

Oregon Board of Forestry Meeting

**Item 2. Forest Vitality - Issue 3
Objective 5 - Forest Carbon-Offset Markets**

Forest Resource Trust Program - Proposed OAR Amendments

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Highlights

Rules Necessary to Implement House Bill 2293-A

- Establishes new rules for the Cost-Share Program.
- Generalizes the Stand Establishment Program as the Loan Program by including any additional practices that lead to the improved management of forestland.



PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Categories

- Rules Necessary to Implement House Bill 2293-A
- Additional Rules Recommended, but not Necessary, to Implement House Bill 2293-A
- Other Substantive Rule Changes per Oregon Department of Justice, Department Staff or Forest Resource Trust Advisory Committee Members
- House Keeping and Organizing Changes



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PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Highlights

Additional Rules Recommended, but not Necessary, to Implement House Bill 2293-A

- Adds qualified private and other local government landowners as eligible for applying for financial assistance under the Forest Resource Trust's Loan Program.
- Sets as a high priority for funding projects consistent with conservation plans and strategies of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



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Other Substantive Rule Changes

- Clarifies the intent of the 2007 rule amendment that a final harvest under the Loan Program of only a portion of the project area triggers full payment of monies due under the Loan Program as pro-rated to the area actually harvested.
- Establishes specific provisions for the State Forester to grant exceptions to the administrative rules on a case-by-case basis.
- Allows Forest Resource Trust programs to fund environmental restoration practices; such practices are eligible consistent with furthering the purposes of the Trust.



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FORMAL RULEMAKING

- June 2008
 - Staff develops rule-making documents for filing with Secretary of State
- July 2008
 - Documents filed with Secretary of State, distributed to "Agency List" and other interested parties; appropriate legislators notified.
 - Public comment period begins.
- August 2008
 - Secretary of State publishes rule-making documents in Oregon Bulletin
 - Public Hearing held
- September & October 2008
 - Public comment period closes.
 - Hearing Officer / Staff Reports – recommendations for any changes to proposed rules
- November 2008
 - Final Rule Adoption by Board
- January 2009
 - Effective Date for Final Rules



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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Direct the Department to proceed with formal rulemaking, including scheduling public comment and hearings on the proposed rule changes as shown in Attachments 1 and 2 to the Staff Report.



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