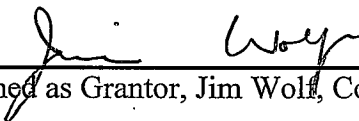


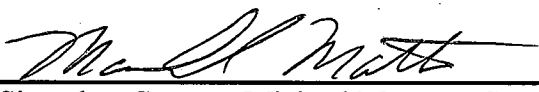
**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER**

**Jackson County Forestland-Urban  
Interface Classification Committee  
Jackson County, State of Oregon  
[ Grantee ]**

In the matter of an order and findings of )  
fact which classify forestland-urban ) Order  
interface property in Jackson County, ) No. 2011-01  
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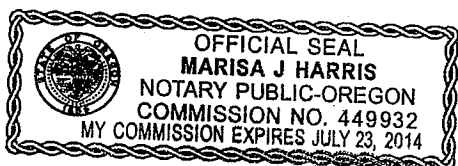
DATED this 24 th day of February, 2011.


  
Signed as Grantor, Jim Wolf, Committee Chairman

  
Signed as Grantor, Michael Mattson, Committee Secretary

STATE OF OREGON )  
) ss.  
County of Jackson )

Personally appeared the above names Jim Wolf AND Michael Mattson  
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his/her/their voluntary act and deed  
before me this 24th day of February, 2011.



  
Notary Public for State of Oregon  
My Commission Expires: 7/23/14

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Whereas, the committee developed preliminary classification assignments during eight meetings of the committee, between May 2010 and February 2011, pursuant to ORS 477.031.

Whereas, the committee determined that 13,589 tax lots (101,224 acres) in Jackson County meet the criteria to be classified as forestland-urban interface property. These tax lots have been grouped into 123 forestland-urban interface areas. The committee made classification assignments to these properties as follows: eighteen areas (1,690 lots; 12,437 acres) were classified as "High" and one hundred and five areas (11,899 lots; 88,787 acres) were classified as "Extreme", pursuant to ORS 477.031.

Whereas, a data table showing the classification assignments made by the committee are maintained for public review at the Jackson County Clerk, 10 South Oakdale, Room 114, Medford, OR 97501, and maps and a data table showing the classification assignments are maintained for public review at the Oregon Department of Forestry, 5286 Table Rock Road, Central Point, Oregon, pursuant to ORS 477.052.

Whereas, the committee held informal community meetings in Ashland on January 11, 2011; in Jacksonville on January 13, 2011; in Rogue River on January 18, 2011; in Shady Cove on January 20, 2011; and in Medford on January 25, 2011 to provide the public an opportunity to review the preliminary classification assignments made up to that time, pursuant to ORS 477.017. An estimated 450 people attended these community meetings.

Whereas, a public hearing on preliminary classification assignments was held in White City, on February 1, 2011, pursuant to ORS 477.052. Written and oral testimony was submitted and heard by the committee. Following receipt of this testimony, the committee reviewed it for possible changes in the preliminary classifications, pursuant to ORS 477.052. The reviewed testimony consisted of requests for specific tax lots to not be classified as forestland-urban interface property.

Whereas, notification of preliminary classification and notice of the February 1, 2011, public hearing was mailed to 13,088 landowners, pursuant to ORS 477.031. Notice of the public hearing was also posted at the Shady Cove City Hall, Jackson County Fire District #5 Station 1, the Jackson County Courthouse, and the Oregon Department of Forestry's Medford Unit office, pursuant to ORS 477.031. A legal notice advertising the public hearing was twice published prior to the hearing, in the "Mail Tribune" a Medford-based daily newspaper which serves all of Jackson County, pursuant to ORS 477.031. Digital copies of maps, which showed the preliminary classification assignments, were made available on the Oregon Department of Forestry Southwest Oregon District World Wide Web site at [www.swofire.oregon.gov](http://www.swofire.oregon.gov). A news release about the community meetings and the public hearing of February 1, 2011, was circulated to newspapers, radio stations and television stations in Jackson and Josephine counties and was posted on the Oregon Department of Forestry's World Wide Web site.

Whereas, a preliminary Order and Finding of Fact was approved by the committee on February 7, 2011, pursuant to ORS 477.052

Whereas, a final classification was made by formal written order of the committee on February 7, 2011, pursuant to ORS 477.052.

Whereas, the criteria used by the committee for identifying forestland-urban interface properties to be classified were: that the properties must be within the Jackson County, the properties must be within a forest protection district, the properties must meet the definition of "forestland" and the properties must meet the definition of "suburban" or "urban", pursuant to OAR 629-044-1010.

Whereas, definitions of "forestland," "suburban" and "urban," and the definitions of other terms used by the committee, are set forth in ORS 477.001, ORS 477.015 and OAR 629-044-1005.

Whereas, the method for the assignment of classifications was for the committee to view digital maps projected on a wall or a screen. Jackson County, the Oregon Department of Forestry and other government agencies provided the information that was displayed. The digital maps, using the application ArcMap with an ArcView license, were able to show lands that met the criteria of being forestland-urban interface properties. The digital information also enabled the committee to assign preliminary classifications, using topographic map layers to assign the Topographic Hazard Value, and aerial photos, showing vegetative cover, to assign the Natural Vegetative Fuel Hazard Value. The third required factor, the Wildfire Weather Hazard Value, was drawn from the Wildfire Weather Hazard Value table in OAR 629-044-0230. In addition, the committee received professional opinions and perspectives from structural fire service and forestry agency staff members.

#### ORDER

The Jackson County Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee hereby finds, concludes, and orders, as shown on a table of tax lots which accompany this order, Exhibit A:

1. Lands having a dominant vegetative cover of oak and grass, or juniper and grass, were generally assigned a classification of "High."

2. Lands having a dominant vegetative cover of conifer and brush were generally assigned a classification of "Extreme."

The Jackson County Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee has reviewed this document and, by roll call vote, declared this Order and the Findings of Fact to be true.