

**CENTRAL OREGON DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Date: May 28, 2015

To: George Ponte & Kristin Dodd – ODF Central Oregon District

From: Tracy Wrolson

Subject: Hearing Officer's Report on District Boundary Change

Hearing Date: May 26, 2015

Hearing Location: Crook County Library, Prineville Oregon

A public hearing called pursuant to ORS 477.225, relating to a change to the Central Oregon District Protection Boundary, was convened at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. This hearing was to take testimony, from the public, dealing with the boundary change.

People attending the hearing were asked to sign registration forms and to indicate if they wanted to present oral comments. They were informed of the procedures for making oral comments and for submitting written comments.

Before receiving oral comments, I briefly summarized the purpose for the hearing, described the role and limitations of the Hearing Officer. I indicated the opportunity to submit written comments would remain open until 5:00 pm on May 27, 2015. In addition, it was noted that the proceedings of the public hearing were being recorded. Those giving oral testimony were asked to state their name and physical address before stating their comments about the boundary change.

At the hearing, the names of five people were entered on the public hearing registration form. One of those individuals provided an oral comment. The same individual provided written testimony to support their oral comments. Written comments were submitted and maintained at the ODF office, in Prineville, during the open Written Testimony comment period.

Summary of Oral Comments

A total of one oral comment was made at the public hearing. The comment from this individual was in regards to the following topic area:

Expanding the Central Oregon District boundary beyond the initially proposed change. One person indicated that he would like the boundary redrawn to encompass all of his property, which would provide continuous protection of all his lands.

Summary of Written Comments

Three written comments were submitted to the ODF Prineville office, before the May 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm deadline, which covered two topics:

Expanding the Central Oregon District Boundary beyond the initially proposed change. Two written comments stated that they would like to see the boundary made larger to encompass their lands. One of these written comments was from the same individual that gave oral testimony at the public hearing. The other written comment was from a group of five landowners in the same 'sub-division'. All of these individuals stated that they would like to see the boundary expanded to encompass their properties so they could receive fire protection from ODF.

Shrinking the Central Oregon District Boundary from the initially proposed change. One written comment stated that they would prefer that the boundary not be expanded to encompass parts of their lands. This individual states that the lands that would be included in the boundary change do not have the value that warrant paying the assessment to ODF for fire protection.

Tracy Wrolson
Hearing Officer

Attachments:
Hearing registration form (1)
Written comments submitted (3)[See Attachment 5]

Oregon Department of Forestry - Central Oregon District Boundary Change Hearing
 Public Testimony Sign In Sheet

Date: May 26, 2015 6:00 p.m.

	Name	Address	Representing	Verbal Testimony (Y/N)
1	Nette Downing	5200 NE Mill Creek Rd	self	N
2	LAWRENCE DOWNING	5200 NE MILL CREEK RD	"	N
3	Edgar Vogel	1992 NE Wood Rd	11	
4	Matt Smith	500 NE Belknap		
5	Derek Baker	5252 NE Johnson Creek	Self	N
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