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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

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Attention: Fire Chiefs for Rural Fire Departments

RE: VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

First I want to thank you all for your patience during the past few weeks waiting for notice of release of this call for applications. As many of you know the recent resolution of the 2011 Federal Budget has started the ball rolling to release these funds. I wanted to let you know that your tolerance and patience are appreciated.

On a personal note, I would like to express my humble and appreciative thanks to all the fire departments that have kept me in their thoughts, prayers and well wishes over the past nearly 18 months. My health and well being have been bolstered in immeasurable ways by your kindness. I keep saying to folks, how can things go wrong when you have fire departments praying for you! I'm still not back full time but I hope to be within the next six months. You have been my guardian angels through this journey!

Attached you will find an instruction manual and grant application form. Please note that only VFA is available this year. Please review these carefully, especially the match requirements and instructions as well as allowable items. One new addition under allowable items is GPS units. I have also added a note to the match instructions, for clarification, unallowable match items.

DEADLINE JUNE 7th, 2011 at 5pm

As usual, please do not hesitate to call if you have questions. Since I am not in the office full time it would work best if you sent me an email (msmith@odf.state.or.us) with your question and phone number. I am able to track emails on a more consistent basis from home. Best wishes to all!

Sincerely,

Mary Helen Smith
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