

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

YAMHILL COUNTY

FORESTLAND CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: **January 11th at 2 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: **Panther Creek ODF Guard Station**
Carlton, OR

There will be a call-in option for those interested, but unable to attend. Contact the ODF Forest Grove District Office at the phone number below for details.

PURPOSE:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) provides fire protection on forest and grazing lands through a public-private partnership, funded by landowners and the state. Some of the private portion is collected through per-parcel fees. The state provides dollars through its General Fund, in recognition of the broader public role in wildfire protection. 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 used to assess the lands for the costs of wildland fire protection.

At this upcoming meeting, the committee members will review the Hearing Officer's report from the Public Hearing, and finalize forest/non-forest classifications in Yamhill County.

This is a public meeting. Landowners and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a public comment period during the first 15 minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Department of Forestry, Forest Grove District Office (503) 357-2191

Email: ClassificationInquiries@oregon.gov

Website: <http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/forestland-classification-review-committee>

Driving Directions: From the town of Carlton, take Meadow Lake Road west to the junction with Panther Creek Road. Turn left on Panther Creek Road, and the guard station is the first driveway on the left. **15199 NW Panther Creek Road, Carlton, OR 97111.**