**Application to Combine Contiguous Lots**

**For the Purpose of Forest Patrol Assessment~~s~~**

**Pursuant to ORS 477.295**

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1,       APPLICATION DATE:

ODF DISTRICT:       COUNTY:

LANDOWNER (s):

TAX LOT ACCOUNT NUMBERS: TAX LOT ACCOUNT NUMBERS:

REQUIREMENTS: ORS 477.295 provides criteria for the combining of contiguous lots held under identical ownership for the purposes of making the levy and assessment of costs against forestland for fire protection.

PART 1: YES NO

1. Are the lots to be combined subject to fire patrol assessment? [ ]  [ ]

2. Are the lots to be combined contiguous? [ORS 477.295(3)] [ ]  [ ]

3. Are the lots to be combined held under identical ownership? [ORS 477.295 (3)] [ ]  [ ]

4. Are the lots to be combined designated forest or agriculture lands for the [ ]  [ ]

 purpose of land use or special tax assessment purposes? [ORS 477.295 (3)(c)]

5. Is this application being submitted no later than April 15th preceding the fiscal [ ]  [ ]

 year in which the combination is to be applied? [ORS 477.295 (4)]

If any of the above answers are NO, STOP – The combination is not allowed.

If all the above answers are YES, proceed to PART II.

PART II:

6. Are any of the lots to be combined in a subdivision, and have any of the lots [ ]  [ ]

 under your ownership within this subdivision been or are they currently offered

 for sale? [ORS 477.295 (3)(b)]

If YES, STOP – The combination is not allowed.

If NO, continue to PART III.

PART III

7. Do any lots contain structures, manufactured dwellings, or improvements [ ]  [ ]

 made for erecting any type of structure? [ORS 477.295 (3)(a)]

IF NO, combination is allowed. Skip Part IV and go to Part V.

If YES, continue with Part IV.

PART IV: YES NO

8. Does only one of the lots to be combined contain a single family dwelling? [ ]  [ ]

 [ORS 477.295 (3)(a)]

9. If one of the lots to be combined contains a single family dwelling, and if [ ]  [ ]

 any other structures or improvements are present, are all of the structures and

 improvements on the lots to be combined appurtenant to the single family

 dwelling? [ORS 477.295 (3)(a)]

10. Is the total acreage for all the lots to be combined 20 acres or less? [ ]  [ ]

 [ORS 477.295 (3)(a)]

If any answers are NO, STOP- the combination is not allowed.

If all the answers are YES, the combination is allowed. Continue to Part V.

PART V

11 Were your lots combined in the previous fiscal year? [ORS 477.295 (4)] [ ]  [ ]

If no, a payment of $25.00 must accompany this application.

If yes, no fee is required.

REMEMBER: You must submit an application annually for your lots to remain in combined status. It is landowner’s responsibility to re-submit the application annually prior to April 16th for the lots the owner desires to be combined during the upcoming fiscal year. If there is a break in the annual application, the fee becomes applicable for the next request for application.

LANDOWNER CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned owner or owners of record do hereby certify that the tax lots listed on this form meet the requirements of ORS 477.295 relating to the combination of contiguous lots for the purpose of assessing forest fire protection costs.

LANDOWNER(s) SIGNATURE(s):

STATE FORESTER CERTIFICATION:

DENIED (     ) APPROVED (     )

REMARKS:

The State Forester certifies to the assessor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County the above tax lots meet the statutory requirements of ORS 477.295 relating to combination of contiguous lots for the purpose of assessing forest fire protection costs.

BY:       TITLE: