



Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Patrol Assessment Central Oregon District – Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget



- The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) provides wildland fire suppression for landowners within ODF Protection Districts. ODF provides an “adequate level of protection” as approved by the Board of Forestry. The cost for ODF protection is divided by the total protected acres within the ODF Protection District. Private landowners pay 50% and the Oregon general fund pays 50% of the cost per acre.
- In 2021, the Oregon Legislature required an “increase in overall wildfire response capacity” through Senate Bill 762 (SB762). The general fund paid the full cost of this added capacity (\$15 million statewide) for the 21-23 biennium through a budget offset (applied in FY22 & FY23).
- ODF’s proposed FY24 budgets include the increased capacity from SB762 but do not include continuation of the legislatively funded budget offset.
- Per-acre rates for ODF Central Oregon District (COD):

FY23 private landowner	Timber \$2.21	Grazing \$.74
Proposed FY24 private landowner	Timber \$3.03	Grazing \$1.38

 (\$18.75/tax lot minimum and \$47.50/tax lot surcharge for improvements, plus \$.075/acre for the Oregon Forestland Protection Fund)
- There will be a public hearing for the COD proposed FY24 budget on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. “Any interested person may make or give suggestions, advice, objections or remonstrances concerning the proposed budget for the district either in writing or orally, and such will be duly recorded.” The budget hearing will be held at the ODF District Office- 3501 NE 3rd St, Prineville, OR. Those persons wishing to participate virtually may do so at the following link: <https://odf.zoom.us/j/93016668891>, or at the John Day or The Dalles unit offices. Written comments may be submitted to the Prineville, John Day or The Dalles unit offices, via USPS mail (Attn: State Forester, 3501 NE 3rd St, Prineville, OR 97754) or email (kiel.r.nairns@odf.oregon.gov) no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 8, 2023.
- Oral and written testimony received during the COD Budget Hearing on May 2nd will be submitted along with the proposed budget to the Board of Forestry for approval at their June Board Meeting.
- In addition to testimony provided during the COD budget hearing, “Any owner that is adversely affected by the proposed budget may file an appeal within 30 days of this meeting (May 2, 2023). Such appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Forester and will be reviewed by the Board of Forestry at its June meeting.” Written appeals may be submitted to the Forester in the same manner as written testimony above.
- “At the June Board of Forestry meeting (June 7-8, 2023, Sisters, Oregon) the Board shall review the protection budgets, review or hear any appeals from landowners, make any changes in the budgets that are proper and consistent with the law and pass on final approval of all budgets and acreage rates.”
- FY24 acreage rates will be reflected in “forest patrol assessment” amounts on November 2024 property tax statements.

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