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OIL & GAS INDUSTRY PARTNERS WITH LAND, MINERAL OWNERS TO HELP OKLAHOMA FARMERS IMPACTED BY RECENT FIRES

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (OKOGA), the Coalition of Oklahoma Surface and Mineral Owners (COSMO) and Burns & Stowers, P.C. have joined forces to raise \$30,000 for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers impacted by recent wildfires. The funds will serve as seed money for the auction of a steer donated by Sen. Eddie Field's family, OYE participants, on Friday at 4 p.m. at the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE).

The auction will be held in the Jim Norick Arena at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. The \$30,000 and the full funds raised from the auction will go to support OYE families impacted by wildfires. The event is open to the public and the media. Representatives of OKOGA and COSMO will present checks at the conclusion of the auction.

“Newfield, Devon, Cimarex, FourPoint, Marathon and Chesapeake are some of OKOGA’s most active operators in the area where the wildfires have devastated farms and ranches,” said Chad Warmington, president of OKOGA. **“Our companies are proud to support Oklahoma’s young farmers whose dedication has been on full display this week as they worked to salvage what they could of their family farms and still compete in the Oklahoma Youth Expo. These kids are truly remarkable. We urge Oklahomans to come out Friday for this event in a show of support and to help outraise what we’ve put forward for this auction to support OYE families as they rebuild.”**

Terry Stowers, executive director of COSMO added, **“We recognize the tremendous value of Oklahoma’s vast and diverse natural resources, and the families that help harvest those resources. The generosity and caring spirit exhibited by Sen. Field’s children in deciding to donate their hard-earned premiums to help fellow Oklahomans in this great time of needs is very inspiring. We’re appreciative that we had the opportunity to participate with the Fields family and our friends at OKOGA in this effort.”**

“We’ve represented Oklahoma’s land and mineral owners for over 35 years. Oklahoma’s farmers and ranchers are a tough bunch of survivors, and they will survive this set back too. But, we’re proud to be a part of OYE’s effort to help give these families a small boost on their road to recovery,” said Doug Burns, president of Burns & Stowers, P.C.

OKOGA member companies who contributed to OKOGA’s donation share of \$15,000 are Newfield Energy, Devon Energy, Cimarex Energy, FourPoint Energy, Marathon Oil and Chesapeake Energy. COSMO and Burns & Stowers donated the remaining \$15,000.

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