

Agenda Item No.:	D
Work Plan:	Agency Administration Work Plan
Topic:	Appointment to Emergency Fire Cost Committee
Presentation Title:	Reappointment of Chris Johnson
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the reappointment of one candidate to a position on the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC).

BACKGROUND

ORS 477.440 directs that the Board “shall appoint an Emergency Fire Cost Committee consisting of four members, who shall be forest landowners or representatives of forest landowners whose forestland is being assessed for forest fire protection within a forest protection district. At least one member shall be selected from each forest region of the state.” “Members of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee shall be appointed by the board for four-year terms.”

ORS 477.445 gives authority to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC) to “supervise and control the distribution of funds from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund”. The Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLPF), established by ORS 477.750, is used to equalize (reimburse) emergency fire suppression costs expended in protecting forestland statewide by forest protection districts, both state and association. The annual expenditure limit of the OFLPF is \$13.5 million – an amount that is reviewed by the Legislature every two years.

Chris Johnson has agreed to his reappointment to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee. His term expired in July 2022. Mr. Johnson represents industrial woodland owners in Oregon’s eastern Oregon forest region on the EFCC. We propose that Chris Johnson with Shanda Asset Management LLC be appointed to the EFCC to a four-year term to expire June 2026.

Attachment 1 contains a list of current committee members; the position scheduled for reappointment is in bold type. Attachment 2 contains a brief biography of Mr. Johnson.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board make the following reappointment:

Reappoint Chris Johnson to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee with a term expiring at the end of September 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Emergency Fire Cost Committee Membership
2. Biography of Chris Johnson

**EMERGENCY FIRE COST COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
September 2022**

	First Term Began	Current Term Began	Term Expires
Brennan Garrelts, Chair	1/20	1/20	1/24
Steve Cafferata	3/11	4/19	4/23
Chris Johnson	7/18	9/22	9/26
Erik Lease	9/21	9/21	9/25

*Position recommended for appointment is in **bold**. Appointment term would end September of 2026.

Chris Johnson biography

Chris C. Johnson began working for Shanda Asset Management LLC as its Executive Director of Timber Operations in February 2015 when the timberlands were purchased from Cascade Timberlands (Oregon). Shanda Asset Management LLC timberlands are former Gilchrist Timber Company, Brooks-Scanlon, and Shevlin-Hixon timber holdings within Deschutes, Klamath and Lake counties. Chris has over 30 years of forest operations and administrative experience in eastside forests. His forestry career started as a timber faller in the Oregon coast range. Chris moved to central Oregon in the early 1990's cruising and marking timber. Later his responsibilities covered timber sale preparation and administration.

Chris serves on several forest related boards and committees including Eastern Oregon Fire Protection Association, Klamath Forest Protection Association, Walker Range Forest Patrol board of directors, Eastern Oregon Forest Practices Committee and two committees within the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project. Chris currently lives in Bend.