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Oregon Farm Bureau Donates to Wildfire Relief

Audio with Ann Marie Moss, Oregon Farm Bureau

A county-level Farm Bureau in Oregon recently donated funding to help ranchers recover from wildfires. The Umatilla-Morrow Country Farm Bureau Recently donated \$3,500 to the Wildfire Relief Funds to help those devastated by the spring wildfires in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. Ann Marie Moss with Oregon Farm Bureau says when local farmers saw the devastation, they knew they needed to help their ag brothers...tape

Cut #1 :13 OC:...“years to come.”

The fund the Farm Bureau donated to will make every dollar go further. Thanks to the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, which will match dollar for dollar all contributions up to \$1 million. Moss says the counties have challenged others to help...tape

Cut #2 :17 OC:...“to this fund.”

That's Ann Marie Moss of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

White House Names Ag Trade Negotiator Nominee

President Donald Trump is nominating a former Senate Agriculture Committee aide and agriculture industry economist as the chief agricultural negotiator from the U.S. Trade Representative's Office. The White House confirmed Gregg Doud (Dowd) as the nominee. Doud is currently the president of the Commodity Markets Council, a Washington, D.C.-based trade association. He worked for the Senate Agriculture Committee between 2011 and 2013, and worked for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as an economist for eight years, according to Agri-Pulse. The American Farm Bureau

Federation calls Doud “experienced in all levels of agricultural policy and economics.” If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, the Kansas native will take the post previously held by Darci Vetter in the Obama administration.

New Zealand, U.S. Bilateral Trade Talks Far Off

New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English says bilateral trade talks between New Zealand and the U.S. are not likely anytime soon. His comments follow meetings between U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay last week. English says that given how the U.S. has framed trade policy as largely benefiting the U.S., that it “would be quite difficult to get an agreement that would benefit” New Zealand. However, during the meetings last week, McClay did express a mutual concern over Canada’s dairy trade provisions, a sticking point for the United States heading into North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations this fall. However, it’s not likely to be addressed in a new NAFTA, according to trade experts. Last year New Zealand exports to the U.S. were valued at \$5.6 billion, and imports from the U.S. were valued at \$5.7 billion. The U.S. is the biggest market for beef and wine from New Zealand, and the nation’s second-largest dairy market.