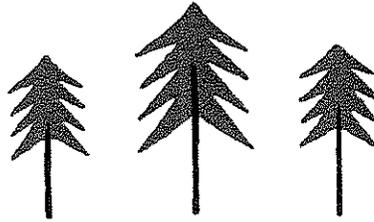


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To: AOCC Member Counties  
From: Association Board of Directors  
Date: January 15, 2016  
Re: Notice for a Special Assessment to Fund Litigation Costs

Dear Commissioners:

As you will recall, the BLM is in the late stages of developing a new, 20-year management plan for the O&C Lands and the Coos Bay Wagon Road Lands in our Counties. Though the final decision has not yet been made, it is nearly certain the new plan will not comply with the O&C Act and will not be acceptable to the O&C Counties. For details on the multiple failings of the draft plan, please review the comments this Association submitted in response to the draft plan that were provided to you in August, 2015. If you are unable to locate your copy of the comments, please contact Rocky McVay at rocky@blupac.com.

The Board of Directors of the Association voted unanimously in November to begin preparations for litigation. Litigation would commence at the earliest opportunity following publication of the final plan (unless there are drastic changes from the draft). The final plan is expected in March or April, with the record of decision adopting the final plan 60 days thereafter. The Association has selected a law firm to conduct the litigation and has developed a litigation budget based on cost estimates gathered from several sources. The total required will be \$530,000 (\$500,000 in attorney fees and \$30,000 in resource analyst support.) These costs are not provided for in the normal annual member dues.

The Association's Board of Directors voted unanimously on January 7th to seek funding for the litigation through a special assessment that requests each county to contribute in the same proportions as regular dues. The amount requested from each county is shown in the spreadsheet that is enclosed with this letter. Upon receipt, all payments will be maintained in a separate account and used solely for the litigation with the BLM. If, at the conclusion of the litigation there are funds remaining in the litigation account (or if the BLM surprises us with a plan that is acceptable and litigation is not commenced), the remaining balance will be returned to the Counties in proportion to the payments made by each.

We are painfully aware that these are very difficult financial times for all of our Counties. We would not make this request but for the extraordinary circumstances with which we are

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presented. The opportunity to have the legal requirements of the O&C Act finally declared by the Courts with a challenge to a new BLM plan comes along only once every 15-20 years. It is now or never if we are to preserve the benefits the O&C Act has historically provided to our Counties and our citizens.

Please feel free to contact any of us or the Association's staff if you have any questions. The AOCC Board of Directors unanimously urges you to support this effort through prompt payment of the requested special assessment amounts.

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Member County	Percent	Litigation Special Assesment
Clackamas	5.71%	30,263.00
Columbia	2.12%	11,236.00
Coos	6.07%	32,171.00
Curry	3.76%	19,928.00
Douglas	25.77%	136,581.00
Jackson	16.12%	85,436.00
Josephine	12.43%	65,879.00
Klamath	2.41%	12,773.00
Lane	15.71%	83,263.00
Lincoln	0.37%	1,961.00
Linn	2.72%	14,416.00
Marion	1.50%	7,950.00
Multnomah	1.12%	5,936.00
Polk	2.22%	11,766.00
Tillamook	0.58%	3,074.00
Washington	0.65%	3,445.00
Yamhill	0.74%	3,922.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>530,000.00</b>