All dwellings in the F1 (Nonimpacted Forest) zone and all structures in the F2 (Impacted Forest) and PR (Parks and Recreation) zones must be surrounded by a firebreak. There are two reasons to maintain a firebreak. First, it will help prevent a forest fire from damaging the structure. Second, it will help prevent a fire originating at the structure from spreading. New and existing structures must meet specific firebreak requirements. These requirements must be verified before an application for a building permit may be submitted. When considering an addition to a structure, remember that existing landscaping may have to be removed or pruned.

**PHOTO REVIEW**

Generally, firebreaks must be verified by a site inspection. Land Management staff will visit your property and visually inspect your firebreaks to ensure that they comply with county requirements. Refer to Lane Code 16.210(6)(c), 16.211(6)(c) or 16.215(10)(c) for specific requirements. In limited circumstances, the extent and quality of your firebreaks may be reviewed with the use of photographs instead of a site visit. In this situation, panoramic photos must be taken from the center of the building site out in a complete, overlapping, 360-degree circle. A person should be visible in each frame at a distance of approximately 150' from the photographer to help establish scale.

**APPLYING FOR A PHOTO REVIEW**

To apply for a firebreak photo-review verification you must contact planning staff at 541-682-3577 to discuss your project or come in to meet with the Planner on Duty. The Planner on Duty desk is open Monday through Friday 9 am through 4pm, on a first come first serve basis.