

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY FORESTLAND-URBAN
INTERFACE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes

June 12, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Grants Pass Interagency Fire Center
657 Flaming Rd
Grants Pass

Attendees: Tom Atzet, Vince Pyle, Tom Link, Bruce Bartow, Brian Ballou, Cody Zook, Charlie Phenix, Bill Gasow, Brian Pike

Call to order: 1:09 p.m.

Review minutes of May 15 meeting: The minutes of the May 15 meeting were approved as written.

Forestland-Urban Interface mapping: Sunny Valley

Mr. Zook explained to the committee that the density layer on the working maps was updated based on new construction, and the 10-acre lot size restriction was removed. Mr. Link asked whether there was much change (i.e. a significant increase or decrease in the number of candidate lots). Mr. Zook showed the committee that removing the size restriction added quite a few candidate lots, but updating the construction data added relatively few lots.

Mr. Atzet asked what percent increase in potential forestland-urban interface lands was achieved through these changes. Mr. Zook explained that he had not developed this answer but questioned whether an increase or decrease in the total number candidate lots would be meaningful information at this point. Lands either met the criteria for forestland-urban interface consideration or they didn't. Mr. Atzet concurred that this probably wasn't essential information at this point in the process.

Mr. Phenix asked how a property owner can request removal from a forestland-urban interface area. Mr. Ballou explained the opportunities allowed in the law – a property owner can attend a committee meeting and make the request, or a property owner can testify at the hearing and request that his property be removed, or, within 30 days after the committee's findings are filed with the county clerk, a property owner can appeal classification to the county circuit court. The appeal process is described in ORS 477.053.

Mr. Gasow asked how much fuel reduction is required around a given structure. Mr. Ballou explained that this is a product of a property's fire-risk classification and the roofing material on a structure; the fuel reduction distance is described in the administrative rules, OAR 629-044-1060 (1) (b) Table 2.

An area in the southern part of Sunny Valley, and mostly west of Interstate 5, was looked at first (Sunny Glen Way, Green Leaf Way, Lariat Drive, Sunny Valley Loop, Placer Road and Old Hwy 99).

The committee discussed its identification and classification criteria, and how it should interpret these criteria when deciding when to include or exclude lands based on what the committee is seeing in its GIS mapping tools. Mr. Ballou was asked to develop a stair-step process to assist the committee with its identification and classification process.

The committee asked Mr. Zook to work up new working maps with the forest patrol boundaries highlighted.

New business: None

Public comment: None

Good of the order: None

Next meeting: July 10, 1:00 p.m., Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Grants Pass Unit, 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass

Adjournment: 3:11 p.m.

Brian Pike, Secretary/Vice Chairman

Date