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JOSEPHINE COUNTY FORESTLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETS NOV. 20

The Josephine County Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee meets November 20, 10:00 a.m., at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Ave. The committee will review comments it has received on its draft forestland-urban interface identification and classification maps, and decide whether changes need to be made to the committee's maps and findings.

The land identification and classification process is described in the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act of 1997, also known as Senate Bill 360.

The committee focuses on developed urban and suburban lands that are in areas where potentially destructive wildfires are likely to occur, and where there is a structural density of at least four dwellings per 40 acres. Owners of these lands will be required to reduce potentially flammable vegetation around structures and along driveways.

For more information about the committee and the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act, contact Brian Ballou at (541) 665-0662. Information is also available online at:

oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/SB360/sb360.shtml

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