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To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.

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President's Message – FIREFREE!

Hi Everyone,

Please take time to read the press release from the US Forest Service.

Have a safe and FireFree day.

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This file photo shows a DC-10 air tanker dropping fire retardant on the Powerline Fire near Warm Springs, Ore. The U.S. Forest Service announced that it has chosen seven aircraft offered by contractors to be the next generation of firefighting aircraft, among them a DC-10. Awarding of the contracts must wait to see if any bidders file protests. The Forest Service has used the DC-10 when needed in the past, but the new contract would be the first time the agency has planned use of such a large aircraft for firefighting.

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The U.S. Forest Service announced Monday that heading into wildfire season it has selected contractors to provide seven air tankers that fly faster and drop a larger volume of fire retardant than other planes in its firefighting fleet.

The agency will spend nearly \$160 million over five years for access to several models of aircraft, including a converted DC-10 jumbo jet, which can carry about five times as much flame-resistant liquid as any aircraft in regular use.

Each of the planes can carry more than 3,000 gallons of slurry and fly faster than 350 mph, the Forest Service says. The DC-10 can hold as much as 11,600 gallons.

The newer planes are set to join the aging fleet of eight large tankers, mostly Korean War-era submarine chasers, known as PV2s, which can fly about 165 mph and hold about 2,000 gallons of fire retardant. Several such planes have been involved in fatal crashes recently, reducing the size of the fleet.

The contracting process faces several hurdles before approval. And Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell said in a statement it is "critical" to complete the effort "as quickly as possible as we face the prospect of another challenging wildfire season with a dwindling legacy air tanker fleet."

Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., urged bidders not to delay the process by filing protests, which prevented the Forest Service from adding new planes last fire season.

Last week, the first 2013 fire season outlook from the National Interagency Fire Center said a dry winter and a warm spring put the wildfire potential above normal across the West.

The effort to boost the air tanker fleet comes as the Forest Service enters fire season with 500 fewer firefighters and 50 fewer fire engines than last year due to budget cuts mandated by Congress under what is known as the sequester. The firefighting budget stands at about \$2 billion.

Forest Service Fire and Aviation Director Tom Harbour said the department will compensate by repositioning crews and equipment to areas of the highest risk.

The contracts announced were:

- Minden Air Corp., of Minden, Nev., for one BAe-146.
- Aero Air LLC, of Hillsboro, Ore., for two MD87s.
- Aero Flite Inc., of Kingman, Ariz., for two Avro RJ85s.
- Coulson Aircrane (USA) Inc., of Portland, Ore., for one C130Q.
- 10 Tanker Air Carrier LLC of Adelanto, Calif., for one DC-10.

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2013 Meeting Schedule:
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Please attend our Board and Partner meetings at the Sunriver Public Library at 12:30 p.m. on:

Next meeting is May 21st.

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Caldera Springs

Cougar Grove

Crosswater

Deschutes River Recreational Home sites
1-5; 6; 8; & 9.

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