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Subject: Wildfire Hazard Classification and WUI Appeal Form
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Attached should be a draft "Wildfire Hazard Classification and WUI Appeal Form" detailing the county's concerns with the current Oregon Statewide Wildfire Hazard Map issued by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Please review and let me know if there are any other questions; otherwise, I would ask that this be added to tomorrow's BOC meeting agenda (3/6/25), in order to be able to file (if approved) before the appeal deadline.

Suggested agenda language:

"Consideration of the filing of a Wildfire Hazard Classification and WUI Appeal Form with the Oregon Department of Forestry."

Thanks,

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Approved by the Yamhill County Board of
Commissioners on 03/06/2025
via Board Order B.O. 25-071

Wildfire Hazard Classification and WUI Appeal Form

Please download this form, fill in, and submit using the contact at the bottom.



To appeal a property's hazard classification or designation as wildland-urban interface, in accordance with OAR 629-044-1041, please fully complete the form, providing your full contact information, and the detailed reason for your appeal in the boxes below. Additionally, please see the Contested Case Rights & Procedures.

If you wish to provide additional information to support your appeal, you may attach files to this PDF and submit it electronically or print the form and mail it with your additional information to the address at the bottom of the page.

Owner Name*: Yamhill County on behalf of all affected properties **Phone number*:** 503-434-7401

Mailing address*: 535 NE Fifth St., McMinnville, OR 97128

Property address and tax lot number(s)*: (fillable text box below)

Appeal submitted on behalf of all tax lots in Yamhill County designated as WUI/moderate on the wildfire hazard map, including county owned properties.

If you would prefer to receive service electronically, please list your email: bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov

*Required information

- Do you intend to retain an attorney?
- Are you an agency, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, government body or an unincorporated association? If yes, then you must be represented by an attorney in the contested case process, unless exempt under statute.

Indicate why you are appealing the wildfire hazard classification or wildland-urban interface designation:

- The hazard value or wildland-urban interface assignment is not consistent with the adopted rules.
- The criteria of the hazard map (climate, weather, topography, vegetation) were not applied correctly.
- Additional issues as specified below:

Specify the issues to be addressed and relief sought, elaborate on checked boxes above*:

 (fillable text box below)

Yamhill County lacks confidence in the wildfire hazard map WUI and zone designations and is concerned that the maps are not consistent with adopted rules or in accord with ORS 477.490 criteria. In particular, map designations appear to, (i) be arbitrary and inconsistent, and (ii) have been made wholesale, failing to take in to account individual property specifics. Current map designations would place unreasonable financial burdens on impacted property owners and designation decisions were made without considering sufficient criteria evidence.

ORS 477.490 establish that the criteria used in development of the wildfire hazard map are limited to only four factors: climate, weather, topography, and vegetation. Other criteria, such as completion of defensible space, proximity to a fire station, home hardening, and non-agricultural related irrigation cannot be considered in calculating the hazard value.

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Email: Use the submit button or send to hazardmap@odf.oregon.gov

Submit

Mail to: Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Protection Division, Attn: Hazard map appeals; 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310

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