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Restriction of Timber Harvesting – Substantial and Intermediate Down Slope Public Safety Risk

(1) Operators shall not remove trees from high landslide hazard locations with substantial or intermediate downslope public safety risk unless a geotechnical report demonstrates to the State Forester that any landslides that might occur will not be directly related to forest practices because of very deep soil or other site-specific conditions. Removal of dead or diseased trees or trees from sites that have already failed is allowed if the operator demonstrates to the State Forester that the operation results in no increased overall downslope public safety risk.

(2) Operators shall leave a sufficient number and arrangement of trees adjacent to high landslide hazard locations to reduce the likelihood of trees retained in these locations blowing down.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 527.710(11)
Stats. Implemented: ORS 527.630(5) & ORS 527.714
Hist.: DOF 13-2002, f. 12-9-02 cert. ef. 1-1-03

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Restriction of Road Construction -- Substantial Down Slope Public Safety Risk

(1) Operators shall not construct new roads on high landslide hazard locations or other very steep slopes with substantial downslope public safety risk.

(2) Operators may reconstruct existing roads in high landslide hazard locations when the written plan required by OAR 629-623-0700 incorporates site-specific practices as directed by a geotechnical specialist and demonstrates that road reconstruction will reduce landslide hazard.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 527.630(5) & 527.714
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Timber Harvesting - Intermediate Down Slope Public Safety Risk

(1) The purpose of this rule is to manage canopy closure on high landslide hazard locations with intermediate downslope public safety risk.

~~(2) For harvesting operations that remove all or most of the largest trees, operators shall ensure that no more than half the area of high landslide hazard locations on a single ownership within the drainage or hillslope directly above the affected structure or road are in a 0 to 9 year old age class or with reduced canopy closure in other age classes;~~

~~(3) For thinning or partial cutting operations, operators shall retain a vigorous stand that allows rapid canopy closure.~~

~~(4) Landowners shall use reforestation and stand management practices that result in rapid canopy closure.~~

~~(5) For timber harvesting operations, landowners shall describe in the written plan required by OAR 629-623-0700 how they will manage the high landslide hazard locations on their ownership within the affected drainage or hillslope with intermediate downslope public safety risk.~~

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Road Construction -- Intermediate Down Slope Public Safety Risk

(1) When constructing roads on high landslide hazard locations or other very steep slopes with intermediate downslope public safety risk, operators shall follow site-specific practices as directed by a geotechnical specialist.

(2) In addition to the road construction and maintenance rules in OAR 629-625-0100 through 629-625-0440, written plans shall include:

(a) An evaluation of cutslope stability that demonstrates major cutslope failure is very unlikely; and

(b) A description of measures to be taken to prevent water from draining onto high landslide hazard locations.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 527.630(5), 527.674 & 527.714

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