



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 629

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

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ARCHIVES DIVISION SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING CAPTION: Repeal existing State Forests Management Plans; adopt new Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 06/30/2026 11:55 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 06/25/2026

TIME: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

OFFICER: Justin Butteris

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

PHONE NUMBER: 503-446-4951

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Registration using this link is required to join the remote hearing.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

OAR 629-035-0030 requires ODF to develop a forest management plan consistent with direction provided in OAR chapter 629 division 35. The Board's required adoption of a forest management plan in rule represents its determination that activities carried out or allowed under that plan meet the obligation to secure the greatest permanent value to the

state as defined in OAR 629-035-0020.

ODF is proposing to repeal OAR 629-035-0105, which includes the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan [OAR 629-035-0105(1)(a)], Southwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan [OAR 629-035-0105(1)(b)], and the Elliott State Forest Management Plan [OAR 629-035-0105(1)(c)], as applicable here. ODF is proposing to adopt concurrently a new forest management plan for all Department of Forestry managed forest lands in western Oregon (i.e., all lands previously managed by the three existing plans, but not including the Elliott State Forest). This plan is compatible with the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan, and will govern management of western Oregon state forest lands when the Habitat Conservation Plan is approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan – Revised 2010
Southwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan - Revised 2010
Elliott State Forest Management Plan - November 2011
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/stateforests.aspx>

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

There is no impact to racial equity associated with this rulemaking.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

No major fiscal or economic effects are expected to result from the proposed changes to the Forest Management Plan. This rule is a policy document, which provides direction to the State Forester from the Board of Forestry about the management of state forest lands and does not regulate businesses in the state or require state or local government (apart from the Department of Forestry) to undertake any specific actions.

Local governments (e.g., counties) and local taxing districts may have indirect impacts by this rule. Approximately two-thirds of the revenue from the harvest of timber from state forest lands is transferred to the counties, who in turn transfer a percentage (variable by county and district) to local taxing districts. We do not have precise information on the direction or magnitude of any changes in revenues distributed to the counties. Revenues are subject to market conditions and harvest levels. Harvest levels are established by the State Forester in Implementation Plans consistent with this rule, as well as OARs 629-035-0020 and 629-035-0030. Impacts may vary by county and taxing district.

Local governments (e.g., counties) and local taxing districts may also be indirectly impacted through employment and income factors associated with jobs in the forest. Timber harvest, recreational use, and research and monitoring activities can impact local employment and income. We do not have precise information on the direction or magnitude of any changes in employment and income. Impacts may vary by county and taxing district, and by sector.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

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(2)(a) Small businesses that engage in forestry, recreation, or monitoring activity may be indirectly impacted by this rule. We do not have precise information on the direction or magnitude of any changes for employment in these sectors. The number of businesses that have fewer than 50 employees cannot be determined with the data available to the Department. Impacts may vary by county and taxing district.

(2)(b) There are no projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative activities required for compliance with these amendments.

(2)(c) There are no projected equipment, supplies, labor, or increased administration costs required for compliance with these amendments.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not directly involved in the development of these rules. Businesses participated in the comment and engagement opportunities during rule development.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The proposed rule for a new Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan was developed over the course of several years with extensive public involvement. The Department solicited feedback on the draft rule through several meetings, including six workgroups with representatives of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon, five meetings open to the public-at-large, three meetings with focused stakeholder groups, a survey (which resulted in over 3,300 comments received), and ongoing engagement with the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee and other state agencies.

The Department also received input on this rule from standing advisory committees and from the public during a rulemaking effort on a previous draft of the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan.

RULES PROPOSED:

629-035-0105, 629-035-0106

REPEAL: 629-035-0105

RULE SUMMARY: This will repeal the current Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (OAR 629-035-0105(a)), Southwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (OAR 629-035-0105(b)), and Elliott State Forest Management Plan (OAR 629-035-0105(c)). The lands currently subject to these management plans will be managed under a single forest management plan to be adopted. This change is needed to align the management of these forest lands with a Habitat Conservation Plan.

CHANGES TO RULE:

629-035-0105

~~Adopted Forest Management Plan Documents~~

~~(1) The following forest management plan documents have been adopted and incorporated by reference into this division:¶¶~~

~~(a) Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan, Revised Plan, April 2010;¶¶~~

~~(b) Southwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan, Revised Plan, April 2010; and¶¶~~

~~(c) Elliott State Forest Management Plan, November 2011, effective January 1, 2012.¶¶~~

~~(2) The forest management plan documents which have been incorporated by reference into this division are maintained by the State Forester at the Oregon Department of Forestry's headquarters in Salem, Oregon.~~

~~Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 526.016(4), 526.041~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 530.050~~

ADOPT: 629-035-0106

RULE SUMMARY: The Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan describes the management of forest lands managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry west of the Cascades consistent with the requirements found in OAR 629-035-0030.

CHANGES TO RULE:

629-035-0106

Adopted Forest Management Plan Documents

(1) The Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan has been adopted and incorporated by reference into this division.

(2) The State Forester's existing implementation and annual operations plans will govern management of the planning area until:

(a) the issuance of Incidental Take Permits under section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service; and

(b) new implementation and annual operations plans are approved by the State Forester to implement the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan.

[ED. NOTE: Documents incorporated by reference are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 526.016(4), ORS 530.050

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 526.016(1), ORS 526.041(1), ORS 526.041(3), ORS 530.050

RULE ATTACHMENTS MAY NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

NOTE: Attachments referenced are attached to this document. You may view the attachment 629-035-0106.pdf from the Attachments panel. Alternately, you may view the attachments at the following link:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewAttachment.action?ruleVrsnRsn=336111>