

# Deschutes County Forestland Classification

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 9 AM  
Minutes

## Committee Members Present:

Ed Keith, Deschutes County Forester  
Kristin Dodd, ODF, Unit Forester COD  
Jeremy Ast, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire  
Matt Cyrus – Landowner, Grazing Representative  
Bill Swarts – Retired, Timber Representative  
Nicole Strong, Deschutes County, OSU-Extension Agent

## Committee Members Absent:

None

## Guests:

Roger Johnson, Sisters Camp Sherman Fire  
Ben Duda, ODF  
Boone Zimmerlee, ODF

**Meeting called to order at 9:01 am by Ed Keith**

## Introductions

## Review & approve Minutes from 2/20/15 meeting

Review of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. Jeremy Ast clarified his comments in regards to water rights. His comment last meeting was that the surveyors have accurately mapped the water rights not that they have the maps available. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Bill Swarts, and seconded by Matt Cyrus. **Vote: For — Unanimous.**

## Public Comment Period

None

## Old Business

### **Review Field Verification recommended by the Committee.**

Boone provided a map legend for the Committee to refer to as they discuss these areas. These Sections are within the City Limits of Sisters and required further investigation of water rights. Boone used plat maps for the information since they date back to 1800s. These plat maps cover the entire area the Committee will be classifying. These maps show Area of Use (AOU), which could show where the rights are used. Water rights dictate where residents can legally use their rights.

The Committee requests further information on the following Sections in T15S, R10E:

Section 3: This area is flood irrigated or sub-irrigated meadow. They don't have water rights on this piece of property but there is a sub-irrigated meadow. The Committee reviewed and

accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry in Section 3.

Section 4: This Section needed to have the City Limits & Water Rights added to the GIS Layer. The area within City Limits classified as a zero. The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry in Section 4.

Section 5: In Section 5 the Committee recommended changes to the 0 and 2 classification areas according to guidelines set by the members at the previous meeting. There is an area within Section 5 that has imminent development in its future. The Committee classified this area as a 0.

Section 8: The committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Section 8. The Committee added a 3 to an area.

Section 9: The committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Section 9. The Committee classified an area within City Limits as a 2 due to the presence of wildland fuels on a parcel. Change the area within the Section to a 0 within city limits due to infrastructure present.

Section 10: The committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Section 10. The Committee recommended that areas classified as a 3 to a 0 after they agreed these areas were being irrigated on a consistent basis.

Section 14: Will need to be re-visited after the irrigation pivot is installed. Oregon Department of Forestry still needs verification of irrigation installation.

Section 28: Oregon Department of Forestry visited this area to confirm underground irrigation on the parcel in question. The ground truth confirmed the existence of underground irrigation in the areas currently classified as 3. The Committee classified the area as a 0 that has evidence of irrigation present.

### **Review changes to map recommended by the Committee.**

The Committee approved all changes on the map made by Oregon Department of Forestry per the Committee's recommendations at the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting; all but T15S, R10E, Section 12. This Section has water rights but is one of those areas where the land has water rights but there is no GIS or local data to suggest that it's consistently and actively irrigated. The initial recommendation was to classify the area as a 0. However, after careful consideration the Committee agreed to classify the area as a 3 due to lack of active irrigation.

## **New Business**

### **Continue review & preliminary classification of lands**

The Committee continued their review of the Deschutes County lands in Township 15S (T15S), Range 12E (R12E). This section includes the outer edge of Oregon Department of Forestry's protection boundary. The Committee classified the lands included in the protection boundary.

The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T15S, R12E**: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 & 35

Further, the committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T15S, R12E**: 1, 2, 11, 14, 15, 16, 22 & 23

No Sections in **T15S, R12E** suggested for further review.

The Committee continued their review of the Deschutes County lands in Township 16S (T16S), Range 9E (R9E).

The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T16S, R9E**: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

No Sections in **T16S, R9E** required any changes to the proposed preliminary mapping at the Committee's request.

No Sections in **T16S, R9E** suggested for further review.

The Committee continued their review of the Deschutes County lands in Township 16S (T16S), Range 10E (R10E).

The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T16S, R10E**: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36

Further, the committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T16S, R10E**: 4, 13 & 14

No Sections in **T16S, R10E** suggested for further review.

The Committee continued their review of the Deschutes County lands in Township 16S (T16S), Range 11E (R11E).

The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary mapping classification designation by Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T16S, R11E**: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 29

Further, the committee asked that changes be made, per the committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in **T16S, R11E**: 4, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 30

No Sections in **T16S, R11E** suggested for further review.

The Committee will continue the classification process in T16S, R11 to classify Sections 31-36.

### **Calendar Planning – Meeting Schedule**

The next Committee meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9am-12pm at the Bend Fire Training Center. The Training Center is located 63377 Jamison Street, Bend, OR 97701. The Committee members agreed upon dates for the meetings following the April meeting to take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm and June 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm. The May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Deschutes County Road Department and the location for the June meeting is to be determined at a later

date. The Committee did acknowledge that the June meeting might be encroaching on fire season. If the conditions dictate a start to fire season, the June meeting may be cancelled.

There being no further business to discuss Ed Keith, **adjourned the Committee Meeting at 12:12 pm.**

**Next meeting:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 9am-12pm at the Bend Fire Training Center. The Training Center is located at 63377 Jamison Street, Bend, OR 97701.