

**Robert A. Wagner**  
President of the Senate



**Julie Fahey**  
Speaker of the House

**Oregon State Legislature**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of the Senate  
Tim Sekerak, Chief Clerk of the House

**FROM:** Robert A. Wagner, President of the Senate *Robert A. Wagner*  
Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House *Julie Fahey*

**RE:** Joint Appointment – Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

**DATE:** November 1, 2024

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Effective immediately, we are making the following appointments

**Wildfire Programs Advisory Council** (*pursuant to ORS 476.690*)

Member representing County government:

Discharge Mark Bennett  
Appoint Branden Pursinger

Member representing City government:

Reappoint Jim McCauley

Member representing fire chiefs with wildland-urban interface firefighting experience:

Reappoint Nick Browne

Member representing fire marshals with wildland-urban interface firefighting experience:

Discharge Chase Browning  
Appoint Ty Darby (*appointee will serve remainder of existing term until 9/1/25*)

Member representing firefighters with wildland-urban interface firefighting experience:

Discharge Ian Yocum  
Appoint Patrick Skrip

Member representing farmers whose land is wholly or partially within the wildland-urban interface:

Reappoint Samantha Bayer

Member representing forestland owners whose land is wholly or partially within the wildland-urban interface:

Discharge Debi Lorence  
Appoint Chad Washington

Member who represents a utility company:

Discharge Allen Berreth  
Appoint William Messner

Member who represents forest resiliency interests:

Reappoint Terry Fairbanks

Member who represents land and housing development or real estate industry interests:

Discharge Karna Gustafson  
Appoint Garrett West

Member who represents the environmental justice community:

Discharge Rene Braga  
Appoint Ilene Vargas

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