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Date: January 19, 2007
To: Oregon Board of Forestry
From: Richard Gibson, Hearing Officer
Subject: Hearing Officer's Report on Propose Amendments to High Density Extreme Classification Criteria and Standards



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Hearing Information

Hearing Date & Time: November 29, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Hearing Location: Bend Fire Department, Training Facility, Bend, Oregon
Written Comments Due: December 14, 2006, 5:00 p.m.
Hearing Authorized: Board of Forestry meeting, September 6, 2006
Hearing Officer: Richard Gibson, Fire Policy and Prevention Manager

The hearing on proposed amendments to administrative rules 629-044-1005, 629-044-1020, and 629-044-1075, relating to the classification criteria and the standards of the High Density Extreme classification, under the *Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act of 1997* (Senate Bill 360), was convened at 1:00 p.m. in the Bend Fire Department's Training Facility. Registration forms were available for people who wished to provide oral comments. The hearing was closed at 2:00 p.m.

Six members of the public attended the hearing and signed the Public Hearing Participation Record form. Both oral and written comments were received.

Summary of Oral Comments

All oral comments concerning the proposed amendments to the administrative rules were favorable and positive:

- Jake Keller, representing the Upper Deschutes River Natural Resource Coalition said, "Thanks. This is a positive thing." He indicated the proposed amendments are needed, in order to provide additional support to local efforts, when working with vacant lot owners.
- Joe Stutler, representing Deschutes County said, the proposed amendments "were a good solution; some other solutions which had been discussed were not as good."
- Conrad Ruel, representing the Three Rivers Fire Prevention Action Committee said he supported the amendments.
- Ken Lane, representing the Vandervert Ranch, expressed his appreciation to the Board of Forestry, for listening to the issue and then proposing the administrative rule changes.
- Jim King, representing himself, said he liked the local option provisions in the proposed amendments and supported the overall concept.

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Summary of Written Comments

Written comments were received from one party, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners. A letter signed by all three commissioners said the proposed administrative rule amendments are "...the best option, given the original intent of Senate Bill 360 and the evolution of wildland fire in Oregon..." They also said, "We support the additional flexibility given to the local classification committees and look forward to assisting and continuing to be a participating partner with the administrative rules..."

Agency Response to Comments

None.



Richard Gibson
Fire Policy and Prevention Manager
Protection From Fire Program

PUBLIC HEARING PARTICIPATION RECORD
 PROPOSAL TO AMEND OAR 629-044-1005, 629-044-1020, and 629-044-1075
 NOVEMBER 29, 2006 BEND, OREGON

NAME & ORGANIZATION	MAILING ADDRESS	TESTIMONY SUBMITTED	
		WRITTEN	ORAL
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