

Date: August 25, 2016
To: Oregon Board of Forestry
From: Cassie Marshall Rangeland Fire Protection Administrative Assistant
Subject: Hearing Officer's Report on Ashwood-Antelope Landowner Hearing ORS 477.320(1)

Hearing Information

Proposed Area: Ranches in Southern Wasco County
Hearing Date & Time: August 24, 2016 Ashwood School
Written Comments Due: August 24, 2016 6:00 PM
Hearing Authorized: Oregon Board of Forestry
Hearings Officer: Cassie Marshall Rangeland Fire Protection Administrative Assistant

The Public hearing on the proposal to expand into Southern Wasco County and name change from Ash Butte RFPA to Ashwood-Antelope RFPA was formally convened at 6:06 PM in the Ashwood School, after the question and answer period from attendees. Registration and sign in forms were available who wished to provide oral or written comments on the proposed formation. The hearing was closed at 6:28 PM.

Twenty four members of the public representing the area landowners and wildland agencies attended the meeting, and one rancher provided oral comments at the hearing. There was also representation from Central Oregon BLM, OSFM, Wheeler County Fire & Rescue, Oregon Department of Forestry, Eastern Oregon Area, were also in attendance.

Summary of Oral Comments

The community interest in the expansion and name change of the Ashwood-Antelope Rangeland Protection Association is high and strongly supported by the local landowners and local government.

The ranchers want a way to protect their land and way of life from wildfires. With Ash Butte RFPA already being established, several landowners expressed interest in expanding boundaries to include their lands and a name change to Ashwood-Antelope Rangeland Fire Protection Association.

No local residents opposed the RFPA formation. Oral testimony was in full support of expanding into Southern Wasco County and name change to Ashwood-Antelope Rangeland Association.

No formal written comments were received.

/s/ Cassie Marshall

Oregon Department of Forestry

Eastern Oregon Area

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Exhibit A: Ashwood Rangeland Fire Protection Association

