

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving Title III Projects)
under the Secure Rural Schools and Community)
Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and)
Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343)
_____)

ORDER NO. 88 - 2009

WHEREAS, Columbia County has received "safety-net" revenues under the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 P.L. 106-393" as amended and re-authorized in 2008 by Public Law 110-343; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 110-343 requires each county to expend 15 to 20 percent of its safety-net payments on various kinds of projects pursuant to Title II and III of the Act or, alternatively, to return that portion of its safety-net payment to the U.S. Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners elected to allocate 15 percent of its safety-net payments for projects under Title II and III; and

WHEREAS, approximately seven percent of the payments were allocated to Title III projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010, which runs from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County currently has budgeted funding for Title III projects in the amount of \$285,000; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 110-343 sets three categories for the type of projects that may be funded under Title III, those categories being:

- 1) **FIREWISE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM:**
"[T]o carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires* * *";
- (2) **SEARCH, RESCUE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES:**
"[T]o reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are— (A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b); (B) paid for by the participating county * * *";
- 3) **COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS:**
"[T]o develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned";

and

WHEREAS, the following two proposed projects for Title III funding were submitted to Columbia County, and were preliminarily approved by the Board of Commissioners on November 4, 2009:

- 1) The Oregon Department of Forestry, on behalf of itself and Columbia County Fire Districts,

proposes to conduct a national Firewise Workshop to set the stage for implementing the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, at an estimated cost of \$7,000; and

2) Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation Department proposes to replace the culvert and bridge across Mollenhour Creek on the C-Z trail/logging road, the only access to federal timberlands and the only means of ingress/egress for citizens living in that area should Scappoose-Vernonia Road be closed for any reason, at an estimated cost of \$280,000; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Project Submission forms are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively, and by this reference incorporated herein: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 110-343, Columbia County opened a forty-five (45) day public comment period to anyone wishing to make written comments on the proposed projects by publishing a Public Notice in local area newspapers describing the projects and directing that written comments must be received on or before 5:00 pm on December 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, no public comments were received at the end of the 45-day comment period; and

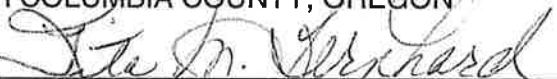
WHEREAS, a copy of the Project Submission forms was forwarded to the Salem Rural Advisory Committee for comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1) The projects outlined in the Project Submission forms attached hereto as Exhibits A and B are approved for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as amended and re-authorized in 2008 by PL 110-343.
- 2) The cost of the Oregon Department of Forestry's project shall be funded in the amount of \$7,000.
- 3) The cost of the Columbia County Forest, Parks & Recreation Department's project shall be funded in the amount of \$278,000.
- 4) The Oregon Department of Forestry's project shall be certified as meeting the criteria of the Firewise Communities Program and the Community Wildlife Protection Plan, and the Columbia County Forest, Parks & Recreation Department's project shall be certified as meeting the criteria of Search, Rescue and Other Emergency Services as required under PL 110-343.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2009, at St. Helens, Oregon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Chair

By: _____
Commissioner

By: 
Commissioner

Approved as to form


By: 
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

PL 110-343 TITLE III PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008
TITLE VI - OTHER PROVISIONS, SEC. 601

"Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program"

Name of Project: FIREWISE WORKSHOP - COLUMBIA COUNTY
(NATIONAL FIREWISE)

Date Project Submission Form to be returned to Columbia County: October 29, 2009

Date Project Submitted: 10/26/09

Project Sponsor: OREGON DEPT. OF FORESTRY * FIRE DISTRICTS COLUMBIA COUNTY

Sponsor's Address: 405 E ST., COLUMBIA CITY

Contact Person/Title: MICHAEL SIMEK, UNIT FORESTER

Phone: 503 397 7636 Fax: 503 397 6361 E-Mail: msimeke@odf.state.or.us

Project Is Authorized Under The Following Category: [see Sec. 302(a)]. Attach a detailed statement on how this project meets the criteria of the Act.

- Activities Under the Firewise Community Program
- Reimbursement for Search, Rescue, Firefighting or Other Emergency Services on Federal land
- Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Project Location: WITHIN COLUMBIA COUNTY

Other Identifiers: (geographic location, road name or number, stream name)
EDUCATION/OUTREACH WITHIN COLUMBIA COUNTY

Project Description: include work windows or other limitations / restrictions / public or private land)
CONDUCT A NATIONAL "FIREWISE WORKSHOP" FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY FIRE PROFESSIONALS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS, LANDSCAPE/LGN. CONTRACTORS TO SET STAGE FOR IMPLEMENTING COLUMBIA COUNTIES CUWP.

Project Goals and Objectives:
EDUCATE ON MITIGATION OF WILDLAND FIRE THREATS, TRAIN ON PROPER ASSESSMENTS OF HAZARDS W/ THE "HOME IGNITION ZONE". PROPER MITIGATION TO STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY THROUGH FIREWISE FUEL REMOVAL, FIREWISE LANDSCAPING, FIREWISE MATERIALS.

Is there an opportunity to tie to an associated Title II project? Explain:
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COLUMBIA COUNTY
OCT 26 2009

COUNTY COUNSEL
Hand Delivered

Proposed Method Of Accomplishment:

Contract Volunteers Agency (FS/BLM) Employees County
 County Corrections (adult / juvenile) Non-Profit Other _____

Current Status of Project Preparation: CONTACT NATIONAL CARE & CONTRACT 'FIREWISE WORKSHOP'. THEY PROVIDE CERTIFIED NATIONAL INSTRUCTORS AND ALL COURSE MATERIALS.

Contact Person(s) for Project-Specific Documentation:

MICHAEL SIMIEK - KEVIN NELSON (CWPPS SPECIALIST)
Contact's Phone No. 397-2636 Contact's e-mail: msimiek@cdf.state.or.us
knelson@cdf.state.or.us

How Does The Project Benefit The Community? FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOP TO EDUCATING THE "DOERS" WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FIRE PROFESSIONALS TO CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS HOMEOWNERS & ASSOCIATIONS TO MOVE FIREWISE CONCEPTS FORWARD CONTRACTORS TO CONDUCT PROJECTS - CATALYST FOR ACTION/ EDUCATION

Duration Of The Project: 2 DAY WORKSHOP + PREP TIME + OUTREACH

Anticipated Cost of Project (itemize):

- ▶ Review And Consultation Costs: _____
- ▶ Contract Preparation And Administration Costs: _____
- ▶ Materials And Supplies: WORKSHOP COSTS \$1,500.00
- ▶ Monitoring: _____
- ▶ Other Costs: _____
- ▶ Indirect Costs (overhead): _____

Total Cost Estimate: \$ 7,000.00

Estimated Start Date Of Project: * Estimated Completion Date: * → 2 days. sometime w/1

Is This A Multi-Year Funding Request? Yes No (if yes, display by fiscal year) Feb - May 2010

FFY09 Request: X FFY10 Request: X ? * → 2010

FFY11 Request: _____ FFY12 Request: _____

Identify Source(s) Of Other Funding For Project:

FFY09 USFS WESTERN STATES FIRE MANAGERS GRANT AWARDED TO CDF-COLUMBIA UNIT / , CDF IN-KIND

Project Accomplishments / Expected Outcomes: _____

How Is Project in the Public Interest? BE PUBLIC WILL "EDUCATED" PROPERTIES ASSESSED FOR RISK. ULTIMATELY BE MORE PREPARED TO PROTECT LIFE & PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE FROM WILDLAND FIRE RISKS. TARGETS AS IDENTIFIED IN APPROVED CWPP.

Will Project Create a Product or Benefit to the Federal Resource? YES, AS IT IS RELATED TO BLM AGENCY AND HOMEOWNER FIRE PREVENTION/REDUCED FUELS AROUND HOMES, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH COUNTY - SCAPPOOSE & CHAPMAN AREA.
 Monitoring and Reporting Plan to Measure Outcome (what measure or evaluation will be made

to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired objectives): _____

- STRONG RECRUITMENT - ATTENDANCE BY TARGET GROUPS
 - # OF ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTIES TRAINING TO ACTION
 - ENGAGED HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS ASSESSMENT
- Other Comments: FUEL REDUCTION / FIREWISE LANDSCAPING ACTIONS COMPLETED

Submitted to Columbia County, By MICHAEL SIMIEK [Project Sponsor]
OREGON DEPT OF FORESTRY
 By: Michael Simiek [Signature of authorized representative]
 Address: 405 E St. Columbia City, OR 97018
 Telephone: 503.397.2636 E-mail: msimek@odf.state.or.us
 Date: 10/26/09

TITLE III PROJECT CERTIFICATION REPORT			
Date notice of proposed Project was published: _____			
Date Project description was mailed to RACs with area jurisdiction: _____			
Date 45-day public comment period closed: _____			
Date Project approved by county: _____			
Amount spent on Project during the calendar year:			
2009 \$ _____	2010 \$ _____	2011 \$ _____	
2012 \$ _____	2013 \$ _____	2014 \$ _____	
Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__		BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY OREGON	
		By: _____ Chair	

EXAMPLE

BUT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

November 19-20



Assessing Wildfire Hazards in the
Home Ignition Zone!
A Two-Day Workshop

This workshop covers

- Myths of wildland/urban interface (WUI) fire
- History and context of WUI fire disasters
- Sequential elements of a WUI fire disaster
- Research and case studies
- Risk factors in the home ignition zone
- How to conduct and document an assessment
- Health of the ecosystem
- Inspecting the home ignition zone
- Accessibility in case of a wildfire emergency
- Much more!

This workshop also includes Q & A, class discussion and three classroom exercises where participants will perform home ignition zone evaluations, practicing the information they have learned. ***This is an ideal course for wildfire specialists, forestry professionals, insurance professionals, and others interested in providing important wildfire risk information to residents.***

The workshop was developed by the Firewise Communities Program and the Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Working Team of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)

Much of the technical content of this course is based directly on wildfire home ignition research conducted by **Jack Cohen**, Research Scientist from the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Missoula, Montana. His research on the causes and context of Wildland/Urban Interface fire disasters has created a body of knowledge for application by others. His conception of the Home Ignition Zone and its application has guided the Firewise Communities efforts nationally, regionally, and locally.

Sponsored by: Benton County and OSU Extension Service

Dates: Thursday and Friday, November 19-20; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per attendee; Scholarships available; Pre-registration required

Location: Corvallis Fire Station #1, 400 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis
Refreshments and Thursday lunch provided, Friday lunch on your own

To Register, or for more information, contact Chris Bentley, 541-766-6819
chris_bentley@co.benton.or.us

EXHIBIT B

PL 110-343 TITLE III PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008
TITLE VI - OTHER PROVISIONS, SEC. 601
"Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program"

Name of Project: Crown-Zellerbach Roadway - Mollenhour Creek Bridge

Date Project Submission Form to be returned to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners: _____

Date Project Submitted: September 25, 2009

Project Sponsor: Columbia County

Sponsor's Address: 230 Strand St., Room 318, St. Helens, OR 97051

Contact Person: Cynthia Zemaitis

Phone: (503) 387-3839 Fax: (503) 366-3925 E-Mail: cynthia.zemaitis@co.columbia.or.us

Project Is Authorized Under The Following Category: [see Sec. 302(a)]

- Activities Under the Firewise Community Program
- Reimbursement for Search, Rescue, Firefighting or Other Emergency Services on Federal land
- Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Project Location: Crown-Zellerbach logging road in T4N R2W Sec 16, Columbia County, OR

Other Identifiers: (geographic location, road name or number, stream name)

Crown-Zellerbach roadway where it crosses Mollenhour Creek. Near the end of Kingsley Rd.in the Chapman area.

Project Description: include work windows or other limitations / restrictions / public or private land)

The proposed project is the placement of a 90' x 12' precast concrete bridge structure at the location where Mollenhour Creek cuts through the Crown-Zellerbach roadway. The previous owner of the roadway removed a culvert that allowed passage over the creek. The roadway is currently impassable at this location. Mollenhour Creek has been designated a fish bearing stream. This designation limits the re-establishment of a creek crossing to a bridge structure. Minimizing project costs will be achieved by using standard dimension pre-cast concrete structures and existing Columbia County Public Works crews for installation.

Project Goals and Objectives:

The existing Crown-Zellerbach Road has been declared by Columbia County, in its Community Wildfire Protection Plan, as a secondary emergency response access roadway into Federal, State of Oregon, and privately managed timberland. This area encompasses a significant geographical portion of the County. The only other ingress/egress into the timberlands and

surrounding areas is the Scappoose Vernonia Road, which is subject to landslides. Placement of a bridge at the Mollenhour Creek location will re-establish the alternate emergency response access route into this area and open up approximately 15 miles of continuous roadway through the area. The Crown-Zellerbach road also serves as an alternate emergency exiting route for residents living in the upper-Nehalem Valley and Scappoose Creek watershed areas. Severe weather events during the past couple of Winters has created extreme difficulty for these residents when the primary exiting route, Scappoose-Vernonia Road, became impassable with debris blocking the roadway for days . It is critical that the Crown-Zellerbach road be re-established as a usable emergency response alternate route so emergency responders have another option for accessing timberlands and populated areas to the West of the Mollenhour Creek location.

Is there an opportunity to tie to an associated Title II project? Explain:

No.

Proposed Method Of Accomplishment:

Contract Volunteers Agency (FS/BLM) Employees County
 County Corrections (adult / juvenile) Non-Profit Other _____

Current Status of Project Preparation: Preliminary survey of the project area has been completed.

Contact Person(s) for Project-Specific Documentation:

Glen Crinklaw

Contact's Phone No. (503) 366-6940 Contact's e-mail: glen.crinklaw@co.columbia.or.us

How Does The Project Benefit The Community? Re-establishment of Crown-Zellerbach Road as an emergency response alternate route will enhance the ability of area emergency responders to access a significant portion of the County's timberland in the event of wildfire or search and rescue operations.

Duration Of The Project: October 1, 2009 to September 15, 2010

Anticipated Cost of Project (itemize):

▶ Review And Consultation Costs: _____

- ▶ Contract Preparation And Administration Costs: _____
- ▶ Materials And Supplies: Pre-cast concrete bridge structure \$150,000
- ▶ Monitoring: _____
- ▶ Other Costs: In-house labor (engineering and installation) \$130,000
- ▶ Indirect Costs (overhead): _____

Total Cost Estimate: \$ 280,000

Estimated Start Date Of Project: 07/01/2010 **Estimated Completion Date:** 09/15/2010

Is This A Multi-Year Funding Request? Yes No (if yes, display by fiscal year)

FFY09 Request: _____ FFY10 Request: \$280,000

FFY11 Request: _____ FFY12 Request: _____

Identify Source(s) Of Other Funding For Project: _____

Project Accomplishments / Expected Outcomes: 1) Improved access to 23 sections of timberland, 2) opens approximately 15 miles of emergency response alternate access route, 3) Improves the public access to the BLM managed lands for recreation purposes, 4) Preservation of a historically significant piece of Oregon's timber industry.

How Is Project in the Public Interest? Improves emergency response to timberland fire and search and rescue.

Will Project Create a Product or Benefit to the Federal Resource? The Crown-Zellerbach Road is a relatively direct access route into the BLM managed timberland concentrated in the south-central portion of the County. Improved access to these timberland tracts will increase the capacity of emergency responders to get resources to wildfires that may occur in these areas in the future.

Monitoring and Reporting Plan to Measure Outcome (what measure or evaluation will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired objectives): Traffic counters will be installed to record traffic use before and after project implementation. Also, roadway maintenance records will be maintained detailing type of activities required to keep roadway open.

Other Comments: The Oregon Department of Forestry strongly supports this project.

Submitted to Columbia County By: Columbia County, through its Road Department

By: [Signature], Glen Crinklaw, Assistant Public Works Director

Address: Post Office Box 366, 1054 Oregon Street, St. Helens, OR 97051

Telephone: 503.397.5090 E-mail: glen.crinklaw@co.columbia.or.us

Date: September 25, 2009

TITLE III PROJECT CERTIFICATION REPORT

Date notice of proposed Project was published: _____

Date Project description was mailed to RACs with area jurisdiction: _____

Date 45-day public comment period closed: _____

Date Project approved by county: _____

Amount spent on Project during the calendar year:

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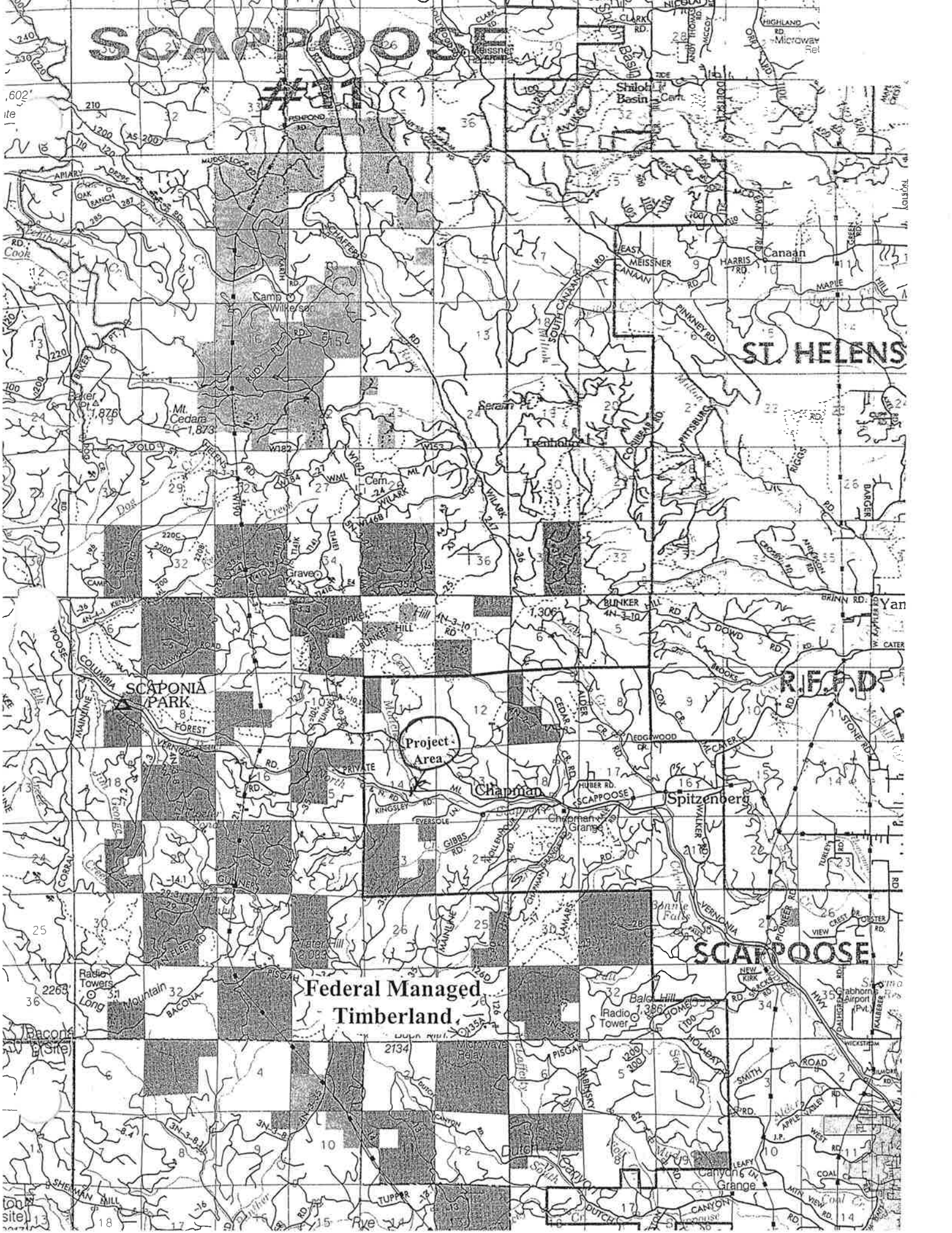
2012 \$ _____ 2013 \$ _____ 2014 \$ _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY OREGON

By: _____

Chair



SCAPOOSE

ST. HELENS

SCAPONIA PARK FOREST

Project Area

Federal Managed Timberland

Chapman

Spitzenberg

SCAPOOSE

R.F.F.D.

site

