

# **Polk County Forestland Classification Committee Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 5, 2009

9:00 – 5:00 pm

Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Office

Meeting called to order by Terry Lamers (Chair) at 9:15 a.m on May 5, 2009, Oregon Department of Forestry, Dallas Unit, 825 Oak Villa Rd., Dallas, OR

Members in attendance: Don Duhrkopf, Terry Lamers, Tom Parsons, Jeff Classen and Brad Withrow-Robinson.

Quorum present.

Guests: Eric Foucht, Oregon Department of Forestry District GIS Coordinator for the West Oregon District. .

### Agenda:

1. Review and approval of April 13 meeting minutes.
2. Update on fire liability from Jeff.
3. Continue classifying Forestland, based on April 13 field trip.
4. Public comment period.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Jeff reported on his conversation about liability issues with Steve Wilson, ODF Salem. There is no clear answer as there can be many factors that influence the outcome. Determination of a landowner's liability would be very much case by case and situation based. Therefore, not very relevant to the Committee.

The Committee spent the rest of the day classifying land and describing the demarcation line in the challenging areas visited in the field trip in April (Pedee, Falls City, and Mistletoe Road areas.)

The Committee completed the draft classification process, and the information is ready to be reviewed by the Assessors, and Fire Chief's.

The Chairman recessed the Committee at 3:50 p.m..

Approved 12-2-09