

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ON BEHALF OF KITTITAS COUNTY, A MEMBER
OF THE EVERGREEN FOREST COUNTY GROUP
A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate
2017**

I. PARTIES

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

On behalf of Kittitas County Date 12/20/16

Evergreen Forest County Group

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October 1, 2016

INVOICE

2017 County Annual Dues for Public Land, Environment &
Natural Resources Work by Robert K. Weidner on behalf of
Kittitas County in Washington D.C.

Amount Due: \$8,000.00

Please make check payable to:

***Robert K. Weidner
Chartwell Enterprises Inc.***

***10648 Canterbury Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039***

Many Thanks!

A Rural Public Lands County Council Affiliate County

Evergreen Forest County Group

October 5, 2016

Dear Commissioners & Council Members:

Here is our annual report on our Washington, D.C. advocacy efforts on behalf of Washington State's forest counties. We are fortunate to have Bob Weidner representing our interests in the National Capital City. Under our direction, Bob has worked tirelessly without fanfare on these key issues:

1. Active National Forest Management and Forest Service Fire Budget Reform;
2. Secure Rural Schools (SRS) reauthorization;
3. PILT reauthorization and appropriations;
4. "Coordination" advocacy to require federal agencies to engage in government to government "coordination" & not relegate counties to mere NGO status;
5. RS 2477 Historic Rights of Way legislation to eliminate need to "quiet title" every 2477 right of way—tremendous cost savings to counties;
6. GAO Audit of public land receipts;
7. Sharing receipts with counties from Renewable Energy development.
8. Protecting the economic interests of Columbia River counties
9. Protecting economic interests of counties in and around the Puget Sound.

As you know, the Congress has failed to pass a budget resolution or any of its 12 appropriations bills during this session. Moreover, due to its unilateral discarding of "earmarking," Congress has surrendered much of its Constitutional power over the purse to the Executive Branch.

Thus, our counties rely heavily on Bob Weidner's expertise on the inner-workings of government due to his 34 years of experience working on Capitol Hill. He has been directly involved in creating the overall strategies for counties to protect their interests and for our allies in Congress to enact our agenda. His work with the Congress has been a key factor in maintaining our timber receipts and SRS and PILT payments. Counties continue to benefit mightily from his work.

As co-Chairs of Evergreen Forest County Group for the past four years, we have come to rely on Bob for critical information, strategy and guidance in our efforts to protect our economic resources on all government owned lands. We encourage ALL counties to continue to support Bob's efforts in Washington, D.C. He remains a tremendous resource, not to mention an insurance policy for us all.

Sincerely,



Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County



Doug England, Chelan County