

Oregon Board of Forestry
2600 State Street
State Forester's Office – Building B
Salem, Oregon 97301

Telephone Conference Call

Thursday, December 14, 2006

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (approximately)

The Board of Forestry will hold a special meeting via telephone on December 14, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. to authorize a final order on two Ballot Measure 37 claims. The order concerns requests for compensation made by Clackamas County landowner Avison Lumber for the claimed reduction in market value of their property due to land-use regulations.

The Board of Forestry's order will address Avison's contention that the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which regulates timber harvest on private forestland to protect environmental values, lowered the value of their property. Avison has stated that they are seeking to divide their property and develop it for residential use. Since the Forest Practices Act does not preclude conversion of forestland to other uses, the Department of Forestry is advising the Board to deny their claim.

Passed by Oregon voters in November 2004, Measure 37 requires state and local government to compensate eligible property owners, or forgo enforcement, when certain land-use restrictions reduce the value of their property.

At some point during the December 14 teleconference, the Board of Forestry may enter into closed **Executive Session** to consult with legal counsel as permitted under ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Members of the public may listen to the Board's conference at the State Forester's Office, 2600 State Street, Bldg. B, Salem. Public comment will not be taken during the teleconference.

Questions regarding the conference call may be directed to Gayle Birch at 503-945-7210.