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A MESSAGE FROM THE INCIDENT COMMANDERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT FLATS COMPLEX

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The Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, and all the firefighters and support personnel associated with the Government Flats Complex would like to thank the people of Wasco County and the City of The Dalles for your many expressions of support and offers of assistance to our hard-working crews. Your actions have not gone unnoticed. We know we are guests in your county and city and have been amazed at the generosity and patience of our hosts.

Our joint incident management team would like to offer a suggestion for anyone interested in supporting our firefighters on the Government Complex and firefighters through the West during this challenging summer—a summer that has already seen an immense and tragic loss of fellow firefighters.

We encourage you to consider directing your donations on behalf of Government Flat Complex firefighters to the American Red Cross and/or to one or both of the non-profit organizations established to honor current and past wildland and structural firefighters.

The **Wildland Firefighter Foundation** (<http://www.wffoundation.org/>) is focused on helping families of firefighters killed in the line of duty and to assist injured firefighters and their families. The organization honors and acknowledges past, present, and future members of the wildland firefighting community, and partners with private and interagency organizations to bring recognition to wildland firefighters. To donate to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation online, go to: <https://www.wffoundation.org/Donation.asp>

Congress created the **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation** (<http://www.firehero.org/>) to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. It's mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives. To donate to the The Wildland Firefighter Foundation online go to: <http://www.firehero.org/donate/>

The **American Red Cross** (<http://www.redcross.org/>) prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Red Cross disaster relief volunteers are working closely with Government Flat Complex fire officials to provide assistance to your neighbors who have been evacuated or have lost their homes. To donate to the American Red Cross online, go to: <http://www.redcross.org/charitable-donations>

We know we speak for everyone working to control the Government Flats Complex fires that we will be honored to be associated with any donations you give to these worthy organizations on our behalf to recognize disaster relief volunteers and the hard work and sacrifices of firefighters everywhere.

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