**Special Districts ServeOregon’s’s Most Vulnerable Communities**

Special districts serve some of Oregon’s most vulnerable communities affected by natural disasters and changing climate conditions.

[NAME OF DISTRICT] provides [TYPE OF SERVICE] to [COMMUNITY/REGION].

A large share of the local agencies serving Oregon’s Wildland-urban interface (WUI) are special districts. Many of Oregon’s under-resourced areas, particularly those throughout [LOCATION], receive water and other services from special districts.

Remote and rural communities that are distant from urban centers and county seats are likely to receive most of their essential services from a special district. Meanwhile regional special districts are likely to supply water, mosquito abatement, fire protection and transportation services to disadvantaged urban centers.

Federal infrastructure packages and statewide funding proposals in the planning stage could help local agencies adapt infrastructure to our changing environment as well as prevent and prepare for natural disasters. Given special districts are on the forefront of the effort to provide essential services and emergency response, they need to be at the table and receive equitable access to funding.