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# Measure 49
# Notice of Preliminary Evaluation

October 30, 2009

**STATE ELECTION NUMBER:** E131994, E131995, E131996, E131999, E132000, E132002, E132009, E132010, E132012, E132017, E132018, E132020, E132021 and E132038[1]

**CLAIMANT:** Timber Service Company[2]

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:**

Township 13S, Range 1E
Section 00, Tax lot 8200
Section 21, Tax lots 500, 502 503
Section 22C, Tax lot 201
Section 25, Tax lot 100

Township 13S, Range 2E, Section 00
Tax lots 8900, 9700, 9800, 9900 and 11400[3]

Township 13S, Range 3E
Section 31, Tax lot 500
Section 33, Tax lot 1200

Township 14S, Range 1E
Section 1, Tax lots 600 and 1000
Section 10, Tax lot 100
Linn County

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As required under OAR 660-041-0090(3), you are receiving this notice to inform you of the Department of Land Conservation and Development's (Department) Preliminary Evaluation of the supplemental review of the above-referenced claim under Measure 49.

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[2] The claimant also has submitted claims for properties not contiguous to the subject property, which are identified as E131997, E131998, E132001 E132003, E132004, E132005, E132006, E132007, E132008, E132011, E132013, E132014, E132015, E132016, E132019, E132022, and E132023.

[3] Claimant only seeks relief as to an approximately 22-acre portion of the 472.94-acre parcel located between the Santiam River and Highway 20.

The claimant(s) identified above filed a Measure 37 claim pursuant to ORS 197.352 (2005 edition). On November 6, 2007, the Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 49. Under Measure 49, Measure 37 claimants may elect to have their Measure 37 claim reviewed under Measure 49. Claimants who elect review of their Measure 37 claims under Measure 49, and who meet the requirements of either Section 6 or 7 of Measure 49, are eligible for relief in the form of a specific number of home site approvals, as provided for under Section 6 (up to three home sites) or 7 (up to ten home sites) of Measure 49.

The claimant(s) in the above-referenced claim elected supplemental review of the Measure 37 claim under Section 6 of Measure 49. To determine eligibility for relief, the department must determine whether the claim meets the following requirements:

- The claimant(s) must be owners of the property, as defined in Measure 49.
- All owners of the property must have consented in writing to the claim.
- The property must be located entirely outside any urban growth boundary and entirely outside the boundaries of any city.
- One or more land use regulations must prohibit establishing the lot, parcel or dwelling.
- Establishing the lot, parcel or dwelling must not be prohibited by a regulation that was enacted before the claimant's acquisition date, or by a regulation that restricts or prohibits activities commonly and historically recognized as public nuisances, for the protection of public health or safety, or that are required to comply with federal law as described in ORS 197.352(3).
- On the claimant's acquisition date, the claimant lawfully was permitted to establish the number of lots, parcels or dwellings on the property that are authorized by either Section 6 or Section 7 of Measure 49 based on the claimant's Election.

Based on the department's preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimant is qualified for up to three home site approvals on the Measure 37 claim property. The claimant's property including both the Measure 37 claim property and all contiguous property in the same ownership, currently appears to consist of more than three lots or parcels, which are developed with one dwelling. After taking into account the number of lots, parcels and dwellings currently located on the Measure 37 claim property and the contiguous property under the same ownership, it appears that the home site approvals will allow the claimant to establish no additional lots or parcels and two additional dwellings on the Measure 37 claim property.

A copy of the Preliminary Evaluation of the claim is posted on the department's website at http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/MEASURE49/index.shtml. You may also request a copy of the Preliminary Evaluation by calling 503-373-0050 ext. 324.

This Preliminary Evaluation is not a final decision on this claim. Any person receiving this Notice may submit written comments, evidence or information addressing the above requirements upon which the department must base its decision. All materials and written responses must be mailed or delivered to: Supplemental Measure 49 Claim Review, 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 97301-2540 and will be deemed timely filed if mailed or actually delivered to the department within 28 days from the date of this notice. The Department will provide a copy of all materials received to the claimant(s) and the agent for the claimant(s), who are entitled to an additional 21 days to file written responses. Please reference the claim number and claimant name and clearly mark your comments as "Preliminary Evaluation Comments." **Comments submitted electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.**

Following receipt and evaluation of all materials and responses submitted in response to this notice, the department will issue a final decision on this claim. If the final decision determines that the claim is entitled to relief in the form of one or more home sites, the exact location of authorized parcels and/or dwellings would be determined through a local county review process.

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

## ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM
**Preliminary Evaluation**

October 30, 2009

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## I. ELECTION

The claimant, Timber Service Company, filed claims with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on November 30, 2006, for property located near Sweet Home, in Linn County. ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (Measure 49) entitles claimants who filed Measure 37 claims to elect supplemental review of their claims. The claimant has elected supplemental review of its Measure 37 claims under Section 6 of Measure 49, which allows the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) to authorize up to three home site approvals to qualified claimants.

## II. SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

Based on the department's preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimant is qualified for up to three home site approvals on the Measure 37 claim property. The claimant's property including both the Measure 37 claim property and all contiguous property in the same ownership, currently appears to consist of more than three lots or parcels, which are developed with one dwelling. After taking into account the number of lots, parcels and dwellings currently located on the Measure 37 claim property and the contiguous property under the same ownership, it appears that the home site approvals will allow the claimant to establish no additional lots or parcels and two additional dwellings on the Measure 37 claim property.

## III. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOME SITE APPROVALS FOR WHICH THE CLAIMANT MAY QUALIFY

Under Section 6 of Measure 49, the number of home site approvals authorized by the department cannot exceed the lesser of the following: three; the number stated by the claimant in the election materials; or the number described in a Measure 37 waiver issued by the state, or if no waiver was issued, the number of home sites described in the Measure 37 claim filed with the state. The claimant has requested Section 6 review in the election material. No waivers were issued for these claims. The Measure 37 claims filed with the state describe more than three home sites. Therefore, the claimant may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

## IV. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF QUALIFICATION FOR HOME SITE APPROVAL

### 1. Preliminary Analysis

To qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49, a claimant must have filed a Measure 37 claim for the property with either the state or the county in which the property is

located on or before June 28, 2007, and must have filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and the county before Measure 49 became effective on December 6, 2007. If the state Measure 37 claim was filed after December 4, 2006, the claim must also have been filed in compliance with the provisions of OAR 660-041-0020 then in effect.

The claimant, Timber Service Company, filed Measure 37 claims, M131994, M131995, M131996, M131999, M132000, M132002, M132009, M132010, M132012, M132017, M132018, M132020, M132021 and M132038, with the state on November 30, 2006. The claimant filed Measure 37 claims, M37-119-06, M37-122-06, M37-123-06, M37-125-06, M37-127-06, M37-128-06, M37-129-06, M37-130-06, M37-131-06, M37-132-06, M37-133-06, M37-246-06, M37-247-06, M37-248-06, and M37-249-06, with Linn County on November 13, 2006. The state claims were filed prior to December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimant timely filed Measure 37 claims with both the state and Linn County.

In addition to filing a claim with both the state and the county in which the property is located, to qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49 the claimant must establish each of the following:

**(a) The Claimant is an Owner of the Property**

Measure 49 defines "Owner" as: "(a) The owner of fee title to the property as shown in the deed records of the county where the property is located; (b) The purchaser under a land sale contract, if there is a recorded land sale contract in force for the property; or (c) If the property is owned by the trustee of a revocable trust, the settlor of a revocable trust, except that when the trust becomes irrevocable only the trustee is the owner."

According to the deed submitted by the claimant, Timber Service Company is the owner of fee title to the property as shown in the Linn County deed records and, therefore, is an owner of the property under Measure 49.

**(b) All Owners of the Property Have Consented in Writing to the Claim**

It appears that the claimant is the sole owner of the property. Therefore, no additional consent is required.

**(c) The Measure 37 Claim Property Is Located Entirely Outside Any Urban Growth Boundary and Entirely Outside the Boundaries of Any City**

The Measure 37 claim property is located in Linn County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, Sweet Home.

**(d) One or More Land Use Regulations Prohibit Establishing the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling**

As stated in Section III above, the claimant may qualify for up to three home site approvals.

The property is currently zoned Forest Conservation and Management (FCM) by Linn County, in accordance with ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 6, because the property is "forest land" under Goal 4. Applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660 division 6, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 4, generally prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than 80 acres in size in a forest zone. Those provisions also regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels and include restrictions on establishing more than one dwelling on a single tract

The claimant's property consists of more than 3500 acres that make up a single tract. Therefore, state land use regulations prohibit the claimant from establishing on the Measure 37 claim property the three home sites the claimant may qualify for under Section 6 of Measure 49.

**(e) The Establishment of the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling Is Not Prohibited by a Land Use Regulation Described in ORS 195.305(3)**

ORS 195.305(3) exempts from claims under Measure 49 land use regulations:

> (a) Restricting or prohibiting activities commonly and historically recognized as public nuisances under common law;
> (b) Restricting or prohibiting activities for the protection of public health and safety;
> (c) To the extent the land use regulation is required to comply with federal law; or
> (d) Restricting or prohibiting the use of a property for the purpose of selling pornography or performing nude dancing.

Based on the documentation submitted by the claimant, it does not appear that the establishment of the three home sites for which the claimant may qualify on the property would be prohibited by land use regulations described in ORS 195.305(3).

**(f) On the Claimant's Acquisition Date, the Claimant Lawfully Was Permitted to Establish at Least the Number of Lots, Parcels or Dwellings on the Property That Are Authorized Under Section 6 of Measure 49**

A claimant's acquisition date is "the date the claimant became the owner of the property as shown in the deed records of the county in which the property is located. If there is more than one claimant for the same property under the same claim and the claimants have different acquisition dates, the acquisition date is the earliest of those dates."

Linn County deed records indicate that the claimant acquired the property on dates between December 20, 1950, and November 1, 1965.

From December 20, 1950, to November 1, 1965, the Measure 37 claim property was not subject to any local or state laws that would have prohibited the claimant from establishing at least three lots or parcels and at least three dwellings. Therefore, the claimant lawfully could have established the three home sites the claimant may qualify for under Section 6 of Measure 49.

## 2. Preliminary Conclusion

Based on the preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimant, Timber Service Company, qualifies for up to three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

## V. NUMBER OF LOTS, PARCELS OR DWELLINGS ON OR CONTAINED WITHIN THE PROPERTY

The number of lots, parcels or dwellings that a claimant is authorized to establish pursuant to a home site authorization is reduced by the number of lots, parcels or dwellings currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and any contiguous property under the same ownership according to the methodology stated in Section 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of Measure 49. However, if a claimant otherwise qualifies for relief under Section 6 of Measure 49, the claimant will be able to establish at least one additional lot, parcel or dwelling, regardless of the number of lots, parcels or dwellings currently in existence.

Based on the documentation provided by the claimant and information from Linn County, the Measure 37 claim property appears to currently include 16 lots or parcels and no dwellings. As demonstrated by the supplemental information submitted by the claimants and assessment information obtained from Linn County, the claimant also owns multiple lots or parcels which are contiguous to the Measure 37 claim property. The contiguous property under the same ownership appears to include more than three lots or parcels and one dwelling.[4] Together, it appears that the Measure 37 claim property and the contiguous property in the same ownership exceed three lots or parcels and contain one dwelling. Therefore, the three home site approvals the claimant appears to qualify for under Section 6 of Measure 49 will allow the claimant to establish no additional lots or parcels and two additional dwellings on the Measure 37 claim property. Each dwelling must be on a separate lot or parcel, and must be contained within the Measure 37 claim property.

Timber Service Company is not eligible for more than 20 home site approvals statewide under Sections 5 to 11 of Measure 49. The claimant may decide which of these approvals to use to seek development approvals from Linn County, but the claimant may not receive more than 20 home site development approvals statewide on all of the Timber Service Company's claim property claim property under Measure 49. Also, under OAR 660-041-0170 "The county with land use jurisdiction over property for which a Measure 49 Authorization has been issued must provide written notice to DLCD of any land use application that seeks approval of one or more home sites under the Measure 49 Authorization, and all final written decisions on home site approvals based on a Measure 49 Authorization."

## VI. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS ON THE NUMBER AND SCOPE OF HOME SITE APPROVALS

The department has identified the following limitations and conditions that may affect the number or scope of the home site approvals that the claimant would otherwise be entitled to under Section 6 of Measure 49. This list may not be comprehensive and does not preclude the

[4] Tax lot 6900 (13S 1E 00) appears to be contiguous to the Measure 37 subject property and contains a dwelling.

possibility that other considerations, not yet identified by the department, may affect the establishment of a land division or dwelling authorized by a home site approval.

1. The establishment of a land division or dwelling based on a Measure 49 home site authorization must comply with all applicable standards governing the siting or development of the land division or dwelling. However, those standards must not be applied in a manner that prohibits the establishment of the land division or dwelling, unless the standards are reasonably necessary to avoid or abate a nuisance, to protect public health or safety, or to carry out federal law.

2. A home site authorization will not authorize the establishment of a land division or dwelling in violation of a land use regulation described in ORS 195.305(3) or in violation of any other law that is not a land use regulation as defined by ORS 195.300(14).

3. A claimant is not eligible for more than 20 home site approvals under Sections 5 to 11 of Measure 49 regardless of how many properties a claimant owns or how many claims a claimant filed.

4. The number of lots, parcels or dwellings a claimant may establish under a Measure 49 home site authorization is reduced by the number of lots, parcels and dwellings currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property in the same ownership, regardless of whether evidence of their existence has been provided to the department. If, based on the information available to the department, the department has calculated the number of currently existing lots, parcels or dwellings to be either greater than or less than the number of lots, parcels or dwellings actually in existence on the Measure 37 claim property or contiguous property under the same ownership, then the number of additional lots, parcels or dwellings a claimant may establish pursuant to this home site authorization must be adjusted according to the methodology stated in Section 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of Measure 49. Statements in this preliminary evaluation regarding the number of lots, parcels or dwellings currently existing on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property are not a determination on the current legal status of those lots, parcels or dwellings.

5. Temporary dwellings are not considered in determining the number of existing dwellings currently on the property. The claimant may choose to convert any temporary dwelling currently located on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief to an authorized home site pursuant to a Measure 49 home site approval. Otherwise, any temporary dwelling is subject to the terms of the local permit requirements under which it was approved, and is subject to removal at the end of the term for which it is allowed.

6. A home site approval only authorizes the establishment of a new lot, parcel or dwelling on property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief. No additional development is authorized on contiguous property for which no Measure 37 claim was filed or on Measure 37 claim property on which a claimant is not eligible for Measure 49 relief. A lot or parcel established pursuant to a home site approval must either be the site of a dwelling that is currently in existence or be the future site of a dwelling that may be established pursuant to the home site approval.

7. The claimant may use a home site approval to convert a lot, parcel or dwelling currently located on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief to an authorized home site. If the number of lots, parcels or dwellings existing on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief exceeds the number of home site approvals the claimant qualifies for under a home site authorization, the claimant may select which existing lots, parcels or dwellings to convert to authorized home sites; or may reconfigure existing lots, parcels or dwellings so that the number is equivalent to the number of home site approvals.

8. The claimant may not implement the relief described in a Measure 49 Home Site Authorization if a claimant has been determined to have a common law vested right to a use described in a Measure 37 waiver for the property. Therefore, if a claimant has been determined in a final judgment or final order that is not subject to further appeal to have a common law vested right as described in Section 5(3) of Measure 49 to any use on the Measure 37 claim property, then any Measure 49 Home Site Authorization for the property will be void. However, so long as no claimant has been determined in such a final judgment or final order to have a common law vested right to a use described in a Measure 37 waiver for the property, a use that has been completed on the property pursuant to a Measure 37 waiver may be converted to an authorized home site.

9. A home site approval does not authorize the establishment of a new dwelling on a lot or parcel that already contains one or more dwellings. The claimant may be required to alter the configuration of the lots or parcels currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property so that each additional dwelling established on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief, pursuant to a home site approval, is sited on a separate lot or parcel.

10. Because the property is located in a forest zone, the home site authorization will not authorize new lots or parcels that exceed five acres. However, existing or remnant lots or parcels may exceed five acres. Before beginning construction in one of these zones, the owner must comply with the requirements of ORS 215.293. Further, the home site authorization will not authorize new lots or parcels that exceed two acres if the new lots or parcels are located on high-value farmland, on high-value forestland or on land within a ground water restricted area. However, existing or remnant lots or parcels may exceed two acres.

11. Because the property is located in a forest zone, Measure 49 requires new home sites to be clustered so as to maximize suitability of the remnant lot or parcel for farm or forest use. Further, if an owner of the property is authorized by other home site approvals to subdivide, partition, or establish dwellings on other Measure 37 claim properties, Measure 49 authorizes the owner to cluster some or all of the authorized lots, parcels or dwellings that would otherwise be located on land in an exclusive farm use zone, a forest zone or a mixed farm and forest zone on a single Measure 37 claim property that is zoned residential use or is located in an exclusive farm use zone, a forest zone or a mixed farm and forest zone but is less suitable for farm or forest use than the other Measure 37 claim properties.

12. Once the department issues a final home site authorization, a home site approval granted under that authorization will run with the property and will transfer with the property. A home site approval will not expire, except that if a claimant who received a home site authorization later conveys the property to a party other than the claimant's spouse or the trustee of a revocable trust in which the claimant is the settlor, the subsequent owner of the property must establish the authorized lots, parcels and dwellings within 10 years of the conveyance. A lot or parcel lawfully created based on the home site authorization will remain a discrete lot or parcel, unless the lot or parcel lines are vacated or the lot or parcel is further divided, as provided by law. A dwelling lawfully created based on a home site approval is a permitted use.

## VII. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent, a county and any third party may submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation. The comments, evidence and information must be filed with the department no more than twenty-eight (28) calendar days after the date this evaluation is mailed to the claimant and the claimant's agent and notice of this evaluation is mailed to third parties.

The department will mail a copy of all materials timely filed by a county or a third party with the department to the claimant and the claimant's agent. A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent may then file written comments, evidence or information in response to the materials filed by the third party or county. That response must be filed no more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date the department mails the materials to the claimant and the claimant's authorized agent.

All comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation and all responses to materials filed by a third party or a county shall be delivered to Supplemental Measure 49 Claim Review, 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540 and will be deemed timely filed either (1) if actually delivered to the department before the close of business on the final eligible calendar day, or (2) if mailed on or before the final eligible calendar day.

**Note: Please reference the claim number and claimant name and clearly mark your comments as "Preliminary Evaluation Comments." Comments must be submitted in original written form only. Comments submitted electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.**