impacted several of the Rangeland Fire protection Associations. The largest fire in eastern Oregon was the Egley Fire in Harney County. The Silver Creek Rangeland fire Protection Association (RFPA) was active in suppressing the fire and protecting their improvements.

Silver Creek RFPA spent a total of 14 days on the fire, with 300 hours of personnel time and 125 hours of equipment time. Great effort from a small but very effective Rangeland Fire protection Association. The Egley Fire burned a total of 140,000 acres in and around the Silver Creek Association.

Other associations outside of COD were also impacted by rangeland fires this past summer and did their coordinated best to actively help suppress each one.

The associations continue to be an integral part of the state's complete and coordinated fire suppression effort. Thanks to all of the associations for all their hard work. It is recognized and appreciated.

The Rangeland Fire Protection Association Coordinator continues to meet with each association and help them pursue grants for equipment, work toward common goals with the Oregon Department of Forestry, and continue to work with communities on forming Rangeland Fire Protection Associations where they would be beneficial.

## Protected Acres

<i>Association</i>	<i>Private Acres</i>	<i>State Acres</i>	<i>Federal Acres</i>	<i>Total Acres</i>
Ironside	336,537	3,568	24,046	364,151
Burnt River	171,884	0	106,430	278,314
Crane	660,928	106,533	1,064,095	1,831,556
Fields / Andrews	156,119	774	813,511	970,404
Silver Creek	79,487	4,438	143,541	227,466
Twickenham	98,224	40	50,957	149,220
Post / Paulina	355,323	21,866	263,169	640,358
Brothers / Hampton	209,359	31,254	451,173	691,786
Juntura	182,566	82,118	691,980	956,663
Jordan Valley	293,555	177,221	2,024,118	2,494,894
Vale	305,379	10,066	597,587	913,032

# Interagency Dispatch Centers



Serving the Wildland Firefighter, the agencies, and Oregonians.

The John Day Interagency Dispatch Center (JDIDC) located in John Day, OR dispatches for John Day/Fossil Units within the Central Oregon District of the Oregon Department of Forestry, as well as the North half of the Malheur National Forest. It was a very busy year.

The fires started in May and didn't stop until November. JDIDC had 402 incidents reported resulting in a total of 187 fires of which 90 were Oregon Department of Forestry protection. Of those 90, 66 were lightning caused for a total of 36,567 acres, up significantly from last year. 34 fires were human caused or are under investigation, resulting in 2,814 acres being burnt.

JDIDC supports both ODF and USFS in ordering and tracking of resources. The co-location allows for better communication and knowledge of available resources. During a fire bust there could be upwards of 20 people staffing the Initial Attack Dispatch radios, shared resources and ordering.

Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC) is located at the Prineville airport, dispatches for the Prineville/Sisters unit of the Central Oregon District of the Oregon Department of Forestry. COIDC also dispatches for the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests, Prineville Bureau of Land Management and Crooked River National Grasslands.

May started a busy fire season and continued until the end of November. COIDC's jurisdiction had 5 lightning storms lasting 3 or more days, the ERC's were at or above the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile for 36 Days. We had 1,046 incidents of which 372 were

fires, which was 79 below average, but burning 43,504 ac. which was 5,758 ac. above average. Of these, 68 were ODF fires, 38 were lightning, burning 1,521 ac. and 30 were human caused, burning 341 ac. both of these total acreages were above the 10 year average, while both of the total fire numbers were average. Prineville/Sisters ODF also assisted on 50 mutual aid fires to our cooperators, and we also responded to 40 smoke chases.

The Dalles Dispatch, dispatches only for The Dalles unit of the Central Oregon District. They dispatched for 33 ODF fires, 18 mutual aid fires and 16 smoke chases. 3 fires were lightning caused burning 2.8 ac. and 30 were Human caused, burning 134 ac.



Central Oregon firefighters mop-up a fire.

Dispatch Center	Total Fires	Lightning	Human Caused
COIDC	372	190	182
JDIDC	187	121	66
THE DALLES	33	3	30