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Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 11:30:00 AM

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Thanks for flagging Annie – we will let the appropriate folks know!

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Friday, September 11, 2020 2:51:57 AM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 10, 2020

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**Date:** Friday, September 11, 2020 6:05:53 AM

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- Pike Road Fire (Oregon)
- Slater Fire (Oregon)
- Clackamas County Fire Complex (Oregon)
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Please keep us updated on any additional Federal needs.

Thanks.

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Cc: "Friedman, Haley Z. EOP/WHO" < Haley.Z. Friedman@who.eop.gov>,

"Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO" < Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov> **Subject:** Follow-Up from White House

Nik,

Good to speak to you.

Looks like it was a MSNBC reporter who said the White House wasn't returning the Governor's phone call, but he appears to have picked it up from a non-reporter (see below). Recognize you all cannot control rumors or how people may interpret/hear things second hand. We appreciate anything you can do to ensure the public knows the state and federal government are closely working together and communicating. Perhaps the Governor can communicate at her next press conversation the White House and FEMA outreach to her and her staff.

I'm following up with FEMA and DOD now on the DOD Battalion and National Guard requests. I've also engaged FEMA Communications and External Affairs team to help with the rumor control on the levels/degrees of evacuations in Oregon. I'll provide updates as I get them.

Again, if you or the Governor need anything or want an update do not hesitate to call us anytime (day or night).

### **Cell Phones**

- Doug Hoelscher, 202-881-8950
- Nic Pottebaum, 202-881-7803
- Haley Friedman, 202-881-8498

Thanks, Nic

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Nicholas D. Pottebaum Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs O: 202-456-2132 | C: 202-881-7803 | E: Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov >https://twitter.com/chrislhayes/status/1304257345543962624?s=20<

From: MCCOLAUGH Annie \* GOV

To: <u>Friedman, Who</u>
Subject: Crew chief request

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 1:20:30 PM

# Hi Haley,

This is the request I referenced in the voicemail I just left.

Appreciate any help.

Best, Annie

Annie McColaugh Director, Washington DC Office Oregon Governor Kate Brown P: 202-508-3847 | C: 503-508-7124 444 N Capitol St NW, Ste 134 Washington, DC 20001

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stuckey, Dave" <dave.stuckey@state.or.us>
Date: September 12, 2020 at 4:15:55 PM EDT

**To:** "thomas.hall@usda.gov" <thomas.hall@usda.gov>, "jeffery\_rupert@ios.doi.gov" <jeffery\_rupert@ios.doi.gov>,

"craig\_leff@ios.doi.gov" <craig\_leff@ios.doi.gov> Cc: "Ben Ward (Ben Ward@merkley.senate.gov)"

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<a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:Annie.MCCOLAUGH@oregon.gov">, GRAFE Doug \* ODF</a>

<Doug.Grafe@oregon.gov>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Crew chief request

Hello, I was hoping to get 5 minutes of your time if possible to discuss the crew boss shortfall. Is it possible to arrange a phone call. I'm available at the cell

below. Thank you

Dave

David A. Stuckey Deputy Director

Oregon Military Department

Phone: 503-584-3884 Mobile: 503-383-6334

dave.stuckey@state.or.us ----- Original message -----From: "Stuckey, Dave" < <u>Dave.Stuckey@mil.state.or.us</u>> Date: 9/11/20 11:16 AM (GMT-08:00) To: thomas.hall@usda.gov Cc: "Ward, Ben (Merkley)" < <a href="mailto:Ben Ward@merkley.senate.gov">Ben Ward@merkley.senate.gov</a>>, Doug Grafe <doug.grafe@oregon.gov> Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Crew chief request Tom, reference your other email I hope the below answers some of your questions. Dave Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone ----- Original message -----From: "Stuckey, Dave" < <u>Dave.Stuckey@mil.state.or.us</u>>

Date: 9/11/20 11:11 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Thiele, Aaron J" <aaron thiele@ios.doi.gov>, "Rupert, Jeffery R" <ieffery rupert@ios.doi.gov>, "Leff, Craig S" <craig leff@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Ward, Ben (Merkley)" < Ben Ward@merkley.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Crew chief request

Thank you for reaching out. Any assistance you can provide for additional crew bosses is greatly appreciated. The Oregon National Guard is deploying to the fires 6 crews of 20 for three consecutive days beginning Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (18 total crews). We defer to our state partner, Oregon Department of Forestry to drive that process and we recognize crew bosses is critical shortfall at this time of the fire season.

Additionally, new NGB money "just" became available to begin FF2 training for an additional 12 crews of 20 on 16 Sept and wr would like that resource to be available to ODF on 21 Sep for fire duty.

Any and all crew bosses to Oregon would greatly facilitate getting crews on the fires.

I am available by cell at (503) 383-6334 to discuss.

Thank you.

Dave

----- Original message -----

From: "Thiele, Aaron J" < <u>aaron\_thiele@ios.doi.gov</u>>

Date: 9/11/20 10:45 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Rupert, Jeffery R" < <pre>jeffery\_rupert@ios.doi.gov>, "Leff, Craig S"

<<u>craig\_leff@ios.doi.gov</u>>

Cc: "Stuckey, Dave" < <u>Dave.Stuckey@mil.state.or.us</u>>, "Ward, Ben (Merkley)"

<Ben Ward@merkley.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Crew chief request

### Jeff and Craig,

I hope you both are doing well all things considered. I just spoke with Ben Ward in Sen. Merkley's office, who is asking if there is anything OWF can do to support the Oregon National Guard regarding a shortage of fire chiefs for additional fire crews that are being organized to assist. I know OWF has already been involved in the Oregon fires and is already stretched thin at the moment, but not knowing what resources OWF had available, I wanted to connect you directly with the Dave Stuckey from the Oregon Military Department to see if there is anything we can do to assist.

Dave if there is anything that I missed or left out please feel free to provide additional information.

Thanks, Aaron

From: Ward, Ben (Merkley) < Ben\_Ward@merkley.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 1:19 PM

**To:** Thiele, Aaron J **Cc:** Stuckey, Dave

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Crew chief request

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Aaron, thanks for taking my call and willingness to try to figure out our crew chief problem in Oregon. I'm copied Dave Stuckey with the Oregon Military Department who can provide more details on their needs.

Thanks again. I really appreciate it.

# Ben

# BEN WARD

Senior Policy Advisor and Director of Special Projects
Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

313 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510 | (202) 224.3753 From: Friedman, Haley Z. EOP/WHO
To: MCCOLAUGH Annie \* GOV

Cc: BLOSSER Nik \* GOV; Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO

Subject: Wildfire Update

**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:38:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Haley Friedman Associate Director White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Cell: 202-881-8498

Haley.Z.Friedman@who.eop.gov

From: BLOSSER Nik \* GOV

To: Friedman, Haley Z. EOP/WHO

**Subject:** Re: Wildfire Update

**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:16:16 PM

Haley – Saw you called. I assume you got what you needed from Annie but let me know if not. Thanks for reaching out.

• Nik

Nik Blosser (he/him) Chief of Staff Oregon Governor Kate Brown 503-373-1565

Assistant: Jen Andrew

jennifer.j.andrew@oregon.gov

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