



Oregon Department of Forestry

Fire Watch Service Waiver Policy & Written Order

**Northwest Oregon (Astoria, Tillamook & Forest Grove Districts)
North Cascade and West Oregon Forest Protection Districts**

2009 Fire Season

ORS 477.665 (1) states that during a fire season inside or within one-eighth mile of a forest protection district, **every operator using power-driven machinery in an operation area shall provide fire watch service on the operation area.** The fire watch service shall consist of not less than one competent person, who shall be on duty at times prescribed by rules promulgated by the State Forester. These rules shall require fire watch service at such times and at such places as the spread of fire on or from the operation area to forestland reasonably may be expected. (2) The forester may modify or waive, in writing, any requirements of this section as to any operation whenever the fire hazard is not sufficient to justify the requirements.

OAR 629-043-0030(1)(a) states that pursuant to ORS 477.655 operators shall be constantly on duty for three hours after the power driven machinery used by the operator has been shut down for the day.

OAR 629-043-0030(3) states that the forester may, in written order, reduce or waive any requirements of subsection (1), if in the judgment of the forester, conditions so warrant.

ODF NWOA Districts hereby implement the following Fire Watch Service Waiver Policy as a written order for the **2009 Fire Season**.

Fire Watch Service Waiver Requirements

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 1: One-hour fire watch shall be in effect for all operations.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 2: Two-hour fire watch shall be in effect for all operations.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 3: Three-hour fire watch shall be in effect for all operations.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 4: General Shutdown of all operations; fire watch n/a.

Exceptions

- 1. This waiver policy and written order may be modified or revoked at any time.**
- 2. ODF District Fire Managers can change the fire watch requirements upward (not to exceed three hours) at any time on any operation that represents a higher fire risk or whenever fire conditions dictate.**
- 3. Nothing in this written order prevents landowners from placing a higher fire watch requirement on any operation on their own lands.**

Fire Watch Service Waiver Policy & Written Order (continued)

Per ORS 477.665 and OAR 629-043-0030(3), I hereby approve of the attached "Fire Watch Service Waiver Policy & Written Order" for the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District (Astoria, Tillamook & Forest Grove Districts), the North Cascade Forest Protection District and the West Oregon Forest Protection District for the **2009 Fire Season**.



Date: _____

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