

### Appeal form and information:

Appealing designation of hazard zone or wildland-urban interface

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/wildfire-hazard.aspx>

#### \*Required information

☒ **Do you intend to retain an attorney?**

Note: This is “intention”. It is recommended to select this box.

☒ **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.**

Note: An attorney isn’t needed to turn in an appeal. You may need one to represent you eventually.

#### **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:

In the appeal form box labeled:

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

You can use the below ideas:

#### **Possible Key Facts for Appeals (Generic):**

**Note: Even though it is a small box, you are not required to stay within it’s lines!**

\* No clear language, graphics, visuals examples, underlying criteria for assigning hazard zones are publicly available and comprehensible to a public audience. Software used to access the data isn’t public.

\* Data is not readily available to the public for inspection to verify accuracy-computer program is not public domain

\*Fire risk values are inflated.

\* Data is not shown at a taxlot level, however the map is required to be at the taxlot level, reducing accuracy

\*Hazard zone data isn’t available in a property-specific format, values aren’t verifiable.

\*Mapping information is inaccurate.

\*Mapping data is theoretical, not shown at tax lot level and unverified ground/actual conditions.

\*The Oregon Department of Forestry didn’t consult local agencies, including Josephine County.

\*Wildfire map is affecting property values and insurance rates.

\*Implementing Fines is excessive; incentives are lacking and costly mandates are not appropriate.

\*Property meets defensible space requirements

\*Property would be less susceptible to wildfire if state and federal land were maintained

**Remember in the appeal form it states:**

“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.”

**Text of SB762:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/SB762>

**Text of SB678, sponsored by Senator Bonham, Robinson. This repeals the wildfire map:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB678>

**The full address for mailing the appeal is:**

**(Line 1) - Oregon Dept. of Forestry**

**(Line 2) - Protection Division**

**(Line 3) - Attn: Hazard Map Appeals**

**(Line 4 ) - 2600 State St.**

**(Line 5) - Bldg. D, Fire Protection Division**

**(Line 6) - Salem, Oregon 97310**

**You may also email your form to:** [hazardmap@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:hazardmap@odf.oregon.gov)

It is **highly recommended** the appeal form be sent **Certified mail, return receipt requested**.

Certified Mail will cost \$4.85 through your local post office. This price does not include postage. To be sure they have received it (and for proof they have received it) you can also request a **Return Receipt Green Card** for an additional cost of \$4.10.