STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

Oregon Revised Statutes define the Department's Fire Protection policy, which requires a completed and coordinated system. Funding large fires in this system relies on a partnership between the state and forest landowners, and Lloyds of London for an annual insurance policy. The Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) is charged with supervision and control of the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund, which provides the landowner share of funding the deductible.

While the structure of the 2014 insurance policy remained the same after the epic 2013 fire season, the insurance premium doubled. Due to the challenging 2014 fire season, we have now made back-to-back full claims on this unique, one of a kind policy. The Department is working closely with the EFCC, the legislature and the Governor's office on the path towards achieving a new insurance policy for the 2015 fire season. Changes to the policy structure and an increase in the policy premium are expected if we are successful in acquiring insurance for 2015. Ken Cummings, Chair of the EFCC, and the Department will provide a briefing on the ongoing coordination related to acquiring insurance during this agenda item.