

Portland, Oregon
FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT
For Council Action Items

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4a. To be filed (date): May 17, 2012	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular Consent 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst: May 17, 2012
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed

1) Legislation Title: *Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mt. Hood National Forest for fire lookout services for the Bull Run watershed (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mt. Hood National Forest (Forest Service) for fire lookout services for the Bull Run watershed.

For the past five years the Water Bureau and Forest Service have had an Intergovernmental Agreement to share costs for contract services to staff the Hickman Butte lookout (lookout) tower that provides a key vantage point for detecting fires in and near the Bull Run. Previously, the Forest Service relied on volunteers to staff the lookout; however the volunteer-based program did not guarantee that an experienced, qualified person would be available for the position and willing to work the full fire season. Contracting services will ensure that reliable, qualified staff will be providing lookout services.

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

- City-wide/Regional Northeast Northwest North
- Central Northeast Southeast Southwest East
- Central City
- Internal City Government Services
- Outside of City limits

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4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.

No

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City related to this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? *(Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the level of confidence.)*

The total cost for the work under this Agreement is \$67,500. Funds are available in the FY 2011-12 Budget. Funding shall be requested in FY 2012-13 through 2015-16 Budgets.

6) Staffing Requirements:

- Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)*

No

- Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

YES: Please proceed to Question #9.

NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

Staffing the Hickman Butte fire lookout in the Bull Run watershed is compatible with the fire prevention, detection and suppression goals identified in the Bull Run watershed Management Unit Agreement (Agreement).

The Agreement guides cooperative management and protection of the watershed by the City of Portland and the Mt. Hood National Forest. This Agreement was adopted by the City and the Forest Service in 2007 to replace a 1979 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

This council action will have a minimal financial or social impact to the rate-payers of the Portland Water Bureau (PWB), and community-based organizations. Positive impacts include the assurance that qualified personnel are available to staff the fire lookout throughout the duration of the fire season from 2012 through 2016.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

The PWB and the Mt. Hood National Forest solicited public input from the community at several key points in the process of developing the final Agreement, beginning in October 2000. These efforts are documented in a Report to the Community, published in 2007. The seven year development process culminated in a formal public review (following National Environmental Policy Act guidelines) of the Agreement in February 2007 and included publication in the Federal Register and an expanded Federal comment period.

A coalition of fifteen non-profit organizations and government agencies and organizations such as Oregon Wild, Friends of the Reservoirs, Citizens Interested in the Bull Run, Inc., Portland Utility Review Board, and Sandy River Basin Partners provided input into the final Agreement both through informal and formal public participation processes.

In addition to the Agreement and its subsequent outreach efforts, there is a Bull Run Working Group that meets semi-annually and provides semi-annual reports. These meetings and reports offer an additional opportunity for public involvement. The meeting announcements are sent to over 800 interested members of the public and are posted on-line. The semi-annual reports, which specifically describe lookout services, are also available on line and at the meetings. The Working Group is made up of Forest Service and PWB staff. Bull Run quarterly project updates posted on the website also describe the status of Hickman Butte projects.

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

Feedback and input from the Bull Run stakeholders substantially contributed to the format and substance of the final draft of the Agreement, including the adoption of new City code that applies formal protections to City-owned lands within the Bull Run that are consistent with neighboring Federal lands (Ordinance 183540).

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

The PWB and Mt. Hood National Forest implemented a multi-phased approach to incorporate public involvement opportunities in the creation of the Bull Run Agreement. The agencies used public involvement experts RESOLVE, Davis & Hibbits, Inc., and provided both informal and formal access to agency personnel and managers, through meetings, field tours, and electronic and telephone feedback mechanisms over the course of seven years. The final document underwent an expanded National Environmental Policy Act public notification and input process, although not required by law, and followed the public comment process outline provided by that Federal legislation.

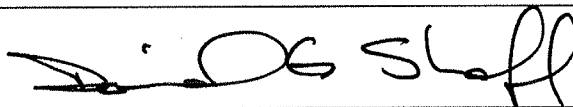
e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

Terry Black, Sandy Basin Community Information Representative, (503) 823-1168, terry.black@portlandoregon.gov

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

Future public involvement will take place in October 2012 and will include the preparation of the Bull Run Working Group Semi-Annual Report and subsequent public meeting. The Hickman Butte fire lookout and Intergovernmental Agreement are discussed in the document and is available for public review as well as provided to interested stakeholders.

David G. Shaff, Administrator



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