

# Coos Forest Protective Association



The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) is a private, non-profit corporation in the business of providing protection from fires on 1.5 million acres of private, county, state and Bureau of Land Management timber and grazing lands in Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties. The District boundaries run from the Coos/Lane County line south to the California border and the Pacific Ocean east to the Rogue/Siskiyou National Forest in Curry County and Camas Valley in Douglas County.

CFPA, organized in 1910, is one of the oldest fire protection organizations in Oregon. Governed by a nine member board of directors representing large land holdings in the District, the Association's objective is to minimize cost and damages associated with wildfire through aggressive fire prevention and suppression programs. As one of three remaining active associations in Oregon, CFPA is under contract with the Oregon Department of Forestry to protect forestland within the Coos District. Due to Bureau of Land Management's checkerboard ownership west of the Cascade Mountain Range, the contract includes these public lands as well.



The Association is funded through private and public landowner assessments and State General Fund dollars. The General Fund accounts for about 40 percent of the funding. CFPA employs approximately 120 people during fire season. A District Manager oversees a staff comprised of administration, unit foresters, fire wardens, radio dispatchers, automotive shop personnel and lookouts. While the Association follows certain State payroll guidelines, we provide our own payroll, insurance, and retirement programs.

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Coos Forest Protective Association is also part of the complete and coordinated fire protection system in Oregon. The program provides a cost effective system of fire protection that is well coordinated with local fire districts and with federal and tribal wildland fire protection agencies. It allows CFPA to tap into statewide funding and resource management in the event of high-cost fire suppression incidents. The Association works with ODF to maintain air quality through the administration of the Smoke Management Plan, which regulates prescribed burning on private, federal, and state & local government forestland in Oregon.

Based on a 10-year average, CFPA suppresses about 57 fires each year that burn just over 200 acres. Our philosophy of keeping fires small through aggressive initial attack operations is evident, with the average fire size less than four acres.