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Douglas County Commissioners to Vote on Land Use Change -Processes Used to Locate Proposed “Non-Resource” Lands-

ROSEBURG, Ore – Douglas County Commissioners are planning to vote February 7, 2018, on the [2017 Comprehensive Plan & Land Use and Development Ordinance Amendments](#) in Douglas County. This **is not** re-zoning by the county.

Douglas County has established an identification process for non-resource lands within statewide land use law parameters. The process involves a comprehensive review of land quality (for resource use), based on detailed layers of mapping. The studied areas were then subjected to a carrying capacity review to address topics including service needs, fire protection, other open space use, future urbanization and compatibility with adjacent nearby uses.

The resulting non-resource proposal identifies lands with low or no resource value that would be subject to siting standards to permit a dwelling on 20-acre parcel size. These lands would buffer more intensely developed areas from high-quality, resource lands. (See attachment for other classifications). If passed, it would establish a program that would give *property owners* an opportunity to re-zone their land, after Board of Commission adoption.

Douglas County Planning Department Director Keith Cubic has been working with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD) to make sure the non-resource plan is within the parameters of the statewide planning rules. Cubic said, “The selection and screening process is something this department has been working on for years, and this proposal has taken hundreds of man hours to ensure everything was done correctly and that the proposal could stand up to the scrutiny of review by the state of Oregon.”

The current process to designate non-resource lands is an arduous and expensive legal process. Douglas County has worked on this new concept to recognize that non-resource lands need a different land-use identification under the statewide planning program.

If you’re wondering if the proposed change could affect your property, please contact Ricky Hoffman at rjhoffma@co.douglas.or.us.

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Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county’s governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

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