

From: Evans, Jered

Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 9:10:12 PM

To: tom.w.soward@oregon.gov

Subject: Formal appeal for account 2103071001800

Dear Tom,

I would like to request a formal appeal for map/tax lot 939445. This property does not have vegetation that may promote the ignition or spread of wildfire so I do not believe it should be taxed as such. This property consists of a mowed yard and three trees which do not have limbs that make it to the ground. The yard makes a good firebreak from surrounding properties as well so the risk of fire spreading from an adjacent lot is extremely low.

My phone number is 541-510-1892, I will be more than happy to answer and question that you have or meet with anyone regarding this issue.

Thank you for your time, Jered Evans

-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Rasmussen [<mailto:rasmra@juno.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:07 AM

To: SOWARD Tom W * ODF <Tom.W.SOWARD@oregon.gov>

Subject: Formal Appeal

Would like to make a formal appeal of the forestland classification and accompanying added taxes for the following property.

331 Sweet lane
Cottage Grove, OR 97426
Taxlot 907723

What is the process and how do I proceed?

Sincerely,

Randy Rasmussen

Greg Reid
89298 Hwy 36
Swisshome OR
97480

EUGENE OR 97401

POST OFFICE BOX 1100



Tom W. Soward
State Forester
87950 Territorial Rd
Veneta OR 97487



Tax Lot - 552984 Account
to - State Forester 1710 2521008

I am informing you in writing
that I would like to request
a ^{Formal appeal} hearing on ORS 477.620(2)
Admin Rule 629-041-0035

my property does not have any
Brush - Forest or anything
that wildlife can travel
upon. I am in tide.
Totally Rural - Commercial
Property. only one tree
and one Rodeodren Flower
on whole lot to Greg Reid

Rocky Loshi Trustee
PO Box 344
Yamhill, OR 97148

Oregon State Board of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

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State Forester

Subject: Appeal; (RS ATT 200 (2))

Appellant: Rocky Loshi Trustee
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RS451 00100
RS455 01500

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3-8-2018
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State Forester

Subject: Appeal; ORS 477.260 (2)

Appellant: Rocky Losli Trustee
Dorothy Losli Trustee
R2421 00100
R2422 01700

Rocky Losli Trustee

Dorothy Losli Trustee

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Eastern Lane Unit
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February 22, 2018

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STEVEN & DIANA SHEFCHECK LIVING TRUST
90497 MOUNTAIN VIEW LN
WALTERVILLE OR 97489-9616



STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY

3-19-2018

I would like to appeal
this reclassification please set
hearing after April 23rd 2018 as we will be
in Arizona until then we go back every other
month

RE: Forest Patrol Assessment

Recently the Lane County Forestland Classification Committee reviewed and classified lands within the Eastern Lane Unit of the South Cascade District of the Oregon Department of Forestry. Property was classified as either *forestland (definition at end of letter) or non-forestland. The purpose of this classification was to determine lands needing protection from wildland fires. Landowners potentially affected by this classification review were invited to participate during the course of the process. Additional information, including meeting minutes and maps can be found on our website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/ForestlandClassification.aspx>

Steve & Diana Shefcheck

Now that the classification process is complete, the Oregon Department of Forestry compared the lands classified as forestland against the list of land that is assessed the Forest Patrol Assessment to make sure that all forestlands contribute uniformly and equitably for wildfire protection within the South Cascade District. The Department of Forestry has found that there are properties in the District that are classified as forestland, but not included in the current Forest Patrol Assessment. There are also some properties that are currently covered by Forest Patrol Assessment that should not be.

Property size does not determine the need for forest patrol coverage. If the property is located in an area that has vegetative growth that can carry wildfire during any part of the year, it is at threat from wildfire and should be paying Forest Patrol Assessment. Many lands paying forest patrol are also inside rural fire districts and inside city limits. This, however, does not relieve the Department of Forestry or the landowner from the responsibility of protecting against wildfire. Rural and city fire departments, although they will respond to wildfires, are geared primarily for structural fires and emergency rescue. The Department of Forestry is equipped with or has access to special resources, such as aerial retardant planes, helicopters, heavy equipment, statewide personnel, and other agencies trained specifically to handle wildfire situations. It is not uncommon for property to be assessed a Forest Patrol Assessment as well as a rural or city fire protection assessment.

This notice is to inform you that the Department of Forestry is adding the below properties to the Forest Patrol Assessment per the previously mentioned classification process.

<u>Account</u>	<u>MAPTAXLOT</u>	<u>Acres</u>
80786	1625314300101	0.53

The tax lot and associated acres listed above are due to be added to the Forest Patrol Assessments and will be assessed on your next county tax statement in the fall. For 2018, properties approximately 13.8 acres or less will be assessed the minimum of \$18.75. Greater acreage will be assessed on a per acre basis at approximately \$1.38 per acre. Property with improvements per county records (buildings) are assessed an additional \$47.50 surcharge to help finance the "emergency fire fund". This fund is used for large, expensive fires, particularly in populated rural areas.

If you have any questions regarding Forest Patrol Assessments or the process to make a ****formal appeal** (detailed at the end of this letter), please contact Michael Curran, Brent Peterson or John Flannigan who are the State Forester's representatives. They can be reached at 541-726-3588 (Once the automated message begins, press 0 to go straight to our receptionist and they will transfer you to one of the available representatives).

Thank you,

Chris Cline
District Forester
South Cascade District

ORS 526.005 (6)(a) "Forestland**" means any woodland, brushland, timberland, grazing land or clearing that, during any time of the year, contains enough forest growth, slashing or vegetation to constitute, in the judgment of the forester, a fire hazard, regardless of how the land is zoned or taxed. (b) As used in this subsection, "**clearing**" means any grassland, improved area, lake, meadow, mechanically or manually cleared area, road, rocky area, stream or other similar opening that is surrounded by or contiguous to land described as forestland and that has been included in areas classified as forestland under ORS 526.305 in paragraph (a) of this subsection and that has been included in areas classified as forestland under ORS 526.305.*

*****Formal Appeal** ORS 477.260(2) "Any owner of grazing land or timberland subject to ORS 477.205 to 477.281 (the series of statutes that govern establishment of forest protection districts, requirement for protection, costs and assessment) shall, upon request, be granted a hearing by the State Board of Forestry on any subject pertaining to the activities of the forester or board affecting the land." This could include the assessment of forest lands. The Board of Forestry has adopted rules governing the conduct of such appeals and hearings. See Oregon Administrative Rule 629-041-0035. Also note that any request for a hearing regarding this assessment notice must be received by the State Forester within 30 days of the date of this written notice. The Lane County Forestland Classification Committee's decision to classify the land as "forestland" is not subject to review by the Board of Forestry, but can only be appealed through circuit court, pursuant to ORS 477.054.*