MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - 1998

WHEREAS, the cities, towns and fire districts embraced within the boundaries of Okanogan County are subject to disasters, caused by fire and other causes, which could be greater than any of the individual political subdivisions or municipalities could adequately cope with alone, and

WHEREAS, it is lawful and in the public interest that a Mutual Aid Agreement providing a method whereby, the various cities, towns and fire districts in Okanogan County agree to furnish fire equipment and fire department personnel to any of the cities, towns, or fire protection districts which may be stricken with disaster in which the fire departments may be of aid.

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual advantage of the cities, towns, and fire protection districts to lend mutual aid and assistance one to the other in time of need,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, each of the towns, cities, and fire protection districts, undersigned, agrees as follows:

1. Whenever any party to this agreement suffers a disaster which requires additional aid beyond that which said party is able to provide for itself, each other party to this agreement, at the request of the chief fire officers or the fire department officer in charge of the stricken party, agrees to loan/furnish to the stricken party the maximum amount of equipment and manpower that it can reasonably spare at the time, to meet the requests of the requesting party.

2. Whenever one party to this agreement has provided equipment and manpower to another, and in doing so has depleted their own resources, that party may call upon the other parties to this agreement to move their equipment and manpower to the requesting parties station to provide adequate protection for the parties involved.
3. All parties to this agreement hereby declare that they have enrolled and will continue to maintain their participation in the Washington State Volunteer Fireman's Relief and Pension Act as required by law.

4. The lending parties chief fire officers and company shall be under the direct supervision of the chief fire department officers of the receiving party.

5. All equipment, and manpower shall be returned when released by the receiving party.

6. The lender is responsible for the condition and operation of their equipment when it leaves their station and cannot hold the receiving party responsible for any malfunction of the lending parties equipment.

7. Each party to this agreement will maintain limits of general liability insurance of no less than $1,000,000 for their own protection as a result of this agreement. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless all other parties to this agreement and their officers, agents, employees from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, liability loss, costs, expenses, and damages and any nature whatsoever resulting from arising out of this agreement. Each party shall also agree to hold each other harmless for any damage to any equipment not caused by the other party's negligence.

8. "The receiving party will provide fuel for the equipment and will provide necessary food, drink and lodging for the personnel of the lending party."

9. Any party to this agreement may withdraw from same at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to all other parties to this agreement.

10. This agreement supersedes all previous Mutual Aid Agreements.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have caused these presents to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

City of Oroville:  
Mayor  
Date  
7-22-98

City of Tonasket:  
Mayor  
Date  
8-5-98

City of Omak:  
Mayor  
Date  
6-23-98

City of Okanogan:  
Mayor  
Date  
7-7-98

City of Brewster:  
Mayor  
Date  
9-28-98

City of Pateros:  
Mayor  
Date  
9-28-98

Town of Twisp:  
Mayor  
Date  
10-13-98

Town of Winthrop:  
Mayor  
Date  
11-21-98

Town of Conconully:  
Mayor  
Date  
3-25-99
Okanogan County Fire Protection District #1 (Oroville Area)

Kenneth D. Epley
Chairman

Date: 5-11-99

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #5 (Brewster - Pateros)

Philip D. Vrooman
Chairman

Date: 5-18-99

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #4 (Tonasket Area)

Duane A. Van Woerk
Chairman

Date: 9/10/98

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #3 (Omak - Okanogan - Malott)

Raymond E. Harris
Chairman

Date: 7-14-98

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #6 (Twisp - Winthrop Area)

Roy Ribe
Chairman

Date: 12-14-98

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #7 (Riverside Area)

William J. Chandler
Chairman

Date: 01-01-99

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #8 (Cameron Lake Area)

Chairman

Date
Okanogan County Fire Protection District #9 (Conconully Area)

Chairman  

Date  

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #10 (Loomis Area)

Chairman  

Date  

Town of Riverside:

Mayor  

Date  

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #2 (Elmer City Area)

Chairman  

Date  

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #11 (Molson/Chesaw Area)

Chairman  

Date  

Okanogan County Fire Protection District #12 (Mount Hull Area)

Chairman  

Date  

City of Coulee Dam

Mayor  

Date