

I'm a landowner in Josephine county, a trained wildland firefighter, and practitioner of prescribed burning. I work with my neighbors to manage fire risk in our area, including another trained wildland firefighter and a rancher with experience burning to improve pasture for his cattle operation. If HB 2572 passes, we will be better able to conduct burns on our properties that benefit our agricultural uses, support native plant species, and reduce wildfire risk. Property lines exist on paper, but the meadows and oak woodlands we all manage cross those lines. We need to be able to manage burn units across property lines in order to best utilize our resources for safe and productive burns. There's no reason that cooperating neighbors shouldn't be able to pool resources and conduct burns together, and this bill will help us do so legally.