

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING

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Oregon Department of Forestry, Private Forests Division

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Agency and Division

Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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RULE CAPTION

Amends existing and creates new Forest Resource Trust programs for private and local government landowners.

August 26, 2008	9:00 A.M.	Oregon Department of Forestry 2600 State St., Bldg. D, Santiam Room Salem, Oregon 97310	Lanny Quackenbush
Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer

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RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT:

629-022-0035	629-022-0050	629-022-0060	629-022-0070	629-022-0080	629-022-0800	629-022-0810
629-022-0820	629-022-0830	629-022-0840	629-022-0850			

AMEND:

629-022-0030	629-022-0040	629-022-0110	629-022-0120	629-022-0130	629-022-0140	629-022-0150
629-022-0160	629-022-0200	629-022-0210	629-022-0220	629-022-0230	629-022-0250	629-022-0300
629-022-0320	629-022-0380	629-022-0390	629-022-0400	629-022-0410		

REPEAL:

629-022-0100	629-022-0500	629-022-0600	629-022-0700
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Stat. Auth.: ORS 526.700 and ORS 293

Stats. Implemented: ORS 526.695 to ORS 526.775

RULE SUMMARY

In 2007, the Oregon State Legislature passed new and revised statutory provisions for the Forest Resource Trust. The legislation created a Cost-Share Program for non-industrial private forest landowners and generalized the existing Stand Establishment Program as a Loan Program, with the option of extending eligibility for the Loan Program to qualified private and local government landowners. The proposed rulemaking creates new rules for the Forest Resource Trust Cost-Share Program and amends existing rules to generalize the current Stand Establishment Program as a Loan Program that, in addition to funding stand establishment projects on underproducing lands, provides financial assistance for other projects that lead to the improved management of forestlands. The proposed rulemaking allows other qualified private and local government landowners to be eligible to participate in the Loan Program and sets as a high priority the funding of projects or practices that are consistent with conservation plans and strategies of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to meeting a statutory requirement to adopt rules, the proposed rulemaking adopts other rule changes as recommended by the Forest Resource Trust Advisory Committee, provisions that: (i) allow the State Forester to grant exceptions to the Forest Resource Trust administrative rules; (ii) allow Forest Resource Trust programs to fund environmental restoration practices; and (iii) incorporate other definitions, amendments and rule organization changes.

Questions specific to the proposed rules may be directed to **Lanny Quackenbush** at lquackenbush@odf.state.or.us, 503-945-7478. The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

September 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., PDT

Last Day for Public Comment (Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

July 11, 2008

Marvin D. Brown, State Forester

Date