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Attachments: ForMgtSubc 2017 budget narrative.doc; ForMgt Sub by-laws '16.doc; 2017 Forest Budget draft 081116.pdf

Greetings to Mary, Stan, and Allen.

As yet, your county has not paid the 2016 dues to the AOC Forest Management Subcommittee. I am not sure why, but I hope what follows will result in your unbroken membership in it.

I have attached the draft 2017 budget narrative, which will give you an overview and refresh memories. Let me point out a couple of items.

- This is an unusual subcommittee in that it always has had its own board of directors and budget. Spending decisions must be approved by the AOC Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee and AOC Board of Directors.
- The focus of this subcommittee has always been national in scope. It originated during our successful effort to gain the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000. It continues to work in D.C., but primarily for federal forest management reform legislation, "bridge funding" and PILT. The subcommittee works in coordination with industry, NACo, and WIR.
- The subcommittee was reformed in 2016, with adoption of *new bylaws (also attached)*, which requires election of the board positions at a newly established annual meeting; and a more equitable dues formula.
- We have had tremendously loyal participation by member counties over the life of the subcommittee. [This is a reason for surprise that five counties - at least initially - have decided not to participate in 2016].
- The subcommittee has two major expenditures. First, retaining a lobbyist presence on the Hill. Second, providing hands-on help to counties to work through the arcane procedures of the Secure Rural Schools safety net and the safety nets that followed, for example certification of Title III projects.

I also attach the draft 2017 subcommittee budget as it stands now, nearly \$20,000 in the red.

Is your county's investment in the subcommittee paying off? Payment in 2016 to Yamhill County under the O&C side of the Secure Rural Schools safety net (county general funds) was \$225,327, and the 2016 PILT payment (county general funds) to Yamhill County was \$21,207, for a total gain to your county in general funds of \$246,534. Yamhill County dues for the subcommittee is \$435.57, or a mere **0.18% of 2016 PILT/O&C SRS receipts**.

I hope this email and the material attached is informative, and that you will reconsider joining the subcommittee.

If you have any questions, I am always available to try to answer them.

Warm regards.

Gil



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