

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ON BEHALF OF LEWIS COUNTY, A MEMBER
OF THE EVERGREEN FOREST COUNTY GROUP
A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate
2021**

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.

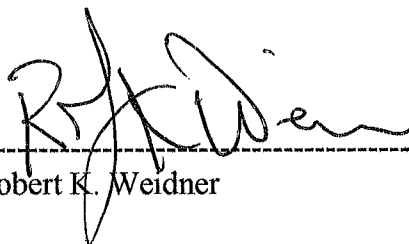
- E. Provide periodic updates on issues and activities, which affect Evergreen member counties.

III. DURATION

This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in effect from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021. However, either party may cancel this contract with 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 \$15,000.00 in January of 2021. 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.

 9-28-20

Robert K. Weidner Date

On behalf of Lewis County Date

Evergreen Forest County Group

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Burke, VA 22015

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January 1, 2021

INVOICE

2021 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: \$15,000.00

Please make check payable to:

Robert K. Weidner
Chartwell Enterprises

W-9 S Corp. 47-2716989
9720 Ironmaster Drive
Burke, VA 22015

Many Thanks!

A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate County

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Evergreen Forest County Group

September 24, 2020

Dear Commissioners/Council Members:

In what has to be the strangest year of our lives, I am pleased to report that during these unsettled times we are fortunate to be extremely well served by our County Representative in Washington, D.C., Bob Weidner. Bob has worked in our Nation's Capital since 1982 and has established countless relationships during that 38-year period; a fact that has proven invaluable during COVID-19. Anyone starting new in DC would have no chance in the continually changing dynamics of Congress and the Administration especially since the life span of Congressional staffers ranges from eight months in the U.S. House of Representatives to two years in the Senate.

Under the direction of Washington's National Forest counties, Bob has remained laser focused on federal payments both SRS and PILT of which nearly \$60 million dollars is owed to our state's counties and schools annually. Working through the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, Bob works cooperatively with like-minded groups including NACo, across the country promoting the interests of National Forest counties and schools. Our Congressional delegation serves us well, but to succeed we need help from other regions of the country so we can protect and promote our Washington state and Pacific Northwest interests. No one does that better than Bob Weidner.

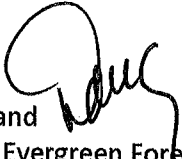
For example, last week, Bob was in contact with Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staffers in both parties asking why the Committee's SRS extension bill S. 430, which passed by 19-0 last December has not been enacted. Why? Because, without this bill being enacted, SRS payments which, thanks to Bob, are scheduled for next Spring will be reduced by another 5% and counties will remain locked in a 2012 distribution formula between Titles II & III. Moreover, S. 430 delegates RAC appointment authority to the Forest Service Regions away from the White House which is good for all.

In addition to our bread and butter county payments, Bob has worked closely with the Trump Agriculture and Interior Departments to protect and promote economic development in and around our National Forests and with Democratic members of Congress as well.

Bob has helped craft active National Forest management legislation which remains our best choice to prevent fires and preserve job opportunities going forward. Bob has led the effort to educate eastern members of Congress in both parties about the linkage between SRS payments and PILT payments. Congress has responded and is on the verge of changing federal law to recognize the importance of establishing a permanent Trust Fund for National Forest Counties which in turn, protects PILT.

Bob is working for us full time through COVID-19 and other distractions. I urge each rural county to continue to honor the commitment we made to work together to keep this effort in place as insurance for all National Forest counties.

Sincerely,


Doug England
Chairman, Evergreen Forest County Group
Chelan County