

May 2, 2011

The President

Erickson Air-Crane Inc

5550 S. W. Macadam Ave, Suite 200

Portland, Oregon 97239

Reference : Junction, Texas Wildfire-Oasis Fire

Dear Sir,

As a small farm owner with a very nice home on my place outside of Junction, Texas on the South Llano River, I was present from Wednesday through Saturday afternoon April 27-30, 2011 during the time firefighters struggled to control this wildfire. Friday and Saturday I witnessed some of the most incredible flying skills I've ever seen. The pilots of your huge S-64 Sikorsky Air-Crane were simply remarkable. I went by the airport late Saturday to meet them and say "Thank you" for saving my farm and my home. The fire had slipped over a ridge about ½ mile west of my place on Friday night and started down toward my place. It took most of the day Saturday for them to squelch the fire, but they accomplished this by making pass after pass over my house to the river, withdrawing water, then flying quickly back to the fire west of me and dousing it. We took many photos and were simply overwhelmed with the skill and ability these men demonstrated.

I recognize both of the men from one of the photos on your website I think. Your crew-which I did not meet personally-are an integral part of this successful operation. I wish I could have had a more tangible means to say thank you, but I also realize that this awesome team of people are doing this sort of work because they like to. You have to be passionate about your work to do the kind of thing they do.

Again—our heartfelt gratitude to the Erickson team for their outstanding efforts. We appreciate these heroes so very much.

Sincerely,

Joe & Sandy Chapman

Handwritten signature of Joe and Sandy Chapman in cursive script.

Midland & Junction, Texas