

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
ON BEHALF OF LEWIS COUNTY, A MEMBER  
OF THE EVERGREEN FOREST COUNTY GROUP  
A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate  
2015**

**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.



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October 1, 2014

## INVOICE

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2015 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     543.10.41.00

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 performed 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 fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim is just, due and unpaid obligation against the county, and that I am authorized to submit and certify to said claim.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Commissioner:

We are pleased to report that under our direction and on your behalf, Bob Weidner continues to represent our interests well. In a very difficult political environment, Bob has succeeded in cultivating relationships on both sides of the aisle to promote our values and our National Forest management agenda.

As we all know, in politics as in life, we have to strike while the iron is hot, which in Washington, D.C. means we must be prepared for opportunities when they arise. At some point in the near future that iron will heat up and we collectively will be ready. Bob has worked tirelessly to help us prepare for that day by educating members of the House and Senate as well as like minded advocacy groups from all regions of the country about the need for real improvements in managing National Forests and other federal lands. Bob's initiative to Congressional leaders in both parties to identify revenues from federal lands (both onshore and off) is serving as a basis for funding long-term county payments for both SRS and PILT and we believe that when completed, this audit will demonstrate that current federal policies fail to generate what these lands are capable of producing for all taxpayers and that we can protect the environment while doing much more on these federally-owned lands to generate economic growth and jobs.

Like finding solutions to SRS and PILT funding, Bob is working with like-minded groups across the country to reform the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and other federal laws, which

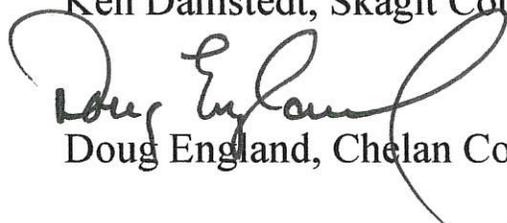
currently impede access and real multiple use management of federal lands. We believe it is only wise for our lobbying efforts to work in tandem with congressional and other leaders from Washington state and elsewhere to lessen the burden of ongoing federal ownership of these lands which encumber us. Regardless, we are committed to protect public safety and the natural environment around us through common sense, locally driven approaches. To that end we are making a special effort to encourage policy "coordination" a term, which, as defined means that federal agencies should conform to local government policies and plans rather than the other way around.

Evergreen Group works because since our timber counties first asked Bob to represent them in Washington, D.C. we have encouraged growing financial support for him from our rural counties. Evergreen Group succeeds in getting its message across because we will never sit back and allow others to dictate to us and thus limit our opportunities. Thanks to each of your counties for your ongoing strong support of our Evergreen Forest County Group and these efforts.

Sincerely,



Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County, Co-Chair



Doug England, Chelan County, Co-Chair