

COOS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

113TH ANNUAL REPORT



District Manager's Message – Annual Report 2022

As the years continue forward it seems as though work complexities continue to increase. Finances, economic forecast, work capacity, continued COVID pandemic and changes to our working environment are just a few of the challenges that our Association faces each and every day.

Drought conditions continued to bother the district in 2022 causing all fires on the landscape to challenge our firefighters. Four fires: Lake Creek, Woodward Creek, Twelvemile Road and Transpacific Parkway#2 were all extended attack fires that elevated cost into the Oregon Forestland Protection Fund. Each of these fires required a total effort from our complete and coordinated fire protection system to extinguish.

In preparation for the 2022 fire season, the district stood up a multi-use helicopter platform supported with a six-person helitack crew. This proved to be very successful as this module was used repeatedly in our district as well as responding to fires in the Douglas Forest Protective Association and Southwest Oregon districts.

In 2022, we were able to completely replace the hilltop radio network in both Coos and Curry counties. The upgraded system has a combined 18 hilltop sites and serves our two separate simulcast systems on two frequencies. These sites are also a collaboration with the counties' radio networks. Dispatch console upgrades allow an interoperability option between our counties and the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend.

As we move into 2023, it is always good to reflect on the relations and trust that have been built between our Association and the people and agencies that we partner with. Taking care of employees and working together with our partners and landowners has always made us very successful in what we do. Thank you to each and every one that pitches in for this effort that not only serves our district, but all the citizens of Oregon.

In closing, I would like to share that long time Gold Beach employee Stan Hodney passed away in 2022. Stan's career included many years of work in structure fire and EMS, including Fire Chief for Gold Beach and County Fire Chief for Curry County. For CFPA, I knew Stan as the Assistant Unit Forester for the Gold Beach Unit. Stan took great pride in training and mentoring all the young seasonal fire firefighters that worked for Coos Forest Protective Association. He will be missed.

My sincerest thank you to the CFPA staff, landowners and partners that continue to make our Association strong.

Take Care.

Mike Robison

District Manager

Coos Forest Protective Association





FIRE PROTECTION

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PROGRAM

2022 was a year with an unprecedented number of days in IFPL I and II without ever increasing to Level III in both CS-1 and CS-4. When the inland zones reached the point of IFPL III, it only lasted for a short duration. Many conversations took place once the Level III was put into place regarding waivers. This cooperation was much appreciated and was very effective. Some landowners closed their lands to recreation during this time, which is also much appreciated, as it greatly reduces risk of fire, especially in isolated areas.



During the 2022 fire season, a total of 149 Fire Prevention Inspections were completed. In these inspections, six deficiencies were identified that resulted in three warnings being issued. The majority of these were related to an inadequate water supply, due to water and delivery systems not in the work area. CFWPA offers preseason pump and water supply testing. Please continue to reach out to your local CFWPA offices and Fire Wardens for assistance and scheduling.

There were four fires in active operations in 2022, three of which where the ignitions occurred within the operation. None of these fires were discovered until after the fire watch was completed, with one not discovered until the following day. This does highlight the need to review and understand the importance of effective fire watch service, and how it should be conducted. This will be a point of emphasis at spring preparedness and prevention meetings in 2023.



Water Supply Not in Operation



Ponsse Winch-Assisted Feller Buncher

INDUSTRIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

Year	Inspections	Deficiencies	Percentage of Deficiencies
2022	149	6	4%
2021	163	14	8%
2020	193	10	5%
2019	199	11	6%
2018	130	10	8%
5 Yr Ave	166	10	6%

CLOSURE SUMMARY (DAYS/IFPL)

Closure Level	CS-1	CS-2	CS-4	CS-5	SK-1	SK-2
Level I	117	58	118	62	58	62
Level II	6	59	9	56	56	56
Level III	0	6	0	9	9	9
Level IV	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC USE RESTRICTION	Green 41 Days	Blue 56 Days	Yellow 22 Days	Red 4 Days		

FIRE PREPAREDNESS



AVIATION PROGRAM

CFPA expanded and strengthened the long-term partnership with Apex Helicopters in 2022. A new six-year, 75-day contract was signed that upgraded our Exclusive Use helicopter from 24TV, a Bell Jet Ranger to 544AS, a high-performance ASTAR. The new aircraft increased our lifting and air speed capabilities, allowing a 210-gallon bucket to be used instead of our previous 98-gallon bucket. Response times were also drastically lowered to thirty minutes or less district-wide. The larger airframe and increased performance allowed CFPA to create a Helitack Module which consists of two Forest Officers along with a six-person crew (Crew 82). Staffed seven days a week, this crew was able to rapidly engage fires while being supported by 210-gallon water drops. This new Helitack program added a very versatile and valuable fire suppression tool which increased the speed that CFPA could respond to and suppress fires. The 4AS Helitack Module also supported several fires in DFPA and Southwest Oregon districts.

CFPA Helitack crew leaders were detailed to both John Day and Medford to work with the ODF Helitack programs. These training opportunities were very valuable to get our new leaders experience working in the aviation world. Several aviation task books were also completed this year: six Helicopter Crew Members, two Air Base Radio Operators and one Helicopter Manager.



ODF Severity– Twelvemile Road Fire



Helitack Crew Training

DISTRICT AVIATION STATS



- **4AS contract from July 18 to September 30(75 Days)**
 - 18 Initial Attack dispatches
 - 7 days assigned to large district fires
 - 7 days assigned to out-of-district fires
 - 5 days assigned to Severity Lightning Prepositioning
 - 69.5 Flight Hours
 - 183 buckets/33,180 gallons delivered
- **ODF Severity Resources**
 - Type 2 Helicopters– 213 buckets/51,120 gallons
 - Large Air Tankers– 11,346 gallons of retardant
 - SEATs—15,885 gallons of Fire Ice
- **Other District's Resources**
 - DFPA– 11H– 1 recon & 2 ATGS missions
 - 5MM– 11 buckets/2,640 gallons
- **Call When Needed Resources**
 - Type 1 Helicopters– 190 buckets/171,000 gallons
 - Type 2 Helicopters– 117 buckets/28,080 gallons
 - Type 3 Helicopters- 4 ATGS missions



Helitack Crew and Helicopter 4AS



FIRE PREPAREDNESS

TRAINING

This year we returned to a more traditional method of in-person classes. CFPA sponsored several in-person training courses throughout the spring and early summer. District staff facilitated numerous OR-OSHA Basic Fire Training and Wildland Fire Refresher (RT-130) courses for cooperators as well as local resource bosses.

National-level training in 2022 allowed the district to send Corey Bryant to Arizona in order to attend the National Aerial Firefighting Academy (NAFA) for aerial supervision. Dominique Ray was sent to Bremerton, Washington to attend the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC). Russell Simmons and Nick Siewell attended an ODF facilitated FI-210, Wildland Fire Origin & Cause Determination course in the SWO district. The district worked with Apex Helicopters to organize a hands-on fire simulation exercise to help train new pilots and provide valuable skills to Association and ODF fire personnel.

2022 TRAINING	
S-131	Firefighter Type 1
S-230/231	Single Resource Boss
S-330	Task Force Leader
S-270	Basic Air Operations
S-271	Helicopter Crew Member
FLA	Forest Law Administration

RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

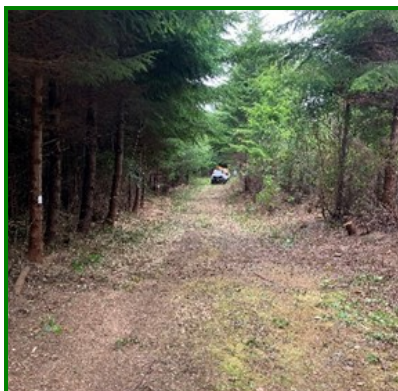
Employee retention and employee recruitment have climbed to a high level of importance in the last couple of years. We took a hard look at both after being understaffed in 2021. In 2022, we broke down our recruitment process into 5 different categories and assigned a lead for each. Those categories are online job postings, social media, old school, website and following up with applicants. Coordination with local high schools allowed us the opportunity to hire three students that were still in high school, but worked for us through their last semester of school. We expanded on this concept and started teaching basic fire school in different high schools in 2022. The idea is that this would build a pool of employees for the future.

Another major issue for recruitment is the lack of available housing for prospective employees to relocate to the area. Our solution to this problem was securing an agreement with the City of Coos Bay to utilize their Eastside Fire Station for seasonal housing. This worked out well in 2022 and we plan to secure one more facility for the 2023 season. This will increase our ability to home 8-10 employees.

Flexibility of schedules and start dates turned out to be another key factor in the recruitment process. Working with prospective employees for a start date and needed time off during fire season was much more prevalent than in the past, and we think it will go a long way with retention. Lastly, we raised the starting wage to over \$15 per hour.

HANDCREWS

CFPA's three district handcrews were busy during the shoulder seasons working on fuels reduction, maintaining waterholes, brushing access roads from winter storm damage and clearing debris around our communication sites. CFPA handcrews had a busy fire season as well, with 24 in-district fires and assisting in 6 out-of-district assignments, totaling 74 shifts working on fires.



Co-op work at the South Slough Sanctuary

2022 HANDCREWS OUT-OF-DISTRICT
2022 Aviation Severity—DFPA
Martin Creek—DFPA
Texas Gulch—DFPA
Cougar Creek—DFPA
95 O'Shea—DFPA
Elk Creek—DFPA

FIRE PREVENTION



PUBLIC FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

COVID-19 is still affecting our school programs, but district personnel were able to conduct prevention visits at five Coos County schools in 2022. The Oregon Hunters Association event at the Myrtle Point Sportsman’s Club and the Powers Fishing Derby were back to near normal numbers, allowing for over 400 individual prevention contacts. The National Night Out and Safety City events across the district also provided a great opportunity to reach families with our prevention message. The Coos Bay Unit held its first open house event in three years and had a good turnout. However, an hour into the open house, we received a report of a fire within our Coos Bay Unit. Nearly all personnel hosting the open house responded to the Hauser Depot Road incident. While it is a shame that the fun was cut short, it helped show the public what we do and how dedicated we are in protecting our district.

An increased social media presence helped alleviate phone calls regarding closures as well as spread fire prevention messages both during fire season and after season. Work on fire resilient communities in the Allegany area continued through 2022 with solid support from residents in the community.

TRANSIENT FIRES

CFPA received a grant from Keep Oregon Green during the fall for the purchase of portable cooking stoves in an effort to help reduce escaped cooking fires from the homeless population.

District personnel responded to approximately 20 fires during the year thought to be caused by transients or homeless individuals. The Lone Ranch Fire was a roadside fire, and had old clothing and stolen mail from a local residence. The mail was turned over to the Curry County Sheriff’s Office and they are investigating the theft. Garbage pile issues seem to be increasing across the district.

DETECTION

During 2022 we continued to upgrade the district’s fire detection cameras. CFPA has been working for the last several years to replace our Pelco “Analog” cameras with HD ACTI cameras.

The completion of the newly built Elk Mountain camera site took place on November 15th. This new camera fills a gap in our detection network in the Dora Sitkum area and was funded in part by a RAC grant that CFPA was awarded in 2021 and SB762 funds received through ODF. This camera spotted several fires within its first week of operation.



Elk Mountain

PREVENTION PROGRAM CONTACTS

School Programs	835
State Parks/Campgrounds	480
Safety Fairs and Home Shows	505
County Fairs	1000+
Open House, Festivals, Misc. Events	2800
Hunting & Fishing Programs	680



Smokey Bear “2 points for fire safety!”

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 10-YEAR FIRE CAUSE AVERAGE

Lightning	0	3
Railroad	2	<1
Equipment Use	16	16
<i>*powerlines/electrical</i>	2	<1
<i>*vehicle related</i>	1	1
Recreation	13	11
<i>*campfire/warming</i>	11	5
<i>*fireworks</i>	0	1
Smoking	2	5
Debris burning	23	17
<i>*pre/post fire season</i>	8	9
Arson	2	1
Juveniles	1	2
Miscellaneous	18	8
TOTALS	77	63
<i>*Taken From Total Number</i>		



Administration

An Incident Resource Agreement (IRA) Committee has been created for the state. There have been several large improvements to the agreements and the processes involved with tracking them. While CFPA did not see an increase in local agreements with industrial partners, we gained a broader reach of resources by proxy of the state, as they are shared amongst ODF and the Associations. Corey Bryant assisted in working with our local fire departments for the completion of IRAs.

The Annual Spring Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on April 8th. The Board of Directors were able to attend in person at the Coos Bay Headquarters with the remaining attendees participating via Zoom. Both meetings were well attended.

An Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) audit of three fires from the 2021 fire season occurred on April 14th. The West Fork Millicoma, Hwy 38 MM24 and Slide Creek incidents were audited electronically via Zoom and Google by the EFCC, ODF (General Fund) and accountants from Lloyds of London Insurance Company.

An internal audit to check compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was conducted and it was determined that the district was required to offer health care to multiple four-to-five-month budgeted employees, due to them losing their seasonal status through winter cooperative work. The matter was resolved with an increase of budgeted time to 6 months, allowing them to continue with the cooperative work assignments.

The district requested three draws to pay large fire costs from the Emergency Fire Fund. Draws for Woodward Creek, Twelvemile Road and Transpacific Parkway #2 were all approved. The Lake Creek fire in August was also eligible through the Emergency Fire Fund, however with limited extra costs expended on the suppression efforts, its cost only went towards the deductibles.

The Fall Board meeting was held on December 7th, at The Mill Casino. The meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed being able to meet face to face. The 2022 CFPA Safety Luncheon was held on December 16th at The Mill Casino. Similarly, this was the first of these functions to occur since the pandemic started and the employees appreciated the chance to get together in person.

Managers from all three Associations met with Salem staff in Roseburg on December 21st to discuss the relationship between ODF and the Associations and to address concerns and recommendations for the upcoming renewal of the agreement between the two entities.

In May of 2020, Coos County voters passed measure 6-178 providing funding for a radio system upgrade for county emergency services that included CFPA. A much needed improvement in equipment and infrastructure went on line in May of 2022, affecting our communication sites as well as our dispatch office. This upgrade required a change in frequencies. In July, the Curry County radio system was replaced with district funds, in coordination with Curry County.

Fleet vehicle replacement for the district has been challenging. With cancelled orders for model year 2022 trucks and a limited allocation for model year 2023 trucks, acquiring new vehicles looks much different than in past years. At the writing of this report one vehicle has been purchased off a dealership lot, one vehicle is on order through fleet and four vehicles are on order through retail. Delays of build dates brings uncertainty to actual delivery of these vehicles.

2022 SERVICE AWARD	
Dave Brown	15 Years
Cody Pritchett	10 Years

Facilities



Support Beams on Coos Bay Crewhouse & Warehouse



Fourmile Pump House



Sewer Line Replacement



COOPERATIVE WORK PROGRAM

The cooperative work program continues to be strong in the Association. Work continued with the Oregon Department of Transportation in the Reedsport, Gold Beach, Port Orford and Davis Slough areas of the district. Association employees from the Coos Bay and Gold Beach Units benefit from the program with extended work during the winter months working with the Fire and Ice Program with ODOT.

The district added the city of Coos Bay to the list of cooperators and currently has one employee working winter months at the city.

Weyerhaeuser Company is committed to helping with the cooperative work program, employing two Association employees this year. Working primarily as tree planting inspectors, they may be called to do other duties within that time as well. This is a benefit to the employee and to the district, keeping the employees on the payroll and giving them a chance to build relationships with our partners while becoming familiar with the landscape we protect.

2022 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

- Weyerhaeuser Company
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- City of Coos Bay



BLM Waterhole

GRANT FUNDING

During 2022, CFPA began working on the Allegany Fuels Reduction project. To date, we have accomplished 64 acres of fuels reduction on properties located in the Allegany area. This project allowed us to bring our handcrews on in the early spring during the "shoulder" season, increasing crew functionality and cohesiveness for the 2022 fire season. This work is being funded by a Small Forestland grant award in the amount of \$212,000.

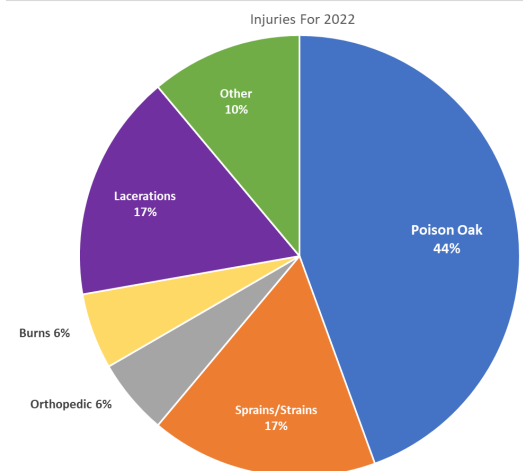
Our fuels reduction work focuses primarily on reducing wildland fuels around structures, but also provides landscape-wide fuels reduction, with an end goal of reduced threat to structures and a reduced intensity of fire on the landscape. Our crews accomplish this by removing brush, thinning trees, removing dead snags and removing ladder fuels with chainsaws and pole saws. Cleared fuels are then piled and burned when conditions allow.

CFPA has also worked closely with the residents of Allegany to build water storage tanks, pre-plan evacuation routes and establish safety zones for residents to retreat to if a large fire event ever impacts their community.

SAFETY

In order to keep our staff healthy, as well as minimizing lost workdays for employees, CFPA continued with safety and cleaning measures that are effective in combating the spread of common colds and flus that we normally experience. The OR-OSHA temporary rules on Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Heat Related Injuries (HRI) were made permanent in June of 2022. This was not an unexpected situation, and the district has already begun incorporating these procedures into our Safety Plan.

The district experienced 18 personnel injuries and three vehicle incidents for 2022. The number of injuries is up from the 10-year average of 12. Eight of the 18 injuries were cases of poison oak, which account for almost half of our personnel injuries annually, two were more serious knee injuries. CFPA's Safety Committee is now working on revisions to the Safety Plan to help mitigate these types of injuries in the future. Two of the district's three vehicle incidents were minor dents, the third required body work after striking a deer on the highway.



2022 CHRONOLOGY



CFPA Pass-Thru Site

SLASH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

YEAR	UNITS	ACRES
2022	364	4379
2021	296	4586
2020	266	3,003
2019	337	4,897
2018	407	4,467
AVERAGE	334	4256



Hood Mountain



Elk Mountain

GRAZE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

YEAR	UNITS	ACRES
2022	5	278
2021	1	60
2020	5	186
2019	4	160
2018	7	364
AVERAGE	4	210

January	Public hearing in Coos Bay for the Coos County Forestland Classification Zetron/CFPA South Radio planning meeting
February	ODF Emergency Fire Funding Task Force meeting CFPA Recruitment Day with SWOCC/Coos Bay, Coquille and North Bend High schools
March	Corey attended the National Aerial Supervision Academy in Phoenix, AZ Mike & Nils attended a Board Budget Meeting regarding the DRAFT of the FY23 Protection Budget.
April	Annual Spring Board of Directors and Membership meetings held in Coos Bay ODOT/CFPA spring meeting EFC Audit of West Fork Millicoma, Slide Creek and Hwy 38 MM 24
May	Switched over to new radio system and frequency for Coos New dispatch consoles to tie in with Coos County 911 Signed a new six-year agreement with Apex
June	Fire Season begins June 24 Agreement finalized with City of Coos Bay for the use of Eastside Fire Station housing Multiple CFPA/DFPA/Coos Bay and Roseburg BLM meetings
July	Assisted Codan/Zetron in cutting over new radio network for CFPA's Curry County Acquired agreement for Norway Helibase
August	Bob Wallis of Weyerhaeuser Company retired Received EFC funds for the Woodward Creek Fire
September	Coos Bay Open House CFPA Recruitment Day with Coquille and North Bend High Schools
October	Fire Season terminated in CS-1, CS-2, and SK-1 Oct 25th and in CS-4, CS-5, and SK-2 on Oct 29th
November	New detection camera on Elk Mountain Mike and Kim met with Jamie Paul from ODF to discuss WildCAD-E & Detection Mike and Nils attended the Southern Oregon Area Fire Season After Action Review
December	Fall Board meeting Dec 7 at Mill Casino District Safety Luncheon Dec 16 CFPA's Winter Fire School Program began at Marshfield and Coquille High Schools

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

ACRES

MASON, BRUCE AND GIRARD INC	66467.88	
BAVARIAN OLYMPUS TIMBER, LLC	14680.17	
FIA TIMBER GROWTH & VALUE MASTER, LLC	26643.15	
KEYSTONE FOREST INVESTMENTS, LLC	4711.30	
NEW GROWTH OLYMPUS, LLC	12230.05	
BMW TIMBER, LLC	2010.63	
ENGLES TIMBERLAND	798.55	
HAAS, WILLIAM D 1961 TRUST	1586.40	
TETON TIMBER COMPANY, LLC	839.07	
UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY	2968.56	
CHARLIE & SHARON WATERMAN TRUST	513.56	
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS	6639.91	
COOS BAY-NORTH BEND WATER BOARD	3085.21	
COOS COUNTY	18506.99	
DOUGLAS COUNTY LANDS	3633.99	
G3 RANCHES GROUP	1180.99	
G-3 RANCHES #1	319.95	
G-3 RANCHES #2	861.04	
HILDEBRAND RANCHES LLC	267.48	
LONE ROCK TIMBER GROUP	49240.40	
LONE ROCK TIMBER COMPANY	11192.28	
LONE ROCK TIMBER INVESTMENTS - MDB LAND COMPANY	3644.83	
LONE ROCK TT LANDCO LLC	32810.23	
JUNIPER PROPERTIES, LLC	1335.99	
UMPQUA COQUILLE, LLC	257.07	
MANULIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FORESTE MANAGEMENT INC.	126583.93	
CHINOOK SILVA, LLC	31061.80	
HANCOCK TIMBER FARMLAND FUND	53714.91	
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO	41807.22	
MCKENZIE LIVESTOCK LLC	618.23	
MOORE MILL & LUMBER COMPANY	43452.63	
MORRILL AND SONS, L.P.	1528.70	
CAMPBELL GLOBAL GROUP	29313.50	
FAIRVIEW TIMBER (OREGON), LLC	25615.95	
FRANKLIN CLARKSON TIMBER COMPANY, LLC	3697.55	
RAYONIER-RAYONIER WA TIMBER COMPANY	54164.11	
ROSEBURG RESOURCES GROUP	123598.89	
MT. SCOTT HOLDING CO. LLC	3717.80	
ROSEBURG RESOURCES CO.	119201.09	
SCOTT TIMBER	680.00	
SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES	3854.82	
SOUTH COAST LUMBER GROUP	105933.33	
CHETCO RESOURCES, LLC	46958.19	
CLR TIMBER HOLDINGS	156.92	
PISTOL RESOURCES, LLC	31509.02	
ROGUE RESOURCES, LLC	26996.30	
SOUTH COAST LUMBER COMPANY	312.90	
WEYERHAEUSER - COOS BAY TIMBERLANDS	154653.62	
WEYERHAEUSER COOS BAY TIMBER LANDS	264.16	
WEYERHAEUSER TIMBER HOLDINGS	154389.46	
WILLIAM H. & PAMELA J. HITNER TRUST	3125.81	

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Darin McMichael
MANULIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FOR-
Jim Carr
MASON, BRUCE AND GIRARD INC.
Pat Fadden
SOUTH COAST LUMBER CO.
Chris Sexton, Vice-President
LONE ROCK TIMBER CO.
Jeff Miller
MOORE MILL & LUMBER CO.
Bob Wallis, President
WEYERHAEUSER CO.
Tim Truax
ROSEBURG RESOURCES CO.
Mark Olson
RAYONIER TIMBER CO.
Charlie Waterman
GRAZING INDUSTRY

FY July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

	Timber	Grazing
District Acreage	1,507,464	68,737
District Budget	\$7,060,312	
District Assessment Rate (Per Acre)		
Private Landowners	\$1.8544	\$1.4020
Public Landowners	\$3.6587	\$2.7290
Private Land Assistance (50%)	\$1.8044	\$1.3270
EFC Acreage Assessment	\$0.05	\$0.075
Minimum Assessment Lots -	\$18.75	
Improved Lot Surcharge -	\$47.50	



Woodward Creek



Transpacific Parkway #2



Lost Creek



Transpacific Parkway



Cougar Creek—OOD DFPA



Thorton-Oar Lane



Edson Creek



Table Rock

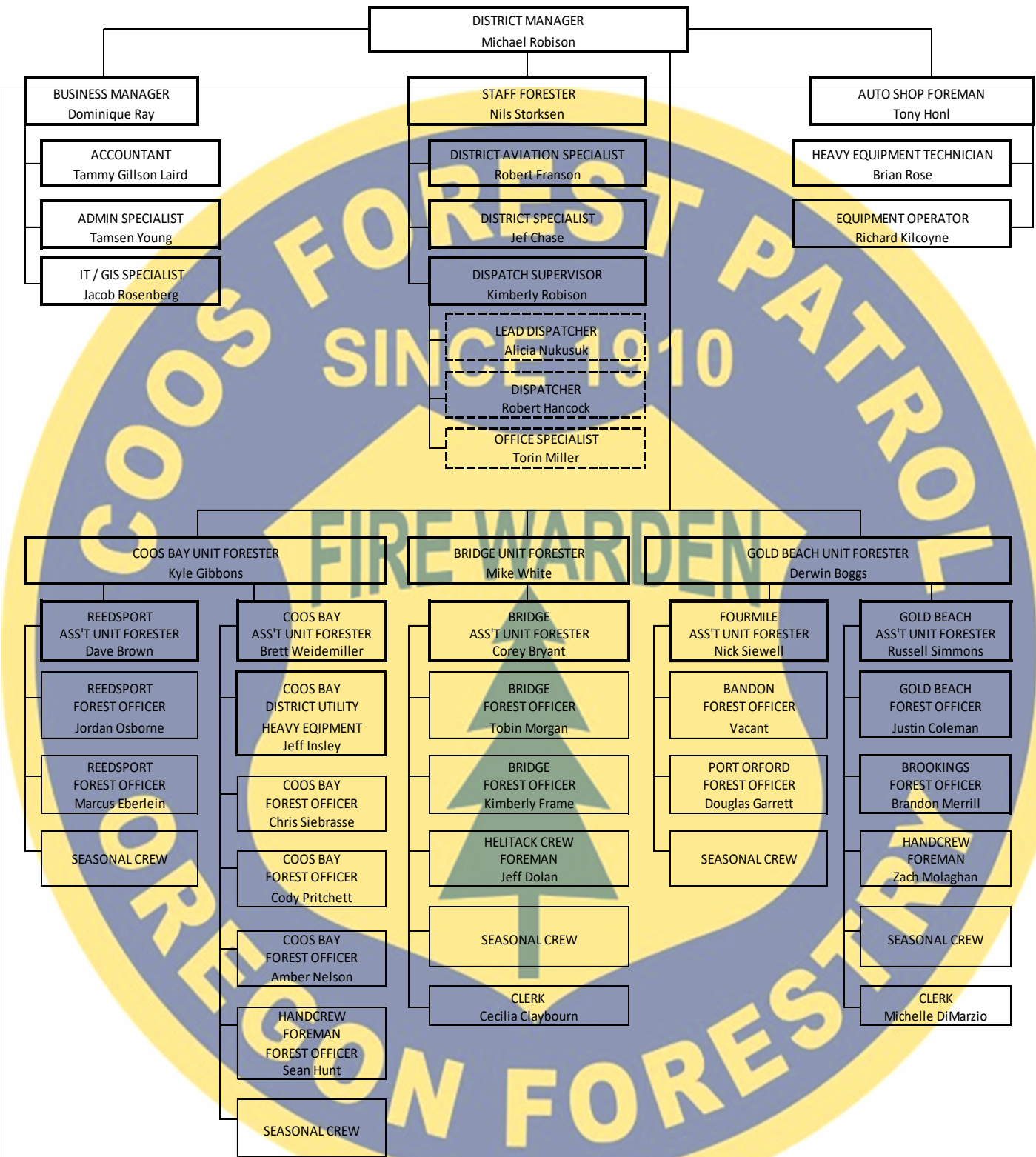


Hauser Depot Road



Twelvemile Road

Coos Forest Protective Association
2022 Organizational Chart



- Full-Time Positions
- Split Funding w / ODF
- Seasonal Positions
- Developmental