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## Letters to the Editor...

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To the Editor:

The October 10 *Nugget* featured an article entitled, "Fire crews quell fast-moving blaze." A fire in the area of Sno Cap Lane and Vista Ridge Drive came dangerously close to destroying many homes. However, it was stopped by, "quick and heavy response enabled fire crews."

What's the lesson? Quick responses from firefighters and putting the fires out immediately saves lives, property and minimizes the impact of smoke. It's a lesson we should be applying throughout the Sisters-Bend-Redmond area!

Unfortunately, federal forest policy has grimaced at the practice of putting out fires quickly in favor of a wait-and-see approach that allows fires to rage before action is taken by firefighters. Perimeter containment only magnifies the effects of smoke and results in

the burning of millions of acres of forest.

The impacts are unhealthy smoke, destruction of forest and property, loss of business and spiraling costs to fight the fires and repair infrastructure. Most costs are borne by local communities, not the federal government. According to a Headwater Economics' Research Report entitled, "The Full Community Cost of Wildfire," nearly half of all costs are paid for by the local community in long- and short-term impacts. The national cost in 1990 was \$1 billion and increased to \$4 billion in years 2000-2018. The forest service spends 67 percent of their budget on fire suppression, which accounts for only 12 percent of the total cost of fires.

According to the Center for Disease Control, one in three households are at risk

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### Sisters Weather Forecast

Courtesy of the National Weather Service, Pendleton, Oregon

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny 56/38	Mostly Sunny 56/40	PM Showers 53/47	Rain 50/44	AM Showers 55/45	Showers 56/42

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## The right person for the job

By Jeff Mackey  
Guest Columnist

Donald J. Trump is the right person for the job.

When I look back to the Reagan years when Chrysler was failing, a businessman named Lee Iacocca worked his genius and turned it around. He was a blunt-spoken, aggressive, and results-oriented individual with a wealth of experience. Reagan and numerous political leaders plus other senior business leaders sought his counsel on budget deficits, military spending, industrial policy, unemployment, job training, and foreign trade. I can even remember bumper stickers touting "Lee Iacocca for President."

When you think about it, America is like one huge complex corporation, with the President as the CEO of USA, Inc.

Obama, a political newbie, spiritually guided for 20 years by "GD America" Reverend Wright, educated in the ways of neo-Marxist Saul Alinsky and Chicago politics, launched his campaign in the home of non-repentant terrorist Bill Ayers. America's new CEO's resume highlight was as a community organizer.

If you need a heart surgeon you don't hire a biology student whose only experience was dissecting a frog. CEOs are ultimately judged on their accomplishments. Obama's included the Fast and Furious scandal, the IRS used as tool to silence opposition, Benghazi cover-up, Hillary email scandal cover-up; he traded terrorists for an Army deserter, a horrible Iran deal with attempted secret transfer of millions in cash, and Syrian "red line" failure, among many others. According to the commerce department, during the eight years of Barack Obama's presidency, the average annual real GDP growth was 1.5 percent — the weakest economic performance of any post WWII president, and the fourth worst ever. And after eight years, much to the horror of the elite liberal press, stockholders (i.e. voters) demanded a change.

In spite of the 24-7 hateful FAKE news, complete resistance by the Democrats under Maxine Waters, Nancy Pelosi, various

Republicans, and leftover corrupt appointees from the Obama administration at the highest levels of the FBI and Justice Department, our new blunt-speaking, aggressive, and results-oriented CEO with a wealth of business experience has accomplished more in two short years for Americans than the previous two presidents: Lowest unemployment rate since 2000; consumer confidence at a 17-year high; historic tax cuts, businesses moving back to America, unprecedented global campaign to achieve the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula; has worked with international allies to decimate ISIS; leadership that has contributed to the return of over 17 Americans held overseas; rolled back unnecessary job-killing regulations beyond expectations; followed through on his promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem; top corporate tax rate was lowered from 35 percent to 21 percent so American businesses could be more competitive on world stage; signed legislation to bring more accountability to the Department of Veterans Affairs and provide our veterans with more choice in the care they receive; and has confirmed the most circuit court judges of any President in their first year; and secured Justice Neil Gorsuch's and Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the United States Supreme Court.

Promises made and met.

So the questions USA, Inc. "stockholders" need to ponder in the upcoming midterms, with an open and objective mind: Do you want a continuation of winning leadership and results for USA, Inc., or do you want a huge reversal back to corrupt, divisive, and incompetent leadership for USA, Inc.? Stockholders missed a chance to select another highly qualified businessperson, Mitt Romney, as CEO for USA, Inc. after the first four years of Obama. This last time they got it right and America is stronger, America is respected, American is wealthier, America is safer, America will be great again, and the swamp will finally be drained.

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