**Grand Jury Finding – F-1:** Our County is at much greater risk of catastrophic fire due to the shortage of qualified inmates assigned to Deadwood Conservation Camp.

**Grand Jury Finding – F-2:** Deadwood Conservation Camp is no longer able to provide regular maintenance, service, and repairs for emergency fire vehicles and equipment in Siskiyou County.

**Grand Jury Finding – F-3:** Deadwood Conservation Camp will no longer provide services for non-fire projects such as fuel reduction, Fire Safe projects, local trail work cemetery and school maintenance, fairground maintenance, setup and take down, snow removal, and flood response.

***RESPONSE FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

* **Recommendation R1**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should take steps to assure that an adequate number of Type 1 fire crews are available for fire assignments in Siskiyou County by June 30, 2022.

**Response to R1:** The Board partially agrees.

The wildfire risk is a multi-faceted issue, which will not be solved easily. The Board will continue to work with CAL FIRE and other local, state, and federal agencies to reduce wildfire risk to communities throughout Siskiyou County.

* **Recommendation R1b**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should request that CAL FIRE submit a plan to the Board by June 30, 2022, to increase the number of available fire crews in Siskiyou County for fire line assignments.

**Response to R1b:** The Board agrees.

The Deadwood Conservation Camp Program is operated by the CDCR. Based on input from CAL FIRE a recent increase in inmate numbers have allowed them to staff one additional inmate crew.

* **Recommendation R1c**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should explore ways to communicate the importance of a fully staffed fire camp in Siskiyou County with the appropriate state agencies responsible for staffing and managing of CDCR no later than June 30, 2022.

**Response to R1c:** The Board partially agrees.

The Deadwood Conservation Camp Program is operated by the CDCR. The Board of Supervisors will continue to work with the appropriate agencies on maximizing use of the camp.

* **Recommendation R2**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should contact the local fire departments to determine their needs for, and cost, to replace services that will no longer by offered by Deadwood Fire Camp by June 30, 2022.

**Response to R2:** The Board disagrees.

CAL FIRE is still offering these services to local fire departments. The Board encourages the local fire departments, through the Siskiyou County Fire Chief’s Association, to share local resources for alternatives.

* **Recommendation R2b**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should determine local alternate sources that are available for meeting the low-cost equipment repair and maintenance needs of the fire departments in Siskiyou County by June 30, 2022.

**Response to R2b:** The Board disagrees.

CAL FIRE is still offering these services to local fire departments. The Board encourages the local fire departments, through the Siskiyou County Fire Chief’s Association, to share local resources for alternatives.

* **Recommendation R3**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should assess the local needs for a low-cost crew to provide work for fuel reduction, Fire Safe projects, local trail work, cemetery and school maintenance, fairground maintenance, setup and take down, snow removal, and flood response by July 31, 2022.

**Response to R3:** The Board disagrees.

CAL FIRE is still offering these services to local agencies. Agencies within the County have also acquired grant funding to complete fuel reduction and forest resilience projects. In the event of an emergency, requests for support should be submitted through the appropriate channels (CalOES to CAL FIRE).

* **Recommendation R3b**: The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors should find alternatives for low-cost crew to provide work for fuel reduction, Fire Safe projects, local trail work, cemetery and school maintenance, fairground maintenance, setup and take down, snow removal, and flood response by July 31, 2022.

**Response to R3:** The Board disagrees.

CAL FIRE is still offering these services to local agencies. Agencies should continue pursuing grant funding for future work.