

**Timber update 4/8/14:**

Weather permitting, there will be three more additional harvests on Josephine County land through this Spring. The harvests will be two on "fire salvage" sales and the other is a contract on non- burned county forest land. The good news is that total gross revenue is approximately \$2 million to the county of which approximately \$60,000 will be spent on replant this Spring and next year \$300,000 m/l will be spent on replanting county lands. This harvest represents slightly more than 1,000 loads of logs to the local mills.

It is in the works through the county to consider a "trust" of say \$500,000/ year dedicated to the criminal justice needs of Josephine County. I think SOS could be instrumental in encouraging this type of permanent funding for our criminal justice system in the future.

Regarding federal lands, the chance of getting much revenue back to the counties impacted by the burn on O&C lands is looking marginal at best. The federal lands are still tied up in Congress regarding how to manage these O&C lands in the future. While they debate this in Washington, DC, the timber continues to lose value as it stands rotting on the ground. This looks much like what happened after the Biscuit Fire event.

Respectfully,  
Jim Frick, Captain  
Timber Committee for SOS