

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is between Deschutes County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon (County), and Lower Bridge Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA), a non-profit 501c3 organization operating within the State of Oregon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This MOU is effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. Unless extended or terminated earlier in accordance with its terms, this MOU shall terminate June 30, 2027.

DESCRIPTION: This MOU applies to wildland fire protection operations of RFPA occurring within and adjacent to Deschutes County, Oregon.

1. AGREEMENT TERMS: Deschutes County will match annual membership dues at \$1000 increments (minimum of \$1000 and not to exceed \$5000) collected by Lower Bridge Rangeland Fire Protection Association provided that RFPA demonstrates to the satisfaction of Deschutes County that RFPA is:
  - Compliant with 501c3 requirements
  - Fully insured for general liability
  - Compliant with ODF requirements
  - Provide an annual financial report and operational summary (can be the same as what is provided to Oregon Department of Forestry)
  - Maintains a cooperative operational relationship with other fire suppression agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management
2. TERMINATION: Any party may terminate its participation in this MOU for any reason by providing thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party.
3. INDEPENDENT PARTY: It is agreed and understood that each party subject to this MOU will perform services and/or activities related to this MOU as an independent party, and not as an employee or agent of the other party.
4. ENTIRE MOU: This MOU sets forth the entire agreement between the parties. The MOU may be amended upon written approval of all parties.
5. This agreement may be signed and executed in counterparts.

RFPA:

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BY:

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Date

DESCHUTES COUNTY:

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BY: Nick Lelack

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Date