

## Commissioners Report for 12/5 Meeting—Sue Gold

1. There was a fire in the Cape Ferrelo area on Sunday 11/11/18. This fire started with a slash burn on South Coast Lumber Property and got out of control. All local fire departments responded along with some local people helping with brush cutting and road clearing. This fire could have been devastating if the winds had not died down and the fire departments had not responded quickly. I was contacted by a number of fire fighters and they were concerned that the “no burn” restrictions were lifted too quickly and they wanted the no burn restrictions to be reinstated until the winter rains started in earnest. I contacted Coos Forest Protection District and was told that this would not be happening.
2. The fire fighters further requested that the fire districts that are in the unincorporated areas of the County have the ability to institute “no burn” restrictions within their fire districts and would like the County to look at setting up an ordinance to accomplish. Brookings now has the ability to enforce “no burn” restrictions within their city limits. We will be having a workshop to discuss this issue on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and Coos Curry Forest Protection District, and County fire district representatives will be invited to participate and give input on a possible ordinance.
3. On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, I received many phone calls from my neighbors in the Cape Ferrelo area that were VERY concerned about the fire. There were many posts on Face Book about the fire (many that turned out to be erroneous) and they wanted to know exactly what was happening. I called Jeremy Dumire and he was very helpful and aware of exactly what was happening. I was then able to return phone calls to all of the individuals that had called me and let them know exactly what was happening and told them to spread the word to let their friends know exactly what was happening. I would like to thank Jeremy publicly for his quick response and his help! He was doing what he was supposed to do in an emergency situation and I feel strongly that he was very effective in doing his job as Emergency Manager for the County.