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Dear Property Owner,

To support strategic, statewide investments in community wildfire protection, the Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon State University have developed statewide maps of wildfire hazard and the wildland-urban interface. These maps are tools to help identify which Oregon homes and communities face the highest wildfire hazard and, therefore, are the highest priorities for community wildfire protection programs. You are receiving this letter because your property is in one of those areas.

## Your property has been identified as being within both a high hazard zone and the wildland-urban interface.

Use the QR code to the right to visit the Wildfire Risk Explorer, or type <u>https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/viewer/wildfire</u> into your browser. You can view a homeowner's report with specific details on your property and how hazard is assessed.



If you are unable to view your report online, please call 1-844-996-2259 to request a copy be mailed to you. You'll also find an enclosed flyer from OSU explaining how wildfire hazard is assessed and how the wildland-urban interface is determined.

## What this means for you

- You may have to take steps to create defensible space around your home.
- If you are building a new home, or significantly renovating and existing home, you may have to follow new fire-hardening requirements.

Community wildfire defense programs include home hardening and defensible space codes. The combination of a hardened home along with defensible space is proven to significantly increase the survivability of homes in the event of a wildfire.

Included in this packet are information sheets from the Oregon State Fire Marshal and the Building Codes Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services that explain these new codes and how they may impact you. They also include resources agencies have available to assist you in meeting new code requirements. Recipient Subject Date Page 2

If you wish to appeal your property's hazard zone assignment or designation in the wildland-urban interface, you must file an appeal with the Oregon Department of Forestry within 60 days of the date of this letter. See the enclosed Notice of Proposed Act, Appeal Form and additional information enclosed to learn how to file an appeal and about the appeals process.

If you have questions or need other assistance, please call 1-844-996-2259. This number is just for the hazard map and staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.