



# NOTICE OF LAND USE DECISION

**You may have received this because you are an adjacent property owner, and this notice is required to be provided pursuant to ORS 215.416. The proposal is identified in this decision and will be located on the subject property.**

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*This decision notice is required to be sent to the property owner(s), applicant(s), adjacent property owners (distance of notice is determined by zone area – Urban 100 feet, Rural 250 feet, and Resource 750 feet), special taxing districts, agencies with interest, or person that has requested notice. Please read all information carefully as this decision. (See attached vicinity map for the location of the subject property).*

Date of Notice: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**  
File No: ACU-23-066

Proposal: Request for Single Family Dwelling in the Forest Zone.

Applicant(s): Gretchen Miller & Brett Nichols

Staff Planner: Crystal Orr, Associate Planner

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Decision: **Approved with Conditions.** All decisions are based on the record. This decision is final and effective at close of the appeal period unless a complete application with the fee is submitted by the Planning Department at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**. Appeals are based on the applicable land use criteria. *Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO) General Compliance with Sections 1.1.300 Compliance with Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Provisions and Article 6.1 Lawfully Created Lots or Parcels. The Dwelling Review is subject to Article 4.6 Resource Zoning District, Section 4.6.100 Forest and Forest Mixed Use, Use Table 1 in Section 4.6.110.63 Template Dwelling (Alternative forestland dwellings ORS 215.750) to Section 4.6.120 Review Standards (9)(B)(II). Development shall also comply with Section 4.6.140 Development and Siting Standards. All dwellings and structures are subject to the siting standards found in Section 4.6.130. Properties that are in a Special Development Consideration and/or overlays shall comply with the applicable review process identified by that Special Development Consideration and/or overlay located in Article 4.11. **Civil matters including property disputes outside of the criteria listed in this notice will not be considered. For more information, please contact the staff planner listed in this notice.***

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### Subject Property Information

Account Number: 4356414  
Map Number: 25S1312DC-01114

Property Owner: VALHALLA HOLDINGS LLC  
C/O NICHOLS, GRETCHEN & MILLER, BRETT  
2670 BROADWAY AVE #95  
NORTH BEND, OR 97459-2214

Situs Address: 65699 CHESTNUT RD NORTH BEND, OR 97459

Acreage: 0.94 Acres

Zoning: FOREST (F)

Special Development Considerations and Overlays: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS (ARC)  
FOREST MIXED USE (MU)

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This notice shall be posted from May 14, 2024 to May 29, 2024

The purpose of this notice is to inform you about the proposal and decision, where you may receive more information, and the requirements if you wish to appeal the decision by the Director to the Coos County Hearings Body. Any person who is adversely affected or aggrieved or who is entitled to written notice may appeal the decision by filing a written appeal in the manner and within the time period as provided below pursuant to Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO) Article 5.8. If you are mailing any documents to the Coos County Planning Department the address is 225 N. Adams, Coquille OR 97423. Mailing of this notice to you precludes an appeal directly to the Land Use Board of Appeals.

Mailed notices to owners of real property required by ORS 215 shall be deemed given to those owners named in an affidavit of mailing executed by the person designated by the governing body of a county to mail the notices. The failure of the governing body of a county to cause a notice to be mailed to an owner of a lot or parcel of property created or that has changed ownership since the last complete tax assessment roll was prepared shall not invalidate an ordinance. **NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR OR SELLER: ORS CHAPTER 215 (ORS 215.513) REQUIRES THAT IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE, IT MUST PROMPTLY BE FORWARDED TO THE PURCHASER.**

The application, staff report and any conditions can be found at the following link: <https://www.co.coos.or.us/community-dev>. The application and all documents and evidence contained in the record, including the staff report and the applicable criteria, are available for inspection, at no cost, in the Planning Department located at 60 E. Second, Coquille, Oregon. Copies may be purchased at a cost of 50 cents per page. The decision is based on the application submittal and information on record. The name of the Coos County Planning Department representative to contact is Crystal Orr, Associate Planner and the telephone number where more information can be obtained is (541) 396-7770.

Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide statements of evidence sufficient to afford the Approval Authority an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes raising the issue in an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals.

**Reviewed by:**

Crystal Orr, Associate Planner

**Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**This decision is authorized by the Coos County Planning Director, Jill Rolfe based on the staff's analysis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, Conditions of approval, application and all evidenced associated as listed in the exhibits.**

#### EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Conditions of Approval

Exhibit B: Vicinity Map & Template Map

The following exhibits are on file at the Coos County Planning Department and may be accessed by contacting the department. All noticeable decisions are posted on the website for viewing when possible.

Exhibit C: Staff Report -Findings of Fact and Conclusions

Exhibit D: Comments Received

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

The applicant shall comply with the following conditions of approval, with the understanding that all costs associated with complying with the conditions are the responsibility of the applicant(s), and that the applicant(s) are not acting as an agent of the county. If the applicant fails to comply or maintain compliance with the conditions of approval, the permit may be revoked as allowed by the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance. Please read the following conditions of approval, and if you have any questions, contact planning staff.

### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. All applicable federal, state, and local permits shall be obtained prior to the commencement of any development activity. If comments from any other agency were provided as part of this review, it is the responsibility of the property owner to comply.
2. Pursuant to CCZLDO § 5.9.100, a Zoning Compliance Letter shall be required prior to the commencement of construction of the proposed dwelling. This authorization is based on conditions of approval and the conditions that are required to be completed prior obtaining the ZCL are defined in this section. Pursuant to CCZLDO § 4.6.110, § 4.6.130 and § 4.6.140. To show compliance with this section the applicant shall submit a letter with the following items to request that staff find the following conditions have been satisfied:
  - a. The property owner is responsible for ensuring compliance, and land use authorization shall remain recorded in the chain of title. The statement needs to include language that the purchaser of the property has been provided a copy of the land use approval containing all conditions or restrictions understands the obligation and agrees to fulfill the conditions unless a modification is approved as provided in this ordinance. The property owner is responsible for ensuring compliance, and land use authorization. The recorded deed convent shall be recorded with the County Clerk and copy provided to the Planning Department.
  - b. CCZLDO Section 4.6.130(3) The applicant shall provide evidence to the governing body that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized in accordance with the Water Resources Department's administrative rules for the appropriation of ground water or surface water and not from a Class II stream as defined in the Forest Practices rules (OAR chapter 629). For purposes of this section, evidence of a domestic water supply means: (a) Verification from a water purveyor that the use described in the application will be served by the purveyor under the purveyor's rights to appropriate water; (b) A water use permit issued by the Water Resources Department for the use described in the application; or (c) Verification from the Water Resources Department that a water use permit is not required for the use described in the application.
  - c. Section 4.6.140(2) Setbacks: All Development, with the exception of fences, shall be set back a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from any road right-of-way centerline, or five (5) feet from any right-of-way line, whichever is greater. This should be shown on the plot plan.
  - d. Section 4.6.140(5) Minimizing Impacts: In order to minimize the impact of dwellings in forest lands, all applicants requesting a single-family dwelling shall acknowledge and file in the deed record of Coos County, a Forest Management Covenant. The Forest Management Covenant shall be filed prior to any final County approval for a Single-Family Dwelling.
  - e. Section 4.6.140(6) Riparian Vegetation Protection. Riparian vegetation within 50 feet of a wetland, stream, lake or river, as identified on the Coastal Shoreland and Fish and Wildlife habitat inventory maps shall be maintained. If there are no wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers then this is not applicable.
  - f. Section 5.2.700 Development Transferability - Unless otherwise provided in the approval, a land use approval that was obtained through a conditional use process shall be transferable provided the transferor files a statement with the Planning Director signed by the transferee. This document shall be recorded in the chain of title of the property, indicating that the transferee has been provided a copy of the land use approval containing all conditions or restrictions understands the obligation and agrees to fulfill the conditions, unless a modification is approved as provided in this ordinance. The property owner is responsible for ensuring compliance, and land use

authorization shall remain recorded in the chain of title to alert a purchaser that development was approved subject to conditions and possible restrictions.

3. Prior to the issuance of a final occupancy permit by the Coos County Building Official, the following conditions shall be confirmed by the County Plans Examiner during the building review:
  - Section 4.6.140(7)(a) & Section 4.6.140(9) All new and replacement structures shall use non-combustible or fire-resistant roofing materials.
  - Section 4.6.140(14) If the dwelling has a chimney or chimneys, each chimney shall have a spark arrester.
  - The Driveway/ Access Parking/Access permit (DR-23-122) application shall be signed off as meeting standards.
4. The applicant is responsible to comply and maintain the following:
  - a. Section 4.6.140(7)(b) The dwelling shall not be sited on a slope of greater than 40 percent.
  - b. Section 4.6.140(7)(e) & Section 4.6.140(8)(a)(b)(c)(d) Firebreak: a. This firebreak will be a primary safety zone around all structures. Vegetation within this primary safety zone may include mowed grasses, low shrubs (less than ground floor window height), and trees that are spaced with more than 15 feet between the crowns and pruned to remove dead and low (less than 8 feet from the ground) branches. Accumulated needles, limbs and other dead vegetation should be removed from beneath trees. b. Sufficient Garden Hose to reach the perimeter of the primary safety zone (as identified in staff report) shall be available at all times. c. The owners of the dwelling shall maintain a primary fuel-free break (as identified in staff report) area surrounding all structures and clear and maintain a secondary fuel-free break on land surrounding all structures and clear and maintain a secondary fuel-free break on land surrounding the dwelling that is owned or controlled by the owner in accordance with the provisions in “Recommended Fire Siting Standards for Dwellings and Structures and Fire Safety Design Standards for Roads” dated March 1, 1991, and published by Oregon Department of Forestry and shall demonstrate compliance with Table 1. Table one is addressed in the staff report based on down slope. Proof of the construction of the primary and secondary fuel break is required prior to the issuance of the zoning compliance letter.

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**Vicinity Map, Template Map & Plot Plan**

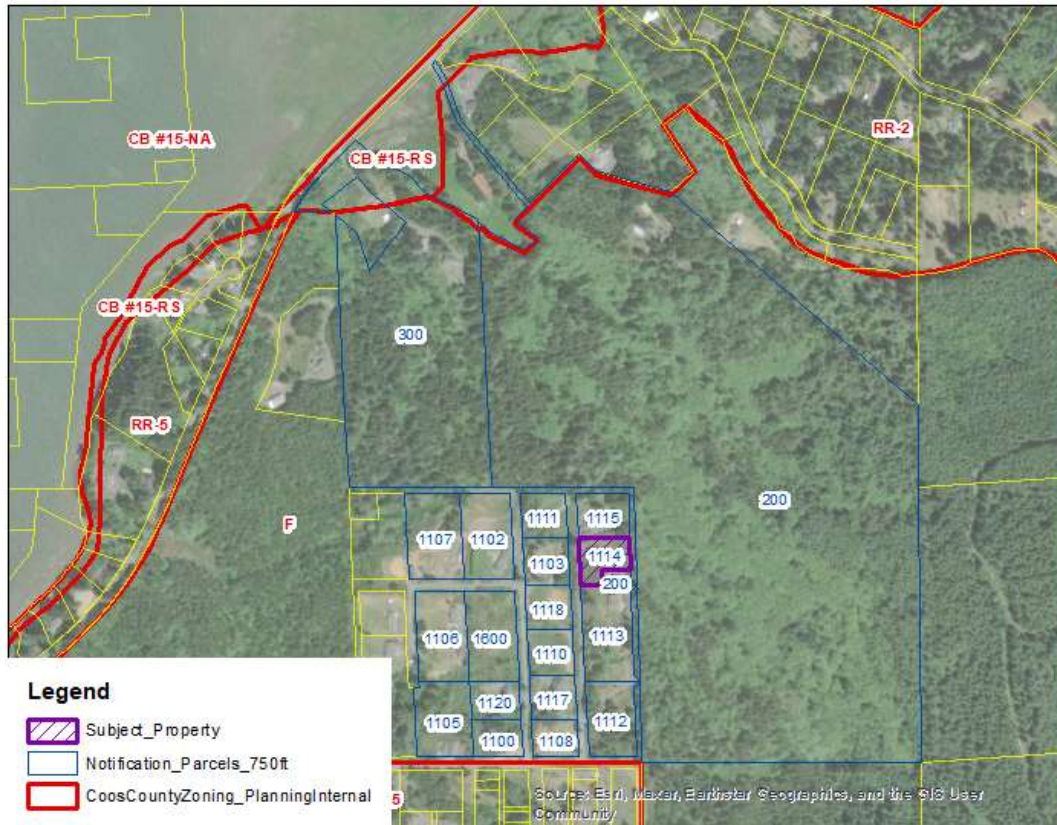


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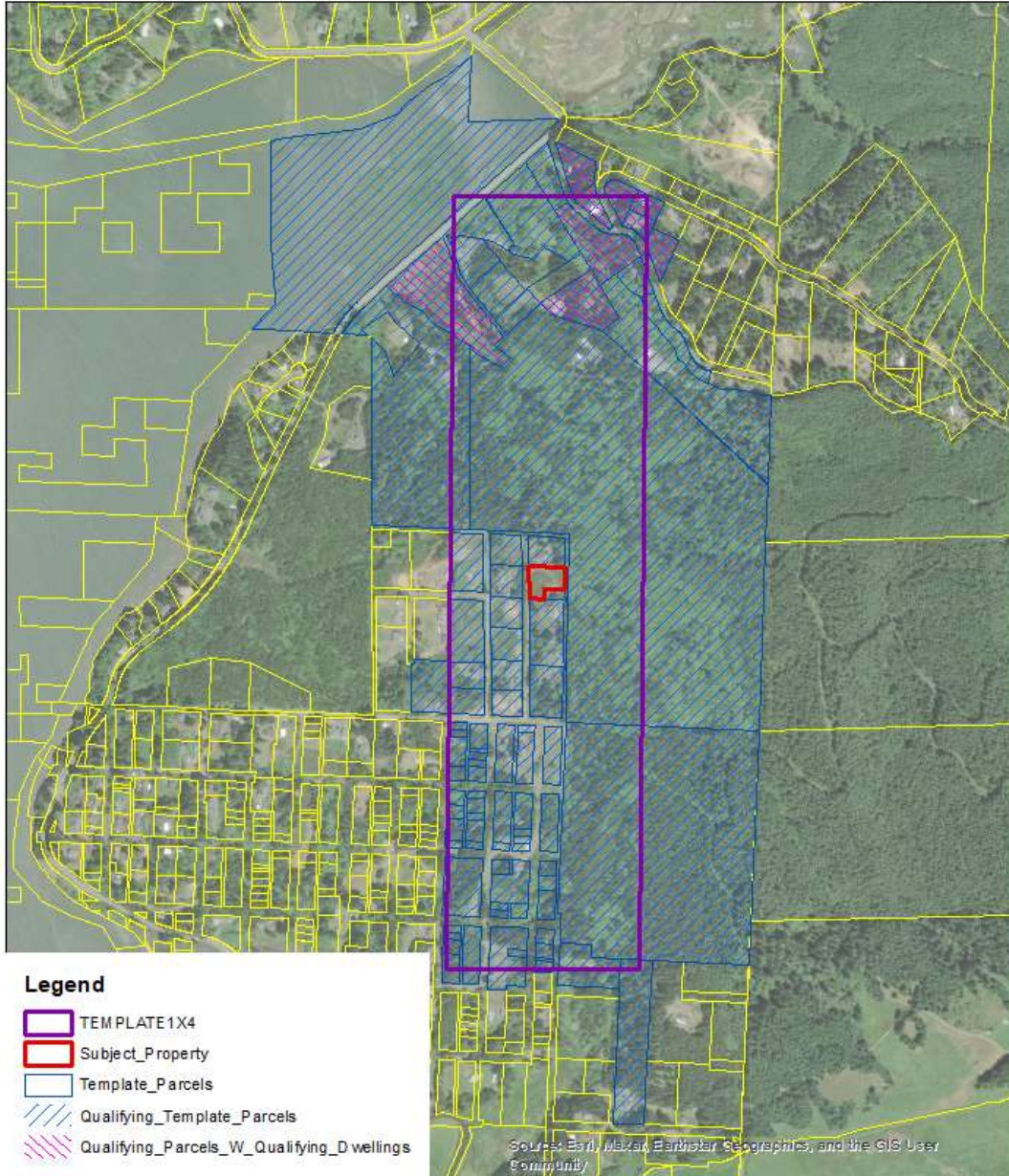
File: ACU-23-066  
 Applicant/ Owner: Gretchen Miller & Brett Nichols/ Vahalla Holdings, LLC  
 Date: May 9, 2024  
 Location: Township 25S Range 13W Section 12DC TL 1114  
 Proposal: Administrative Conditional Use



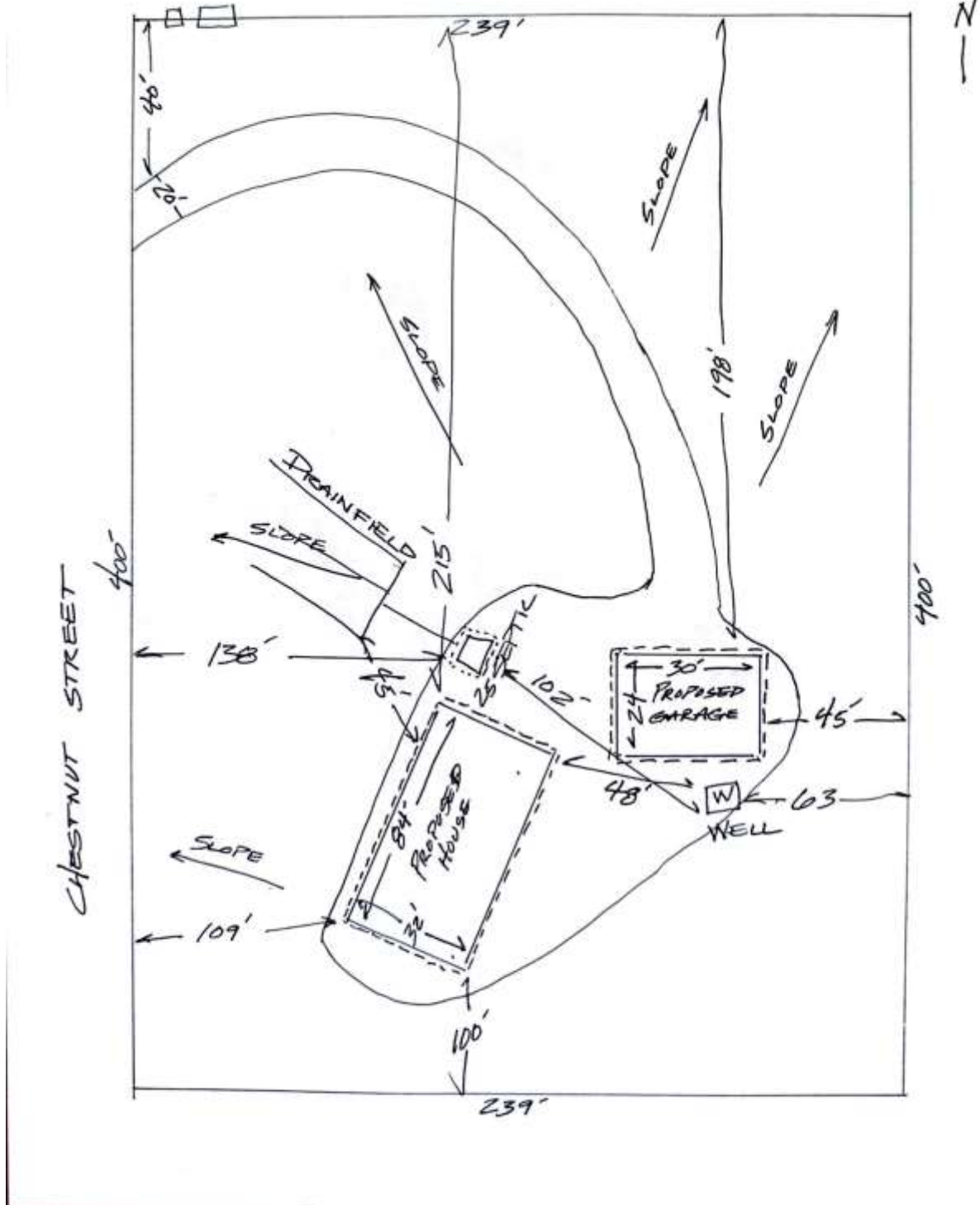


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 2670 BROADWAY AVE B # 95 N. BEND OR. 97459  
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**EXHIBIT “C”  
STAFF REPORT  
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS**

**I. PROPOSAL AND BACKGROUND/PROPERTY HISTORY INFORMATION AND PRIOR COMPLIANCE:**

- A. PROPOSAL:** According to the application the proposal is to site a Single-Family Dwelling and Accessory Structure.
- B. BACKGROUND/PROPERTY HISTORY:** This property is vacant land and has no property history other than a Zoning Clearance Letter (ZCL-05-784) issued December 5, 2005 for a septic site evaluation.
- C. LOCATION:** The subject property is located east of the City of North Bend off of Chestnut Road.
- D. ZONING:** - This property is zoned Forest with a Mixed-Use Overlay.

**ARTICLE 4.2 – ZONING PURPOSE AND INTENT**

**SECTION 4.2.500 RESOURCE ZONES**

*Forest (F): The intent of the Forest District is to include all inventoried "forestlands" not otherwise found to be needed (excepted) for other uses.*

*The purpose of the Forest zone is to conserve and protect forest land for forest uses. Some of the areas covered by the “F” zone are exclusive forest lands, while other areas include a combination of mixed farm and forest uses.*

*Forest Mixed Use (FMU): The purpose of the Forest Mixed Farm-Forest Areas (“MU” areas) is to include land which is currently or potentially in farm-forest use. Typically, such lands are those with soil, aspect, topographic features and present ground cover that are best suited to a combination of forest and grazing uses. The areas generally occupy land on the periphery of large corporate and agency holdings and tend to form a buffer between more remote uplands and populated valleys. In addition, these “mixed use” areas contain ownership of smaller size than in prime forest areas. Some are generally marginal in terms of forest productivity, such as areas close to the ocean.*

- E. SITE DESCRIPTION AND SURROUNDING USES:** The property is surrounded by other Forest Zoned properties. The property is located off of Chestnut Road, which is a public dedicated non-maintained road. The property has some slope area north and south of the surrounding area. The property is within a subdivision that is developed with other Single-Family Dwellings.
- F. COMMENTS:** Staff requested comments from the local tribes, their response can be found in Exhibit D.

**II. GENERAL PROPERTY COMPLIANCE:**

**A. COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.1.300:**

*It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to cause, develop, permit, erect, construct, alter or use any building, structure or parcel of land contrary to the provisions of the district in which it is located. No permit for construction or alteration of any structure shall be*

*issued unless the plans, specifications, and intended use of any structure or land conform in all respects with the provisions of this Ordinance, unless approval has been granted by the Hearings Body.*

**FINDING: Staff has reviewed the property history and the county finds at the time of this report; the property is complaint with the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance. This does not mean that there is not additional information that was unavailable during this review that would make the properties non-complaint.**

**B. SECTION 6.1.125 LAWFULLY CREATED LOTS OR PARCELS:**

*“Lawfully established unit of land” means:*

*1. The unit of land was created:*

- a. Through an approved or pre-ordinance plat;*
- b. Through a prior land use decision including a final decision from a higher court. A higher court includes the Land Use Board of Appeals;*
- c. In compliance with all applicable planning, zoning and subdivision or partition ordinances and regulations at the time it was created.*
- d. By a public dedicated road that was held in fee simple creating an interviewing ownership prior to January 1, 1986;*
- e. By deed or land sales contract, if there were no applicable planning, zoning or subdivision or partition ordinances or regulations that prohibited the creation.*
- f. By the claim of intervening state or federal ownership of navigable streams, meandered lakes or tidewaters. “Navigable-for-title” or “title-navigable” means that ownership of the waterway, including its bed, was passed from the federal government to the state at statehood. If a waterway is navigable-for-title, then it also is generally open to public use for navigation, commerce, recreation, and fisheries.*

**FINDING: The unit of land was created pursuant to Section 6.1.125.1.a, through an approved or pre ordinance plat. The parcel is made up of lots 8 through 19, Block 5 as well as a portion of vacated roads within the Portlawn Addition Subdivision.**

**III. STAFF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

**A. SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL AND APPLICABLE REVIEW CRITERIA:**

The proposal is for Planning Director Approval of a Template Dwelling (*Single Family Dwelling* in the Forest Mixed Use Zone) and an Accessory Structure in the Forest Mixed Use Zone pursuant. The application did not specify any additional development requests; therefore, no other development proposals were reviewed.

The applicable review criteria are found in Coos County Zoning and Land Development (CCZLDO) 4.6.100 Table 1 identifies the uses and activities in the Forest (F) and Forest/Mixed Use (FMU) zone. The tables describe the use, type of review, applicable review standards. Table 1 of CCZLDO Section 4.6.110.63 defines the relevant criteria for Template Dwellings (Alternative forestland dwellings ORS 215.750) subject to an ACU, Section 4.6.120 Review Standards (9)(B)(II). Development shall also comply with Section 4.6.140 Development and Siting Standards. All dwellings and structures are subject to the siting standards found in Section 4.6.130. Properties that are in a Special Development Consideration and/or overlays shall comply with the applicable review process identified by that Special Development Consideration and/or overlay located in Article 4.11.

**KEY DEFINITIONS:**

- *ACTIVITY: Any action taken either in conjunction with a use or to make a use possible. Activities do not in and of themselves result in a specific use. Several activities such as dredging, piling and*

fill may be undertaken for a single use such as a port facility. Most activities may take place in conjunction with a variety of uses.

- **DEVELOP:** To bring about growth or availability; to construct or alter a structure, to conduct a mining operation, to make a physical change in the use or appearance of land, to divide land into parcels, or to create or terminate rights to access.
- **DEVELOPMENT:** The act, process or result of developing.
- **USE:** The end to which a land or water area is ultimately employed. A use often involves the placement of structures or facilities for industry, commerce, habitation, or recreation.
- **ZONING DISTRICT:** A zoning designation in this Ordinance text and delineated on the zoning maps, in which requirements for the use of land or buildings and development standards are prescribed.
- **DWELLING:** Any building that contains one or more dwelling units used, intended, or designed to be built, used, rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied, or that are occupied for living purposes.

**B. TEMPLATE DWELLING CRITERIA AND FOREST SITING STANDARDS**

Forest Template Dwelling Supplemental Application:  
Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO)

**SECTION 4.6.100 FOREST AND FOREST MIXED USE – USE TABLES** Table 1 identifies the uses and activities in the Forest (F) and Forest/Mixed Use (FMU) zone. The tables describe the use, type of review, applicable review standards. Development shall also comply with Section 4.6.140 Development and Siting Standards. All dwellings and structures are subject to the siting standards found in Section 4.6.130. Exceptions to minimum lot and parcel sizes for the purpose of land division may apply as set out in Section 4.6.145 Land Division for Open Space and Special Assessment, and Section 4.6.145 Exceptions to Minimum Parcel Size. Properties that are located in a Special Development Consideration and/or overlays shall comply with the applicable review process identified by that Special Development Consideration and/or overlay located in Article 4.11.

If a use specifically states Forest Mixed Use only it is not permitted in the Forest Zone. If land is in a zone that allows both farm and forest uses, a dwelling may be sited based on the predominate use of the tract on January 1, 1993.

**SECTION 4.6.110 (OAR 660-006-0025) Uses Authorized in Forest Zones (1)** Goal 4 requires that forest land be conserved. Forest lands are conserved by adopting and applying comprehensive plan provisions and zoning regulations consistent with the goals and this rule. In addition to forest practices and operations and uses auxiliary to forest practices, as set forth in ORS 527.722, the Commission has determined that five general types of uses, as set forth in the goal, may be allowed in the forest environment, subject to the standards in the goal and in this rule. These general types of uses are: (a) Uses related to and in support of forest operations; (b) Uses to conserve soil, air and water quality and to provide for fish and wildlife resources, agriculture and recreational opportunities appropriate in a forest environment; (c) Locationally dependent uses, such as communication towers, mineral and aggregate resources, etc.; (d) Dwellings authorized by ORS 215.705 to 215.755; and (e) Other dwellings under prescribed conditions.

Use	TR	Subject to
Dwellings authorized by ORS 215.705 to 215.755; and (e) Other dwellings under prescribed conditions.		
63.	Template Dwelling (Alternative forestland dwellings ORS 215.750)	ACU (9)(B)(II)

- SECTION 4.6.120 Review Standards (9)(B) DWELLING ON FOREST AND FOREST MIXED USE ZONES -(II) TEMPLATE DWELLING - 215.750 Alternative forestland dwellings; criteria.
  - (1) In western Oregon, a governing body of a county or its designate may allow the establishment of a single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel located within a forest zone if the lot or parcel is predominantly composed of soils that are:
    - (a) Capable of producing 0 to 49 cubic feet per acre per year of wood fiber if:
      - (A) All or part of at least three other lots or parcels that existed on January 1, 1993, are within a 160-acre square centered on the center of the subject tract; and
      - (B) At least three dwellings existed on January 1, 1993, on the other lots or parcels continue to exist on the other lots or parcels;
    - (b) Capable of producing 50 to 85 cubic feet per acre per year of wood fiber if:
      - (A) All or part of at least seven other lots or parcels that existed on January 1, 1993, are within a 160-acre square centered on the center of the subject tract; and
      - (B) At least three dwellings existed on January 1, 1993, on the other lots or parcels; or
    - (c) Capable of producing more than 85 cubic feet per acre per year of wood fiber if:
      - (A) All or part of at least 11 other lots or parcels that existed on January 1, 1993, are within a 160-acre square centered on the center of the subject tract; and
      - (B) At least three dwellings existed on January 1, 1993, on the other lots or parcels.

**FINDING: Soil Information used to determine if the subject property is capable of producing 0-49, 50-85 or 85 cubic feet per year of wood fiber is used to determine the applicable criteria for the number of qualifying lots or parcels. According to the Soil Survey of Coos County, NRCS National Soil Information System, the property is made up of 54E-Templeton silt loam, 30 to 50 percent silt in the area selected which is larger than the area expended for development. This specific soil (shown in table below) exceeds the 85 cubic feet per year for wood fiber; therefore, 4.6.120 Review Standards (9)(B)(II)(1)(c) applies to the template test.**



Coos County, Oregon				
Map unit symbol and soil name	Potential productivity			Trees to manage
	Common trees	Site Index	Volume of wood fiber Cu ft/ac/yr	
54E—Templeton silt loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes				
Templeton	Douglas-fir	125	186.00	Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce, Western hemlock
	Red alder	94	114.00	
	Sitka spruce	169	257.00	
	Western hemlock	161	257.00	
	Western redcedar	—	—	

- SECTION 4.6.120 Review Standards (9)(B) DWELLING ON FOREST AND FOREST MIXED USE ZONES -(II) TEMPLATE DWELLING - 215.750 Alternative forestland dwellings; criteria.

(2) The following review standards apply to “template” dwellings approved under this rule:

- a. Lots or parcels within urban growth boundaries may not be used to satisfy the eligibility requirements under this rule.
- b. Except as provided by subsection (c) of this section, if the tract under section (1) of this rule abuts a road<sup>1</sup> that existed on January 1, 1993, the measurement may be made by creating a 160-acre rectangle that is one mile long and one-quarter mile wide centered on the center of the subject tract and that is to the maximum extent possible, aligned with the road.
- c. If the:
  - i. Tract 60 acres or larger described under section (1) of this rule abuts a road or perennial stream, the measurement shall be made in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. However, one of the three required dwellings must be on the same side of the road or stream as the tract, and:
    1. Be located within a 160-acre rectangle that is one mile long and one-quarter mile wide centered on the center of the subject tract and that is, to the maximum extent possible aligned with the road or stream; or
    2. Be within one-quarter mile from the edge of the subject tract but not outside the length of the 160-acre rectangle, and on the same side of the road or stream as the tract.
  - ii. Road crosses the tract on which the dwelling will be located, at least one of the three required dwellings shall be on the same side of the road as the proposed dwelling.
- d. Notwithstanding subsection (6)(a) of this rule, if the acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations of a county require that a dwelling be located in a 160-acre square or rectangle described in sections (3) and (4) of this rule or subsections (b) or (c) of this section, a dwelling is in the 160-acre square or rectangle if any part of the dwelling is in the 160-acre square or rectangle.

<sup>1</sup> The statutory definition of “public road” at ORS 368.001(5) is not applicable to approval of a forest template dwelling required by ORS 215.750(5) to be located on a tract that abuts a “road.” Interpretation of a local code requirement that such dwellings be located on a “public road” is controlled by local legislative intent rather than by statute. *Petersen v. Yamhill County*, 33 Or LUBA 584 (1997). The road may be public or private as long as it has been existence and continued to be in existence since January 1, 1993 and meets the following local definition: A public or private way created or intended to provide ingress or egress for persons to one or more lots, parcels, areas, or tracts of land. A road does not include: (a) driveway located exclusively on the same lot, parcel or tract of land as the use it serves; (b) a private way that is created or intended to provide ingress or egress to such land in conjunction with the use of such land exclusively for forestry, mining, or agricultural purposes.

- (3) *A proposed “template” dwelling under this rule is allowed only if:*
- a. *It will comply with the requirements of an acknowledged comprehensive plan, acknowledged land use regulations, and other provisions of law;*
  - b. *It complies with the requirements of OAR 660-006-0029 and 660-006-0035;*
  - c. *No dwellings are allowed on other lots or parcels that make up the tract and deed restrictions established under section (5) of this rule for the other lots or parcels that make up the tract are met;*
  - d. *The tract on which the dwelling will be sited does not include a dwelling.*
  - e. *The lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be sited was lawfully established.*
  - f. *Any property line adjustment to the lot or parcel complied with the applicable property line adjustment provisions in ORS 92.192.*
  - g. *Any property line adjustment to the lot or parcel after January 1, 2019, did not have the effect of qualifying the lot or parcel for a dwelling under this section; and*
  - h. *If the lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be sited was part of a tract on January 1, 2019, no dwelling existed on the tract on that date, and no dwelling exists or has been approved on another lot or parcel that was part of the tract.*
- (4) *Subsection (1)(d) and (3)(e) through (4) of Section (II) TEMPLATE DWELLING applies:*
- a. *On and after November 1, 2021 in Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Josephine, Linn, Marion, Washington, and Yamhill Counties with following limited exception:*
    - i. *Prior to November 1, 2023, the county may allow the establishment of a single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel that was part of a tract on January 1, 2021, if;*
      1. *No more than one other dwelling exists or has been approved on another lot or parcel that was part of the tract; and*
      2. *The lot or parcel qualifies, notwithstanding subsection (3)(h), for a dwelling under section (1) of this rule.*
- (5) *When the lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be located is part of a tract, the remaining portions of the tract shall be consolidated into a single lot or parcel and a deed restriction using the form provided in OAR 660-06-027(6), "Exhibit A," shall be completed and recorded with Coos County Clerk. The covenants, conditions and restrictions in the deed restriction:*
- b. *The covenants, conditions and restrictions are irrevocable, unless a statement of release is signed by an authorized representative of the county or counties where the property subject to the covenants, conditions and restrictions is located.*
  - c. *Enforcement of the covenants, conditions and restrictions may be undertaken by the department or by the county or counties where the property subject to the covenants, conditions and restrictions is located.*
  - d. *The failure to follow the requirements of this section shall not affect the validity of the transfer of property or the legal remedies available to the buyers of property that is subject to the covenants, conditions and restrictions required by this section.*
  - e. *The county planning director shall maintain a copy of the covenants, conditions and restrictions filed in the county deed records pursuant to this section and a map or other record depicting tracts do not qualify for the siting of a dwelling under the covenants, conditions and restrictions filed in the county deed records pursuant to this section. The map or other record required by this subsection shall be readily available to the public in the county planning office.*

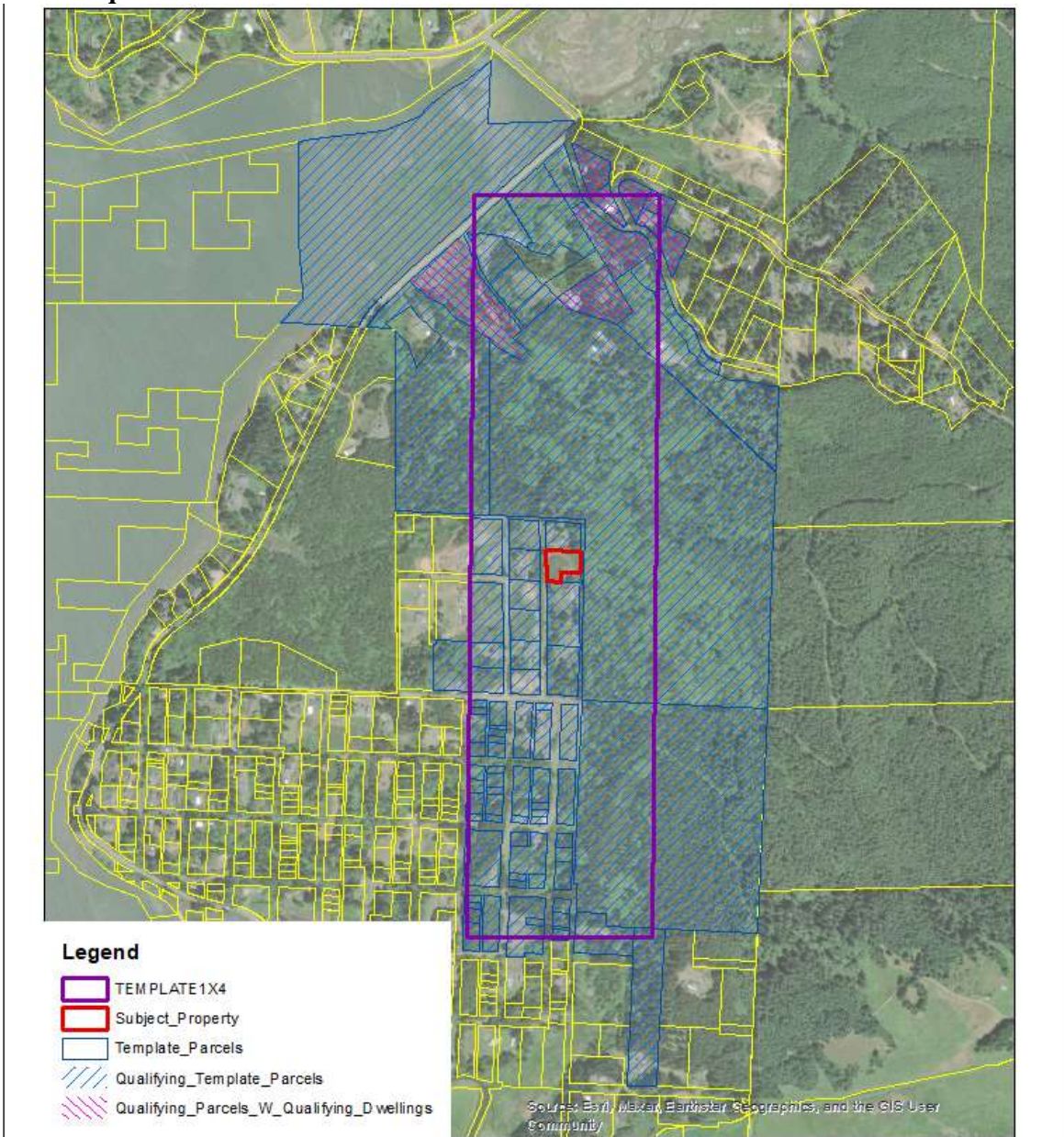
**FINDING: None of the lots or parcels used for the template test are located within Urban Growth Boundaries; therefore, no Urban Growth Boundary lots or parcels are being used to satisfy the**

eligibility requirements under subsection (1) of this section. Subsection (2) is not applicable to this review.

According to Coos County Clerk and Assessor records, the subject property was not part of a tract on January 1, 2019.

There are no deed restrictions applicable to ORS 215.750 or other dwellings on the subject property that would prevent a dwelling from being built.

The parcel is 1.12 acres in size. To meet the criteria, there must be 11 parcels with three (3) current dwellings, sited prior to January 1, 1993, based on the soil type. Planning Staff conducted the template test using the rectangle template method. Based on the template map below, the parcel meets the requirements.



Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.

*SECTION 4.6.130 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ALL new and REPLACEMENT dwellings and structures in forest*

*The following siting criteria or their equivalent shall apply to all new dwellings and structures in forest and agriculture/forest zones. These criteria are designed to make such uses compatible with forest operations and agriculture, to minimize wildfire hazards and risks and to conserve values found on forest lands. A governing body shall consider the criteria in this rule together with the requirements OAR 660-0060-0035 to identify the building site:*

- 1. Dwellings and structures shall be sited on the parcel so that:
  - (a) They have the least impact on nearby<sup>2</sup> or adjoining forest or agricultural lands;*
  - (b) The siting ensures that adverse impacts on forest operations and accepted farming practices on the tract will be minimized;*
  - (c) The amount of forest lands used to site access roads, service corridors, the dwelling and structures is minimized; and*
  - (d) The risks associated with wildfire are minimized.**
- 2. Siting criteria satisfying section (1) of this section may include setbacks from adjoining properties, clustering near or among existing structures, siting close to existing roads and siting on that portion of the parcel least suited for growing trees.*
- 3. The applicant shall provide evidence to the governing body that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized in accordance with the Water Resources Department's administrative rules for the appropriation of ground water or surface water and not from a Class II stream as defined in the Forest Practices rules (OAR chapter 629). For purposes of this section, evidence of a domestic water supply means:
  - a) Verification from a water purveyor that the use described in the application will be served by the purveyor under the purveyor's rights to appropriate water;*
  - b) A water use permit issued by the Water Resources Department for the use described in the application; or*
  - c) Verification from the Water Resources Department that a water use permit is not required for the use described in the application. If the proposed water supply is from a well and is exempt from permitting requirements under ORS 537.545, the applicant shall submit the well constructor's report to the county upon completion of the well.**
- 4. As a condition of approval, if road access to the dwelling is by a road owned and maintained by a private party or by the Oregon Department of Forestry, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, or the U.S. Forest Service, then the applicant shall provide proof of a long-term road access use permit or agreement. The road use permit may require the applicant to agree to accept responsibility for road maintenance.*
- 5. Approval of a dwelling shall be subject to the following requirements:
  - (a) Approval of a dwelling requires the owner of the tract to plant a sufficient number of trees on the tract to demonstrate that the tract is reasonably expected to meet Department of Forestry stocking requirements at the time specified in department of Forestry administrative rules;*
  - (b) The planning department shall notify the county assessor of the above condition at the time the dwelling is approved;*
  - (c) If the lot or parcel is more than 10 acres in western Oregon or more than 30 acres in eastern Oregon, the property owner shall submit a stocking survey report to the county assessor and the assessor will verify that the minimum stocking requirements have been met by the time required by Department of Forestry rules;*
  - (d) Upon notification by the assessor the Department of Forestry will determine whether the tract meets minimum stocking requirements of the Forest Practices Act. If that department**

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<sup>2</sup>*For the purpose of this section "Nearby" is defined as within the decision notification area as defined in Section 5.0.900(2) for farm zoned property.*

*determines that the tract does not meet those requirements, that department will notify the owner and the assessor that the land is not being managed as forest land. The assessor will then remove the forest land designation pursuant to ORS 321.359 and impose the additional tax; and*

(e) *The county governing body or its designate shall require as a condition of approval of a single-family dwelling under ORS 215.213, 215.383 or 215.284 or otherwise in a farm or forest zone, that the landowner for the dwelling sign and record in the deed records for the county a document binding the landowner, and the landowner's successors in interest, prohibiting them from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices for which no action or claim is allowed under ORS 30.936 or 30.937.*

**FINDING: Section 4.6.130(1)(a) and Section 4.6.130(1)(b) require proof of minimizing adverse impacts to the subject properties and nearby Farm and Forest operations. The dwelling will be sited using an existing public road within the Portlawn Subdivision. The only parcel adjoining the subject property that has an agricultural or forest use is the parcel to the east, which is in timber production. According to the plot plan the dwelling is proposed to be sited over 100 feet from the east property line, and the dwelling will access through the west property line. Staff finds that given these factors the area that the applicants have proposed to site the dwelling will ensure the least impact to nearby forest or agricultural lands.**

**Section 4.6.130(1)(c) requires the minimum forest lands be removed for access roads, service corridors and structures. The proposed dwelling will use an existing privately maintained public road, Chandler Road.**

**Section 4.6.130(1)(d) requires that risk associated with wildfires are minimized.**

**Section 4.6.130(3) requires the applicants to provide evidence to the governing body that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized in accordance with the Water Resources Department's administrative rules for the appropriation of ground water or surface water and not from a Class II stream as defined in the Forest Practices rules (OAR chapter 629). The applicants stated that the water source will be from a well. However, the applicants will still be required to submit a water supply requirement form signed off by Oregon Water Resources Department prior to requesting a zoning compliance letter.**

**Section 4.6.130(4) requires that if road access to the dwelling is by a road owned and maintained by a private party, ODF or BLM, a long-term access use permit or agreement be submitted. The access road, Chestnut Road, is a privately maintained public road. Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.**

**Section 4.6.130(5) requires a stocking survey if property is larger than ten (10) acres. This property is less than ten (10) acres; therefore, a stocking survey is not required. Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.**

**All The criteria found in SECTION 4.6.130 have been addressed.**

○ **SECTION 4.6.140 DEVELOPMENT AND SITING CRITERIA:**

*This section contain all of the development standards for uses (unless otherwise accepted out by a use review) and all of the siting standards for development.*

1. *Except as provided in subsection 4.6.145 of this ordinance, the following minimum lot or parcel sizes apply for land designated forestland, is at least 80 acres.*

*Minimum lot size will not affect approval for development unless specified in use. The size of the parcel will not prohibit development as long as it was lawfully created or otherwise required to be a certain size in order to qualify for a use.*

2. *Setbacks: All Development with the exception of fences shall be set back a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from any road right-of-way centerline, or five (5) feet from any right-of-way line, whichever is greater.*
3. *Fences, Hedges and Walls: No requirement, except for vision clearance provisions in Section 7.1.525.*
4. *Off-Street Parking and Loading: See Chapter VII.*
5. *Minimizing Impacts: In order to minimize the impact of dwellings in forest lands, all applicants requesting a single family dwelling shall acknowledge and file in the deed record of Coos County, a Forest Management Covenant. The Forest Management Covenant shall be filed prior to any final County approval for a single family dwelling.*
6. *Riparian Vegetation Protection. Riparian vegetation within 50 feet of a wetland, stream, lake or river, as identified on the Coastal Shoreland and Fish and Wildlife habitat inventory maps shall be maintained except that:*
  - a. *Trees certified as posing an erosion or safety hazard. Property owner is responsible for ensuring compliance with all local, state and federal agencies for the removal of the tree.*
  - b. *Riparian vegetation may be removed to provide direct access for a water-dependent use if it is a listed permitted within the zoning district;*
  - c. *Riparian vegetation may be removed in order to allow establishment of authorized structural shoreline stabilization measures;*
  - d. *Riparian vegetation may be removed to facilitate stream or stream bank clearance projects under a port district, ODFW, BLM, Soil & Water Conservation District, or USFS stream enhancement plan;*
  - e. *Riparian vegetation may be removed to site or properly maintain public utilities and road rights-of-way;*
  - f. *Riparian vegetation may be removed in conjunction with existing agricultural operations (e.g., to site or maintain irrigation pumps, to limit encroaching brush, to allow harvesting farm crops customarily grown within riparian corridors, etc.) provided that such vegetation removal does not encroach further into the vegetation buffer except as needed to provide an access to the water to site or maintain irrigation pumps; or*
  - g. *The 50 foot riparian vegetation setback shall not apply in any instance where an existing structure was lawfully established and an addition or alteration to said structure is to be sited not closer to the estuarine wetland, stream, lake, or river than the existing structure and said addition or alteration represents not more than 100% of the size of the existing structure's "footprint".*
  - h. *Riparian removal within the Coastal Shoreland Boundary will require a conditional use. See Special Development Considerations Coastal Shoreland Boundary.*
  - i. *The 50' measurement shall be taken from the closest point of the ordinary high water mark to the structure using a right angle from the ordinary high water mark.*
7. *All new and replacement dwellings and permanent structures shall, at a minimum, meet the following standards.*
  - a. *The dwelling has a fire retardant roof.*

- b. *The dwelling will not be sited on a slope of greater than 40 percent. Slope<sup>3</sup> will also determine additional firebreak in Section 8 Firebreak. Evidence is provided that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized by the Water Resources Department and not from a Class II stream as designated by the State Board of Forestry.*
- c. *The dwelling is located upon a parcel within a fire protection district or is provided with residential fire protection by contract. If the dwelling is not within a fire protection district, the applicant provides evidence that the applicant has asked to be included in the nearest such district or contract with a private fire protection company.*
- d. *For dwellings and structures outside of a fire protection district alternative forms of fire protections will apply to the develop including fire sprinkling system, on-site equipment and water storage.*
  - i. *Water storage shall be a swimming pool, pond, lake or similar body of water that at all times contains at least 4,000 gallons or a stream that has a minimum flow of at least one cubic foot per second. Road access shall be provided to within 15 feet of the water's edge for fire-fighting pumping units, and the road access shall accommodate a turnaround for fire-fighting equipment. The access to the water source shall be marked with signs for fire water sources.*
- e. *If the dwelling has a chimney or chimneys, each chimney has a spark arrester.*
- f. *The owner provides and maintains primary fuel-free break and secondary break areas on land surrounding the dwelling that is owned or controlled by the owner and complies with Section 8 Firebreak.*

8. *Firebreak:*

- a. *The property owner shall maintain a primary firebreak safety zone around all structures. Vegetation within this primary safety zone may include mowed grasses, low shrubs (less than ground floor window height), and trees that are spaced with more than 15 feet between the crowns and pruned to remove dead and low (less than 8 feet from the ground) branches. Accumulated needles, limbs and other dead vegetation should be removed from beneath trees.*
- b. *Sufficient garden hose to reach the perimeter of the primary safety zone shall be available at all times.*
- c. *The owners of the dwelling shall maintain a primary fuel-free break area surrounding all structures and clear and maintain a secondary fuel-free break on land surrounding all structures and clear and maintain a secondary fuel-free break area on land surrounding the dwelling that is owned or controlled by the owner in accordance with the provisions in "Recommended Fire Siting Standards for Dwellings and Structures and Fire Safety Design Standards for Roads" dated March 1, 1991, and published by Oregon Department of Forestry and shall demonstrate compliance with Table 1.*
- d. *Proof that all of these items will be met includes proof of the slope to determine additional firebreak setbacks is required.*

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<sup>3</sup> *Slope calculations must include the primary and additional fuel-free breaks. Staff will use the slopes from the soil data found in the Soil Survey of Coos County Oregon<sup>3</sup> published by United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, in cooperation with Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Staff will accept an on ground study for slope from an Registered Surveyor or other Registered Professional that is able to make calculations based on the profession licensing requirements.*

Table 1 – Minimum Primary Safety Zone

<i>Slope</i>	<i>Feet of Primary Safety Zone</i>	<i>Feet of Additional Primary Safety Zone Down Slope</i>
<b>0%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>25%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>40%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>150</b>

9. All new and replacement structures shall use non-combustible or fire resistant roofing materials, as may be approved by the certified official responsible for the building permit.
10. Access to new dwellings shall meet road and driveway standards in Chapter VII.

**FINDING: Section 4.6.140(1) is only applicable in the creation of new parcels and that is not part of this request; therefore, it is not applicable.**

Section 4.6.140(2) requires a setback from any road right-of-way. The provided plot plan illustrated that all setbacks for the proposed dwelling will be more than satisfied.

Section 4.6.140(3) applies to fences, hedges and walls. The proposal does not include any new fences, hedges, or wall. Therefore, this criterion does not apply.

Sections 4.6.140(4) require parking, loading, access and road standards be addressed. Driveway/Access/Parking Verification Permit application (DR-23-122) must be signed off prior to issuance of a Final Occupancy Permit from the Coos County Building Department. Therefore, this criterion has been satisfied.

Section 4.6.140(5) requires that the property owners sign and record in the deed of records for the county a document binding the landowner, and the landowner’s successors in interest, prohibiting them from pursuing claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices for which no action or claim is allowed under ORS 30.936 or 30.937. These forms shall be signed in front of a notary and recorded. This criterion was addressed above and will be made a condition of approval.

Section 4.6.140(6) requires a setback from any wetland. There are no mapped wetlands or water bodies requiring protection on, or adjacent to the subject property. Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.

Section 4.6.140(7)

(a) Requires the roofing material to be non-combustible or fire resistant. The applicants stated that they will be using fire resistant materials for the roof. This will be verified during the building permit process. Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.

(b) Requires that a dwelling not be located on a slope of greater than 40%. Based on the NRCS soil type data for 54E-Templeton silt loam with 30 to 50% slope. Available LIDAR images as well as the applicants plot plan determine that the dwelling site is flat, and the downslope adjacent to the building site is approximately 13 percent. Therefore, it will be sited on a slope less than 40%.

(c) Requires that evidence is provided that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized by the Water Resources Department and not from a Class II stream as designated by the State Board of Forestry. As a condition of approval, the applicants shall provide a sign-off from Oregon Water Resource for the domestic use of waters of the State prior to requesting a Zoning Compliance Letter.

**(d) Requires the dwelling be located within a fire protection district or shall be provided with residential fire protection by contract. The proposed dwelling is within the North Bay Rural Fire Protection District; therefore, this criterion has been satisfied.**

**(e) States that if a dwelling is outside of a fire protection district alternative forms of fire protection will apply, this criterion does not apply as this property is within a fire district.**

**(f) Requires that if a dwelling has a chimney, it shall have a spark arrester. The applicant stated that if a chimney is proposed a spark arrester will be installed. This will be addressed during building codes review.**

**(g) Requires that the owner provides and maintains the primary and secondary fuel break areas on land surrounding the dwelling that is owned or controlled by the owner.**

**Section 4.6.140(8)**

**(a) Determines the primary and secondary fire safety setbacks. Based on the applicant's plot plan and Lidar mapping, Staff finds the primary and secondary fuel break slopes surrounding the proposed dwelling are less than 20%. The applicant's will be required to install 30 feet of primary fuel free break as well as an additional 75 feet safety down slope fuel break around all structures on the subject property**

**(b) Requires sufficient ¾ inch hose for the perimeter of the primary fire break. The applicants stated that a garden hose will be available at all times for fire suppression. This criterion will be made a condition of approval.**

**(c & d) Determines the primary and secondary fire safety setbacks. Based on the applicant's plot plan and LIDAR mapping, Staff finds the slopes surrounding the proposed dwelling are less than 20%. The applicant's will be required to install a 30 foot primary, and 75 foot additional fuel free break around all structures on the subject property**

**Section 4.6.140 (9) Requires the roofing material to be non-combustible or fire resistant. Compliance will be confirmed during the building review process. Therefore, this criterion has been addressed.**

**Section 4.6.140 (10) requires adequate access for firefighting equipment. At the time of road inspection, prior to receiving a zoning compliance letter, the Roadmaster or his designee will confirm that all road standards have been met to provide adequate access for firefighting/emergency equipment. Therefore, this criterion is not applicable.**

**Therefore, all criteria in Section 4.6.140 Development and Siting Criteria have been addressed.**

**IV. DECISION**

In conclusion Staff finds that the applicant has address most of the relevant criteria and the ones that have not been address or cannot be completed until after the approval is obtained have been made conditions of approval. Therefore, the proposed Template Dwelling meets the requirements of the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance, with conditions listed in Exhibit "A" of this report.

**V. EXPIRATION:**

*Permits approved under ORS 215.416 for a proposed residential development on agricultural or forest land outside of an urban growth boundary under ORS 215.010 to 215.293 or 215.317 to 215.438 or under county legislation or regulation, the permit is valid for four years.*

*A. Extensions for Residential Development as provided for under ORS 215.213 (3) and (4), 215.284, 215.317, 215.705 (1) to (3), 215.720, 215.740, 215.750 and 215.755 (1) and (3) shall be granted as follows:*

- i. *First Extension - An extension of a permit for “residential development” as described in Subsection (1) above is valid for two (2) years.*
  - 1. *The applicant shall submit an application requesting an extension to the County Planning Department prior to expiration of the final decision. See Section 5.0.250 for time lines for final decisions. Untimely extension requests will not be processed.*
  - 2. *Upon the Planning Department receiving the applicable application and fee, staff shall verify that the application was received within the deadline and if so issue an extension.*
  - 3. *An extension of a permit as described in this section is not a land use decision as defined in ORS 197.015.*
- ii. *Additional Extensions - A county may approve no more than five additional one-year extensions of a permit if:*
  - 1. *The applicant submits an application requesting the additional extension prior to the expiration of a previous extension;*
  - 2. *The applicable residential development statute has not been amended following the approval of the permit; and*
  - 3. *An applicable rule or land use regulation has not been amended following the issuance of the permit, unless allowed by the county, which may require that the applicant comply with the amended rule or land use regulation.*

*An extension of a permit as described in this section is not a land use decision as defined in ORS 197.015.*

This conditional use is for a residential development within a resource zone and is valid for four years for the date of final approval Monday, May 29, 2028.

## **VII. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

A notice of decision will be provided to property owners within 750 feet of the subject properties and the following agencies, special districts, or parties: North Bay Rural Fire Protection District.

A Notice of Decision and Staff Report will be provided to the following: Applicants/Owners, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Coos County Assessor’s Office and the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.

Adjacent property owners will receive a Notice of Decision and maps, but all other attachments can be found by contacting the Planning Department or visiting the website. If not found on the website the public may contact the department to view the official record.

**EXHIBIT "D"**  
**Comments Received**



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF  
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12/4/23

Coos County Planning Dept.  
60 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Coquille, OR 97423

Re: ACU-23-066

Site Address: 0 Chestnut St. North Bend, OR

The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians have no objections to the proposed project. Please be aware that the property is in proximity to known cultural resource sites and so may contain as yet unlocated cultural resources. **We request that we be contacted immediately if any known or suspected cultural resources are encountered during any phase of the work.**

Please also be aware that federal and state laws prohibit intentional excavation of known or suspected cultural resources without an archaeological permit and require that we be notified immediately if resources are discovered, uncovered, or disturbed. 43 CFR 10 applies on tribal and federal lands, federal projects, federal agencies, as well as to federal actions and federally funded (directly or indirectly) projects. ORS 97.745 prohibits the willful removal, mutilation, defacing, injury, or destruction of any cairn, burial, human remains, funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony of any native Indian. ORS 358.920 prohibits excavation injury, destruction, or alteration of an archaeological site or object or removal of an archaeological object from public or **private lands**.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jillian Hendrix  
Cultural Resources Protection Specialist

ACU-23-066



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December 1, 2023

Coos County Planning Department  
Cassidy Carr  
[Planning@co.coos.or.us](mailto:Planning@co.coos.or.us)

Re: ACU-23-066, DR-23-122, AD-23-048

Project location: T25S R3W Section 12, taxlots 00200 and 01114

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the prop proposal to apply for a forest template dwelling at the above referenced location. The Coquille Indian Tribe anticipates no effect to the known resources within the project area due to there being no ground disturbing activities. **Extreme caution is recommended.** If any known or suspected cultural resources are encountered during the work, all work should cease and the landowner or contractor should contact our office immediately. If the CTCLUSI THPO makes a different decision regarding this project, we will defer to their office.

Please be aware that state statutes govern how archaeological sites are to be managed. ORS 97.745 prohibits the willful removal, mutilation, defacing, injury, or destruction of any cairn, burial, human remains, funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony of a Native Indian. ORS 358.920 prohibits excavation, injury, destruction, or alteration of an archaeological site or object, or removal of an archaeological object from public or private lands. If archaeological materials are discovered, uncovered, or disturbed on the property, we will discuss the appropriate actions with all necessary parties.

Thank you again and feel free to contact me at (541) 808-5554 if you have any questions.

Shu' 'aa-shii-la (Thank You),

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabrielle Bratt".

Gabrielle Bratt, M.S.  
Cultural Resources Technician