

We must work together to protect Oregon's water quality and other natural resources!

Oregonians enjoy a wonderful quality of life because we care about the environment in which we live. Only by working together can we ensure that the waters of our state and other natural resources are protected.

By working closely with an *Oregon Department of Forestry stewardship forester*, you can help ensure that you've taken the necessary steps to protect these resources and avoid operational time delays or penalties. Their expertise will be valuable in guiding you to additional agencies that may need to be notified about your operation.

IMPORTANT STEPS:

1) Submit a "Notification of Operation" form indicating your proposed forestland conversion activity to the local Oregon Department of Forestry office. (A form is available at your local ODF office or at the ODF online address listed on the back of this brochure.)

2) A Written Plan (form supplied by ODF) fully describing your planned conversion will be required. Approvals may also be required from other agencies.

3) The Written Plan and any required paperwork and/or approvals from other agencies must be submitted to ODF prior to starting your forestland conversion operation.

Information required in the Written Plan and prior to a forestland conversion:

- A description of the intended change in land use and the incompatibility of the land use with forest tree cover on all or part of the operation area.
- Any requirements of the Forest Practices Act you feel need to be waived, exempted, or modified.
- Identification on a map of the specific portion of the operation area necessary for the proposed change in land use.
- Written approval from any agency with resource protection jurisdiction over the proposed non-forest use for which a waiver or modification of Forest Practice Act (FPA) requirements is proposed. These include:
 - a) Exemption from the reforestation rules must include written approvals from the applicable local jurisdiction (city and/or county planning department) and the County Assessor, stating that the proposed land use change is authorized under local land use and zoning ordinance and all necessary state, federal and local land use and construction permits and approvals have been obtained by the landowner, or will be obtained within twelve months.
 - b) Any modification, waiver, or exemption of the FPA's Water Protection Rules must include written approval from the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) local regional office. Both the proposed future use and the interim condition of the land during the

It is important to contact the appropriate agency/s before you begin an operation.

Examples of forestland activities that may be evidence of a conversion to non-forest uses would include such activities as road construction beyond what is covered under the Forest Practice Act's forest road construction standards; the removal of tree stumps; the installation of utility lines, septic tanks, well or other facilities; or a landing expansion beyond what would be considered reasonable for a timber harvest. These activities are likely to involve agencies in addition to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

- conversion must meet applicable water quality standards. DEQ will also communicate any water quality sensitive information (i.e. Source Water Assessments) and applicable water quality permit requirements that are needed for the future use.
- c) When a wetland is proposed to be converted by filling, excavating or altering, or when a forest activity is proposed in a navigable waterway, written approval from the Department of State Lands may be required.
- d) When a sensitive resource site (OAR 629-665-0000 (a)-(d)) is proposed for non-forest use, written approval is required from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- e) When land within a 1/4 mile of a state scenic waterway is proposed for conversion, written approval from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is required.
- f) When a conversion from forest to agricultural use is proposed, contacting the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is recommended. ODA oversees compliance with the Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan.

Agencies that oversee the conversion of forestland to non-forest uses:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

...has been designated the management agency by the Department of Environmental Quality to protect water quality on non-federal forestlands.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

...protects Oregon's surface waters and groundwater, except lands under the jurisdiction of ODF.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

...ensures that any comprehensive land use plans or zone changes comply with state planning goals.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

...protects and enhances scenic, aesthetic, natural, recreation, scientific, and fish and wildlife values along scenic waterways.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

...protects and enhances fish and wildlife resources, manages fishery and wildlife resources, and prevents the serious depletion of any indigenous species.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

...addresses water pollution associated with agricultural lands and activities by developing and implementing water quality management plans and administrative rules.

The Department of State Lands (DSL)

...administers Oregon's Removal-Fill Law that requires owners/operators to obtain a permit when removing, filling or altering more than 50 cubic yards of inorganic material within the bed or banks of waters of the state. Exceptions are in state scenic waterways and areas designated as essential salmon habitat.

City and County Governments

...must protect water quality during any forestland conversions within their city limits or urban growth boundaries if they have assumed the responsibility of regulating forest operations.

Additional Questions?

Contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry Office

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801 Gales Creek Road, Forest Grove 97116 (503) 357-2191
Route 1, Box 950, Astoria 97103 (3 miles southeast of Astoria on State Highway 202) (503) 325-5451
405 E Street, Columbia City 97108 (503) 397-2636
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14995 South Hwy 211, Molalla 97038 (503) 829-2216
22965 North Fork Road SE, Lyons 97358 (Santiam Unit Office) (503) 859-2151
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825 Oak Villa, Dallas 97338 (503) 623-8146
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Southern Oregon—Oregon Department of Forestry

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Salem Headquarters

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Forestry is your
first contact
before you begin
your operation.

Help protect
Oregon's
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