

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Title III Project Submissions)
under the Secure Rural Schools and Community)
Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and) REQUEST FOR 2009
Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343) PROJECT PROPOSALS
_____)

Columbia County is the recipient of federal forest monies pursuant to PL 110-343 and invites proposals for projects to be funded by these monies. These funds are restricted to certain specific uses as outlined below. Additional information regarding projects meeting the criteria can be found in PL 110-343 and on the web sites for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Forestry.

(1) FIREWISE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM:

“[T]o carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;” * * *

(2) SEARCH, RESCUE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES:

“[T]o reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are—
“(A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b);
“(B) paid for by the participating county” * * *

3) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS:

“[T]o develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned.”

If you or your organization has a project for consideration by the Board of Commissioners which meets one or more of the above criteria, complete the Title III Project Submission Form, which can be found on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us or by contacting Cynthia Zemaitis. The proposal should be submitted to the following and must be received on or before **October 29, 2009**.

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DATED this _____ day of October, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Chair

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