

I ask that you please not shift the current Admin pro-rate from 100% general fund to 50%/50% to landowners. Josephine County currently pays in excess of \$160,000 in forest protection fee's to ODF annually. In addition to paying for this protection we have a 300 gallon water tanker, D6 dozer and a Kubota excavator that we make available to ODF if need for wildfire fighting. Additionally we have 5 fire trained personnel to assist if needed. This shift in funds will likely force us to dispose of our in kind resources. Our in kind resources were utilized last summer in the Slater Fire and unfortunately we will have to make ourselves unavailable in the future if this funding change passes making it uneconomical for us to participate.

Thanks for your consideration
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