

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving Title III Projects for)
FFY 2011 under the Secure Rural Schools and)
Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as)
Amended and Re-authorized by Public Law)
110-343)
_____)

ORDER NO. 17 - 2011

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 2011, which runs from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County currently has budgeted funding for Title III projects in the amount of \$274,731; 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 three proposed projects for Title III funding were submitted to Columbia County, and were preliminarily approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 22, 2010:

1) Columbia County's Forest, Parks and Recreation Department submitted a proposal under the criteria for Search, Rescue, Firefighting or Other Emergency Services to replace the culvert and bridge across Alder Creek on the C-Z trail/logging road for an estimated cost of \$126,000. The C-Z trail is 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 by landslide or otherwise.

2) The Oregon Department of Forestry submitted a project proposal to provide additional funding to support the current Community Wildfire Protection Plan / Firewise Forester, who works at implementing the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan priorities, Firewise Community outreach efforts and administration of federal cost share dollars. Under a different grant, the Forester's salary is covered through August 2011. The DOF requests Title III funding of \$8,000 to extend this position through October 2011, which will enable the Forester to complete the full 2-year administration period of the Western States Fire Manager's Grant.

3) The Scappoose Rural Fire District submitted a project proposal under the Firewise Community Program seeking \$7,880 to hire a part-time student intern to conduct a bridge and culvert inventory in eastern Columbia County (the areas of Chapman, Scappoose, Warren, St. Helens, Columbia City, Deer Island, Rainier and Prescott).

WHEREAS, copies of the Project Submission forms are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, 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 March 7, 2011; 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, B and C 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 Columbia County Forest, Parks & Recreation Department's project shall be funded in the amount of \$126,000, and the project shall be certified as meeting the criteria of Search, Rescue and Other Emergency Services as required under PL 110-343.

3) The cost of the Oregon Department of Forestry's project shall be funded in the amount of \$7,880, and the project shall be certified as meeting the criteria of the Firewise Communities Program and the Community Wildlife Protection Plan as required under PL 110-343.

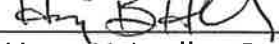
4) The cost of the Scappoose Rural Fire District's project shall be funded in the amount of \$8,000, and the project shall be certified as meeting the criteria of the Firewise Communities Program as required under PL 110-343.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2011, at St. Helens, Oregon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

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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"**

COLUMBIA COUNTY
NOV 08 2010
COUNTY COUNSEL

Name of Project: Crown-Zellerbach Roadway - Alder Creek Crossing

Date Project Submission Form to be returned to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners: November 19, 2010

Date Project Submitted: November 09, 2010

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 21 Columbia County, OR

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

Crown-Zellerbach roadway where it crosses Alder Creek. Approximately 3/10th mile from Cater Rd. intersection with Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy.

Project Description: include work windows or other limitations / restrictions / public or private land)
The proposed project is the placement of a 60' x 12' diameter open bottom corrugated steel culvert structure at the location where Alder 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. Minimizing project costs will be achieved by using standard specifications for culvert structure and utilizing the installation specifications as used on the recently completed crossing at Mollenhour Creek.

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 transportation route into the timberlands and surrounding areas is the Scappoose-Vernonia Road, which is subject to landslides. Establishing a crossing at the Alder 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 and East of the Alder 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: January 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011

Anticipated Cost of Project (itemize):

- ▶ Review And Consultation Costs: _____
- ▶ Contract Preparation And Administration Costs: _____ \$1,000
- ▶ Materials And Supplies: Culvert structure and installation \$120,000
- ▶ Monitoring: _____
- ▶ Other Costs: In-house labor (engineering) \$5,000
- ▶ Indirect Costs (overhead): _____

Total Cost Estimate: \$ 126,000 _____

Estimated Start Date Of Project: 07/01/2011 **Estimated Completion Date:** 09/31/2011

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

FFY09 Request: _____ FFY10 Request: \$126,000

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 27 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 Forest, Parks & Recreation

By: , 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: November 08, 2010

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 _____, 2010.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

CHAIR: _____

November 19, 2010

Cynthia Zemaitis
Office of Columbia County Counsel
230 Strand Street Room 318
St. Helens, Oregon 97051

DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOV 23 2010

Columbia Unit

COUNTY COUNSEL



Ms. Zemaitis:

Please find enclosed the Title III Project Submission Form dated November 19, 2010. The Oregon Department of Forestry appreciates the opportunity to submit a project again this year for your consideration.

We are submitting a request for overhead support to extend our CWPP/Firewise Forester position another 2 months. We are now into the 2nd year of administration of the Western States Fire Manager's Grant. This was a competitive grant obtained by ODF to collaboratively implement Community Wildfire Protection Plan priorities within Columbia County. Current grant funding has the limited duration position ending short of the full two year period. We still have significant funds for landowner and community cost share opportunities. Our most successful period for marketing this grant is in the spring and through the summer fire season period. Assistance to ensure this position is fully supported through this period will ensure continued momentum toward the goals of the Columbia County CWPP and the scope of the Western State Fire Managers Grant award. By supporting these overhead costs, more grant dollars are available to the citizens of Columbia County.

Many accomplishments have been made under the current federal grant in the first year. Outreach, education, landowner/resident/community cost share projects to the tune of 45K are committed. The Fishhawk Lake community has been through a process to obtain national recognition as a "Firewise USA Community". This was a significant task that was accomplished through private and public leadership. Significant projects are in the works and plans are moving forward.

We appreciate the opportunity to apply for Title III monies and respectfully request the Board of Commissioner's consideration for funding this project.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Michael Simek
Unit Forest Manager



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: COLUMBIA COUNTY FIREWISE

Date Project Submission Form to be returned to Columbia County: ~~October 29, 2009~~
NOV. 22, 2010

Date Project Submitted: 11/19/2010

Project Sponsor: OREGON DEPT. OF FORESTRY

Sponsor's Address: 405 E ST. COLUMBIA CITY, OR. 97018

Contact Person/Title: MICHAEL SIMER / UNIT FORESTER

Phone: 503.397.2636 Fax: 503.397.6361 E-Mail: msimer@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: THROUGHOUT COLUMBIA COUNTY

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) AREAS. CWPP PRIORITY AREAS WITHIN COUNTY. (REF, COLUMBIA COUNTY CWPP)

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

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CURRENT CWPP/FIREWISE FORESTER IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN PRIORITIES WITHIN COLUMBIA COUNTY, FIREWISE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL COST SHARE DOLLARS.

Project Goals and Objectives:

EDUCATE COMMUNITIES / PROPERTY OWNERS / HOMEOWNERS ABOUT FIREWISE CONCEPTS W/ 'HOME IGNITION ZONE', PROVIDE FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS / TECHNICAL ADVICE AND CONNECT COMMUNITIES / OWNERS TO AVAILABLE INCENTIVES, COST-SHARE #

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

Proposed Method Of Accomplishment: ODF EMPLOYEE (CWPP/FIREWISE FORESTER)

Contract Volunteers Agency (FS/BLM) Employees County

County Corrections (adult / juvenile) Non-Profit Other _____

Current Status of Project Preparation: * IN ACTIVE PROGRESS * TITLE III
DOLLARS WOULD SUPPORT EXTENSION OF POSITION THROUGH
NEXT FIRE SEASON, A CRITICAL PERIOD FOR CAMPAIGN &
LOST SHARE PROJECTS.

Contact Person(s) for Project-Specific Documentation:

MICHAEL SIMEK

Contact's Phone No. 503.397.2636 Contact's e-mail: msimsek@odf.state.or.us

How Does The Project Benefit The Community? PROVIDES COST SHARE
DOLLARS TO MOTIVATE COMMUNITIES & HOMEOWNERS ABOUT
FIREWISE AND CREATE DEFENSIBLE/SURVIVABLE SPACE WITHIN
THE 'HOME (GUTTION ZONE)', EDUCATION & UNDERSTANDING
OF WAYS HOMEOWNERS CAN MITIGATE POTENTIAL WILDFIRE

Duration Of The Project: EXTENDS POSITION THROUGH 10/2011, LOSSES

Anticipated Cost of Project (itemize):

▶ Review And Consultation Costs: _____

▶ Contract Preparation And Administration Costs: _____

▶ Materials And Supplies: _____

▶ Monitoring: _____

▶ Other Costs: _____

▶ Indirect Costs (overhead): * EXTENDS CWPP/FORESTER POSITION
INTO 10/2011 (~2 MO. SALARY/SUPPORT
WAGE)

Total Cost Estimate: > \$ 8,000.00

Estimated Start Date Of Project: _____ Estimated Completion Date: 10/2011

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

FFY09 Request: _____ FFY10 Request: _____

FFY11 Request: _____ FFY12 Request: _____

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

WESTERN STATES FIRE MANAGER GRANT AWARDED
SEPT 09' - 2 YR GRANT ~\$265,000 W/ EXTENSION POSSIBLE

Project Accomplishments / Expected Outcomes: CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION
OF CWPP/FIREWISE ACTION PLANS/EFFORTS THROUGHOUT
COLUMBIA COUNTY. MAKES AVAILABLE MORE MONEY (COST
SHARE) FOR CITIZENS.

How Is Project in the Public Interest? THROUGH EDUCATION, OUTREACH
AND INCENTIVES - COMMUNITIES & PROPERTY OWNERS
MOVE TOWARD FIREWISE ACTIONS THAT MITIGATE
THREATS FROM POTENTIAL WILDFIRE THREATS LOSSES,
CREATE DEFENSIBLE/SURVIVABLE SPACE AROUND
RESIDENCES/COMMUNITIES.

Will Project Create a Product or Benefit to the Federal Resource? * NEXT PRIORITY FIREWISE CAMPAIGN IS IN CHADMAN AREA. SURROUNDING BLM LANDS, CITIZEN FIRE PREVENTION REDUCES RISKS OF FIRE. PROPERTY ADJACENT APPLY FIREWISE CONCEPTS / LANDSCAPES

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):

CURRENT GRANT ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE TRACKED IN DETAIL INCLUDING COMMUNITY EVENTS, LANDOWNER CONTACTS, # OF ASSESSEMENTS - FIREWISE, # AMOUNT OF PROJECTS & ACRES TREATED, COMMITTED PROJECTS,

Other Comments: WE ARE IN THE 2ND YEAR OF ~~GRANT~~ GRANT ADMINISTRATION DEALING IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CWPP & FIREWISE CONCEPTS. PROGRAM HAS EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

TITLE III SUPPORT WOULD ENSURE CONTINUED EFFORTS THROUGHOUT OCT, 2011

Submitted to Columbia County By OREGON DEPT. OF FORESTRY [Project Sponsor]

By: [Signature] [Signature of authorized representative]

Address: 405 E. St., Columbia City OR. 97018

Telephone: 503.397.2636 E-mail: msimul@odf.state.or.us

Date: 11/19/2010

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: _____
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EXHIBIT C

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: ^{Good} WEST COLUMBIA COUNTY BRIDGE & CULVERT INVENTORY

Date Project Submission Form to be returned to Columbia County: NOVEMBER 22, 2010

Date Project Submitted: NOVEMBER 22, 2010

Project Sponsor: SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (SRFD)

Sponsor's Address: 52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY

Contact Person/Title: MICHAEL S. KREISEN, FIRE CHIEF

Phone: 503-543-5026 Fax: 503-543-2670 E-Mail: mkreisen@srfd.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: WEST SIDE COLUMBIA COUNTY

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

CHAPMAN, SCAPPOOSE, WARREN, ST. HELENS, COLUMBIA CITY,
DEER ISLAND, RAINIER, & PRESCOTT

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

PART TIME EMPLOYEES (STUDENT INTERNS) WILL DRIVE ROADS & DRIVEWAYS
TO LOCATE PRIVATE BRIDGES & CULVERTS,
BRIDGES & CULVERTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO COLLAPSE WITH THE
WEIGHT OF FIRE & MEDICAL APPARATUS

Project Goals and Objectives:

TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY, GPS/GIS PRIVATE BRIDGES & CULVERT
ON WEST SIDE OF COUNTY. IDENTIFY OWNERS/RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
WHO ACCESS BRIDGES & CULVERTS.
PROVIDE INFORMATION TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS & 911 CENTER

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

Will Project Create a Product or Benefit to the Federal Resource? IT WILL ALLOW LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL RESPONDERS TO HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF LOCATION OF BRIDGES & LARGE CULVERTS AND IS SAFE TO CROSS
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): CHECK OFF LIST WILL BE COMPLETED. LOCATION IDENTIFIED, LETTERS WRITTEN TO OWNERS, MAP OVERLAY & 911 COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH COMPLETED

Other Comments: IF TIME ALLOWS WE WILL WORK ON THE EAST SIDE OF COUNTY ALSO, JUST HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THE LOGISTIC SIDE OF COMPLETING SURVEY & BUT WILL WORK WITH VERNONIA FIRE, MISTRIKANEED & CLATSkanie FIRE

Submitted to Columbia County By MICHAEL S. GREISEN [Project Sponsor]

By: [Signature] [Signature of authorized representative]

Address: 52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HWY, P.O. BOX 625 SLAPPOOSE, OR 97056

Telephone: 503-543-5026 E-mail: mgreisen@stfd.us

Date: _____

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