MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ON BEHALF OF LEWIS COUNTY, A MEMBER
OF THE EVERGREEN FOREST COUNTY GROUP
A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate
2016

I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Agreement is by and between Robert K. Weidner, hereinafter "Weidner", with offices in the Washington, D.C. area and Lewis County, hereinafter "the County".

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

Pursuant to the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement, Weidner will serve as Washington, D.C. government relation's advisor to Lewis County and other counties of the Evergreen Forest County Group hereinafter "Evergreen". In this role, Weidner will report to and receive guidance from Evergreen Group Members & Commissioners of participating counties including:

A. Monitoring and information gathering with the Administration and Congress with respect to matters in which the counties may have interest. Specifically, Weidner will closely monitor and provide information on matters affecting public lands within member counties.

B. Lobbying Congress and departments of the executive Branch of the government including the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Agriculture with respect to matters, which affect member counties. This will involve arranging meetings for officials of the member counties with officials of these departments as necessary; the preparation of testimony and briefing papers; assisting in devising strategy; the implementation of that strategy with respect to House and Senate Committees; and liaison work with key committee members of the House and Senate Committees as well as Committee staff.

C. In addition to those activities described in "B" above, this will include working with members and staffs of relevant Congressional Committees on an on-going basis on behalf of member counties.

D. Providing regular briefings to the Evergreen Executive Committee and member counties following the guidelines set forth by the Executive Committee.

E. Provide periodic updates on issues and activities, which affect Evergreen member counties.

III. DURATION

This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in effect from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016. However either party may cancel this contract on sixty days notice without cause.

IV. FEES

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Robert K. Weidner. In consideration of the above-referenced services to be performed by Weidner, the County agrees to pay Weidner $12,500.00 in January of 2016. Should this contract be terminated early, pursuant to the provision of III, above, and then compensation for Weidner's services shall be computed based upon the number of hours actually expended by Weidner multiplied by an hourly rate of $250.00 per hour. Provided, however, that in no event shall the fees incurred exceed the total amount stated above unless agreed to by the two parties.

9-30-15

Robert K. Weidner Date

On behalf of Lewis County Date

Evergreen Forest County Group

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Board of County Commissioners
Lewis County Washington
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October 1, 2015

Dear Commissioners & Council Members:

We are engaged in a mighty struggle to retain local control over our own destiny. Success requires that we do our part to not just complain but to offer our own solutions and work to accomplish them. Our Evergreen Group is focused on doing just that. With your support, we have asked Bob Weidner, our Washington, D.C. advocate to assist our friends in Congress and educate our opponents about those issues, which are most important to us. We have also advocated significant new policy ideas to our Congressional leaders in an aggressive attempt to educate and empower county governments and to educate our friends in Congress from all areas of the country.

Specifically, under our direction, Bob worked effectively in the early part of this year with Congressional leaders to win a two year extension of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding for our National Forest Counties which brings in $millions for Washington roads and schools. Moreover, even before this year's tragic fire season, we have been proactively working to restore active management to our National Forests in order to prevent so many fires by reducing fuel loading as well as to strengthen our local economies with appropriate and thoughtful forest policies.

To that end, Bob has worked very closely with Utah's Congressman Rob Bishop to develop, promote & pass H.R. 2647, the Resilient Federal Forest Management Act of 2015, a bill which will reopen the National Forests for active management to improve forest health, reduce fires, and create economic growth for rural public lands communities. In August, Bob assisted Kittitas County Commissioner Gary Berndt when Gary represented our counties before Senators Cantwell and Barrasso at a Senate Field Hearing in Seattle. Over the past two weeks, Bob organized our National Forest county letter to our congressional leaders focusing on advocating that the U.S. Senate move ahead with similar active forest management legislation to prevent the kind of catastrophic fires which decimated our state this summer. We support improved fire suppression always, but we that our Senators and Representatives act no to advance up-front preventative active forest management as well. At our request, Evergreen Group counties continue to work with House and Senate leaders to try to bridge the gap between the two sides.

Throughout the year, Evergreen has worked to achieve both short and long-term PILT funding. Working closely with our NACo partners, Alaska's Senator Lisa Murkowski has successfully included payment to counties of the remaining unpaid PILT funds now due for FY 2016. Moreover, we are now working with

Congressional leaders on plans for FY 2016 funding and on developing a long term 5-10 year PILT package including our advocacy of an audit of all public lands and providing other constructive ideas to Congressional leaders on how to fund PILT going forward.

At Bob's suggestion, County Commissioners adopted a resolution at NACo which has now been forwarded to Congress urging the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a full blown audit of receipts from all federal land holdings, an action which amazingly, Congress has never before accomplished. Upon completion, this information should become the basis for motivating Congress to redirect policies towards increased revenue production from all sources on federal land holdings both on-shore and off. It is those new funds that we believe will be used to pay for long-term PILT, SRS and other obligations to counties. It is high time that the American taxpayers know how much their federal land holdings are producing (or not producing) in actual dollars.

Finally, in another significant action, Bob has worked to educate the Congress and our own counties about tools available to them in the form of formal "coordination" as defined in the 1976 Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA). Reinforcing "coordination" is a key objective for our counties as a way to bring true consistency between federal land policies and your local general management plans.

We cannot overstate our belief that we are well served by Bob Weidner who works tirelessly for us in the nation's capital city. He brings the ability to forge coalitions of counties from other parts of the country, trade associations in the natural resources industry as well as with NACo.

We urge your continued strong financial support for your Evergreen Group and Bob Weidner.

Sincerely,

Ken Dahlstedt, Co-Chairman (Skagit County)

Doug England, Co-Chairman (Chelan County)

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October 1, 2015

INVOICE

2016 County Annual Dues for Public Land, Environment & Natural Resources Work by Robert K. Weidner on behalf of Lewis County in Washington D.C.

Amount Due: $12,500.00

Please make check payable to: ***Robert K. Weidner***

Many Thanks!

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or the labor preformed as described herein, that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfullment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation against the count, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim

Signed:_____

Date:_____

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