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Good morning Keri,

The Forestland Classification process has begun in Yamhill County. I believe your office should have received a copy of the press release last week. If not, it is attached.

Three members of the Forestland Classification Committee are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. One of these individuals, Kathy Fitzgerald, is no longer able to participate. We have found another individual to fill that seat on the committee though—Mary Chamness. I am submitting her membership application for the Board of Commissioners' consideration. The other two individuals were appointed in 2012 and their status remains unchanged.

Once the application is approved, I may need to work with your office to get an updated committee description/roster on County website.

Please let me know if you need anything else and thank you for your help with this.

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Forestland classification process underway in Yamhill County

McMinnville, Ore. – A formal classification project is underway to review and determine which lands within the Northwest Oregon and West Oregon Forest Protective associations' district boundaries are considered forestland and thus are provided wildland fire protection through the Oregon Department of Forestry. ODF protects public and private forestland from fire across the state and provides this service in Yamhill County within the Forest Protection districts.

To facilitate this process, the Yamhill County Commissioners authorized and appointed a Forestland Classification Committee comprised of members of the public, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon State Extension Office.

The committee will examine all lands within Yamhill County, classifying lands as "forestland" or "not forestland" according to fire risk potential, vegetation type (fire fuel), community structure, and proximity to other forestland. The committee's efforts will help resolve issues pertaining to ODF's fire suppression role on forestlands and adjacent lands, and will become the basis for assessing the lands for the costs of wildland fire protection.

Yamhill County landowners and the public will have opportunities at upcoming public meetings to learn more about the history, process and current status of the project. Upon completion of its work, the committee will present the results of the forestland classification project, identifying forestland in the county to be assessed for fire protection by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

For more information about the project, interested persons may go online to fgdfire.com. The Yamhill county assessor's website may also be a source of information in the near future. Information about the upcoming meetings can be obtained by calling the Oregon Department of Forestry, 503-357-2191.

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