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Farm Bureau Fire Relief Funds Available, Applications Due Nov. 1

Through the generous contributions of NW Farm Credit Services and individual Farm Bureau member families, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) has established a fire relief fund which has raised over $27,000. If you would like to contribute, you may still make a contribution through OFB.

An advisory committee made up of local farmers and ranchers from Wasco and Sherman Counties with two staff from OFB will review applications for aid. The task force chair is Ken Polehn, Wasco County Farm Bureau president and The Dalles area fruit grower.

The current intent is to provide approximately $2,000-$2,500 amounts of help to those who demonstrate uncovered losses (meaning losses not covered by insurance, or other public or private relief funds). Once requests for funds are received and evaluated, this range may be adjusted.

Any Wasco or Sherman County resident who makes a substantial amount of their livelihood from agriculture whose agricultural operation suffered uncompensated loss from the 2018 fires may apply. You do not have to be a Farm Bureau member to apply or receive funds.

Applications are available at www.oregonfb.org/fire. All applications received prior to Nov. 1, 2018 will be considered. The task force intends to make funding decisions and distribute funds by Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact Ken Polehn, kenpolehn@gmail.com, or Dave Dillon, dave@oregonfb.org.

To contribute to the fund, send a check made out to “OFB Fire Relief Fund” to OFB, Attn. Patty Kuester, 1320 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

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