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Lane County Board of Commissioners
Lane County Courthouse
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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

RE: Formation of the Lane County Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee

Dear Commissioners:

During the 1997 legislative session, the *Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act* was passed into law. More commonly known as "Senate Bill 360," the program created by the Act is designed to address the growing issue of wildland fires which threaten homes and communities in interface areas.

Following passage of the Act, the Oregon Board of Forestry adopted standards which interface landowners are required to apply on their lands, to mitigate the threat presented by wildfires. These standards were developed in cooperation with a broad coalition of organizations and individuals, which included interface homeowners, industrial forest owners, and representatives from local, state and federal agencies.

Implementation of the Act has successfully taken place in a number of counties across the state. Pursuant to ORS 477.029(1), I hereby request that implementation in Lane County be started by the establishment of a Forestland-Urban Interface Classification Committee.

Under the Act, the committee will be responsible for the identification and the classification of interface areas in which landowners need to apply the standards mentioned above. A county committee is normally comprised of five members. Three of the members are appointed by the county governing body, one member is appointed by the State Fire Marshal, and one member is appointed by the State Forester. At least one of the three county appointed members must be an owner of interface property who permanently resides on that property. The persons you appoint shall serve terms of four years, unless your appointments provides for a different length of term.

We would like the Lane County committee to begin meeting in February 2009 and work toward the completion of preliminary identification and classification assignments prior to end of 2009. In order to meet this schedule, I respectfully request you appoint your three committee members and forward their names to me at your earliest opportunity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lena Tucker, the District Forester of the South Cascade Forest Protection District, in Springfield. Lena can be reached by telephone at 541-726-3588 or by email at ltucker@odf.state.or.us.

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We look forward to working with Lane County on this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin D. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "B".

Marvin D. Brown
State Forester

cc:

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