



Coos Forest Protective Association
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Fighting Fires on Federal Grounds

ORS 477.005 Policy

- (1) The preservation of the forests and the conservation of the forest resources through the prevention and suppression of forest fires hereby are declared to be the public policy of the State of Oregon.
- (2) In order to accomplish the purposes of the policy stated in this section:
 - (a) The need for a complete and coordinated forest protection system is acknowledged and the primary mission of the State Forestry Department in such a system is protecting forest resources, second only to saving lives. Structural protection, though indirect, shall not inhibit protection of forest resources; and
 - (b) This chapter shall include all persons and activities designated in this chapter, irrespective as to whether or not such person or activity is concerned with the harvesting, cutting, removal or marketing of trees, timber or other forest products.

ORS 477.064 Uncontrolled Fire Declared Nuisance

Any fire on any forestland in Oregon burning uncontrolled or without proper action being taken to prevent its spread, notwithstanding its origin, is declared a public nuisance by reason of its menace to life, forest resources or property. The spread of fire in forestland across an ownership boundary is prima facie evidence of fire burning uncontrolled.

ORS 477.066 Duty of Owner and Operator to Abate Fire (not all inclusive)

- (1) Each owner and operator of forestland on which a fire exists or from which it may have spread, notwithstanding the origin or subsequent spread thereof, shall immediately proceed to control and extinguish such fire when its existence comes to the knowledge of the owner or operator, without awaiting instructions from the forester, and shall continue until the fire is extinguished.

ORs 477.100 Ability of Owner to Suppress Fire

- (1) The State Forester, or any agency or organization with responsibility under this chapter to suppress fires, may not prohibit an owner or the owner's agent from suppressing a fire occurring on the owner's property or that poses a threat to the owner's property.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the forester, agency or organization may prohibit an owner or the owner's agent from suppressing a fire if the owner or agent conducts the action in a manner that the forester, agency or organization reasonably determines is likely to increase the risk of injury or damage to the personnel or equipment of the forester, agency or organization.

Required Courses/Training for Industrial Operators and Contractors

Every Reasonable Effort / Initial Attack

- OR-OSHA Basic Fire Suppression Training – Yearly

Fire Fighter Type 2 – FFT2 – First Year

- S-130 Firefighter Training
- S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Management System

Fire Fighter Type 2 – FFT2 – Yearly (to stay qualified)

- Refresher Training – RT-130

Local Resource Manager

- Local Resource Boss Course
- S-290 – Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- Refresher Training – RT-130 - Yearly

Any training (above) you receive for fighting fires should be documented to your employer, your employer should give a list of training to the Protection District where you work. The Protection District adds this information to the Incident Qualification System (IQS) which qualifies you as a firefighter. Also, once you are qualified, any incidents that you work should be documented and turned into the Protection District because these incidents keep you qualified. As long as the incident is within 5 years of training, and you continue with yearly courses, you will stay qualified.

ODF Forest Protection Districts of Forest Protective Associations

Astoria	503-325-5451
Central Oregon	541-447-5658
Coos FPA	541-267-3161
Douglas FPA	541-672-6507
Forest Grove	503-357-2191
Klamath-Lake	541-883-5681
North Cascade	503-859-2158
Northeast Oregon	541-962-1058
South Cascade	541-726-3588
Southwest Oregon	541-664-3328
Tillamook	503-842-2545
Walker Range	541-433-2451
West Oregon	541-929-3266
Western Lane	541-935-2283