

## BEFORE THE HEARINGS OFFICER OF KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Request for a Conditional Use )

Permit by: COMBS FOR SMITH )

ORDER CUP 60-99

## 1. NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The applicant has applied to establish a forest dwelling on 25 acres zoned Forestry. This request was heard by the hearings officer October 15, 1999. The request was reviewed for conformance with Klamath County Land Development Code.

## 2. NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS

The hearings officer reviewing this application is Joan-Marie Michelsen. The applicant appeared and offered testimony. The planning department was represented by Kim Lundahl.

## 3. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Por. NW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 35 T 34S R 7E, TA 3407-35-600

The access to the property is via an existing road and there is legal access.

Fire protection will be provided.

The land is presently semideveloped and is unused for any commercial uses.

Sewerage will be provided by a septic system.

The water will be provided by a well.

## 4. MATERIALS CONSIDERED

All evidence submitted by the applicant, the Staff Report and the oral testimony given at the hearings were considered.

## 5. FINDINGS

The Hearings officer FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The development of this type of structure is not included in the permitted uses for this zoning, however the LDC permits residences subject to certain findings.
- b. The parcel in question was legally created.
- c. The parcel meets the "template" forest dwelling criteria, there are over 7 contiguous parcels and at least 3 residences encompassed within the 160 acre template which existed in 1993.
- d. Approval of the requested structure will not create conditions or circumstances that are contrary to the purposes or intent of county planning laws.
- e. Active resource use has not occurred on the subject property or the adjacent properties. The property is not large enough for legitimate forestry use, nor is it viable for commercial agriculture.
- f. Fire protection will be provided and the threat to spreading fire to resource productive properties is mitigated.
- g. The use of the land in the surrounding area is mixed rural residential and rural commercial.
- h. The location of a residence on the parcel will not destabilize the existing land use pattern of the area.
- i. The proposed structure is located on land that is generally unsuitable for timber or agriculture considering the size of the parcel, the soil, and the present vegetation.

- j. As condition to this approval, a written covenant will be recorded which recognizes the rights of adjacent and nearby land owners and operators to conduct farm and forest operations consistent with currently accepted farming practices and the Forest Practices Act of Oregon.
  - k. There is no dwelling presently sited on this parcel.
  - l. Road access is sufficient.
  - m. This property is not under forest deferral and no stocking requirements need be met.
6. ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the applicant's request to develop a template forest dwelling is approved subject to the following conditions:

- a. That approval is obtained for on-site sewage disposal and that the applicant provides proof of clearance from the Environmental Health Services Division and Building department within two (2) years following the date of this order, or obtain an extension of time, or this approval will be void. The applicant indicates in the application that this approval has already been received. The location of the acceptable septic is 500' from Spring Trail Court.
- b. That the applicant files a restrictive covenant with the county clerk prohibiting the permit grantee and successors in interest from dividing the property or filing any complaint of any type or kind concerning the presently accepted resource management practices and farming uses that may occur on nearby lands devoted to commercial or other resource use.
- c. The house shall be sited well out of the 100 year floodzone.
- d. The septic shall be located no more than 500' from Spring Trail Ct. in the location shown on the Report of Evaluation for One Lot.
- e. The applicant shall submit a new proposed site location meeting the above guidelines before any permits are provided.
- f. That the applicant complies fully with fire safety and other siting standards of the Land Use Code as set out in Article 69 of the LDC.
- g. That all required building and placement permits or an extension of time be obtained within two (2) years following the date of this order or this approval will be void.

Dated this October 17, 1999

  
Joan Marie Michelsen  
Hearings Officer

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

You are hereby notified this application may be appealed to the Klamath County Board of Commissioners by filing with the Klamath County Planning Department a Notice of Appeal as set out in Section 33.004 of the Klamath County Land Development Code together with the fee required within SEVEN DAYS (7) following the mailing date of this order.

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