

# With Our Deepest Appreciation, Thank You, Firefighters



## TO OUR COMMUNITIES . . . THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the firefighters during the unprecedented wildfire activity in southwest Oregon and northwest California this summer.

You have been in the national public eye since mid-July. We know it hasn't been an easy time for you.

Lives have been disrupted. Communities were forced from homes and businesses ahead of advancing flames. Most folks have returned to homes untouched by fire. Sadly, a few homes and other property were lost to the wildfires.

Other communities prepared for evacuations that fortunately were not needed, as firefighters stayed the fire's advance.

Flames closed a major highway and back roads, disrupting commerce and every day travel. Some favorite forest byways and recreation areas remain closed until public safety can be assured.

As we shift from fighting fire to doing emergency rehabilitation in the forest - and to working with you on the future protection of life, property and natural resources - we want you to know that the firefighters have appreciated every gesture of support and every concern you have had for "what happens next."

Of course, we thank the firefighters who have come from near and far to defend our communities and forests. For them to do their work, the business people of southwest Oregon have provided timely delivery of an incredible range of goods and services vital to the fire suppression work. Our thanks for their outstanding customer service!

We make special acknowledgment of the outstanding work by the Oregon Department of Forestry, US Bureau of Land Management, Coos Forest Protective Association, the California Department of Forestry, Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Fire Marshal, the American Red Cross and the many local fire districts, community fire departments, emergency medical services, and law enforcement officers who worked very long hours. This unprecedented cooperative effort will long be remembered.

Lastly, many thanks to the firefighters and fire specialists who came from Canada, New Zealand and Australia. This is not the first time they have come to help American communities threatened by wildfire. They are good friends who have our respect and thanks.

Let us all look forward to an uneventful autumn, when seasonal rains return and refresh the spirit and renew the forest.

Sincerely,

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FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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