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JOSEPHINE COUNTY FORESTLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETS MAY 15

The Josephine County Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee meets May 15, 1:00 p.m., at the Josephine County Search and Rescue Building, 250 Tech Way, Grants Pass.

The committee's task is to identify lands in Josephine County that meet criteria described in Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act of 1997. Developed lots in urban and suburban areas that are 10 acres in size or smaller, and which are grouped with other lots with similar characteristics, will be considered for identification as forestland-urban interface lands. These lands will then be assigned fire-risk classifications. The classifications will be used to determine the degree of fuel reduction necessary on individual lots.

The Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act of 1997, often referred to as Senate Bill 360, requires owners of identified lands to execute fuel-reduction measures to reduce wildfire intensity around structures and along access roads.

For more information about the committee and the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act, contact Brian Ballou, Oregon Dept. of Forestry fire prevention specialist, at (541) 665-0662.

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