



2007/08 OREGON FORESTLAND TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND CREDITS

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LAW REFERENCE	PURPOSE	APPLIES TO	TYPE OF TAX/ASSESSMENT	ADMIN. BY
FORESTLAND				
ORS 321.347-390 ORS 321.805-855	Revenues paid as property taxes will provide local revenue	Applies to all lands previously classified as either highest and best use forestland or qualified for special designation as forestland. Owners wishing to qualify 2 acres or more of forestland must apply to the county assessor by April 1, 2008 to enter the program beginning July 1, 2008.	Land Tax: Land is taxed at a special rate that is based on the typical price paid for land managed for the production of harvestable timber. Detailed program information is available at: http://egov.oregon.gov/DOR/TIMBER/index.shtml	County Assessors
Small Tract Forestland Option ORS 321.700-722	Provide an optional property tax payment method for small tract owners.	Owners of 10 to 5,000 acres of forestland in Oregon are eligible. Other limitations apply for lands classified under the Small Tract Forestland option. Must apply to the county assessor by April 1, 2008 to enter this program beginning July 1, 2008.	Land Tax: Annual property tax based on 20% of forestland special assessment land values.	County Assessors
Small Tract Severance Tax ORS 321.726-754	Recover property taxes forgone	Severance Tax applies to timber harvested after January 2004 that is assessed under the Small Tract Forestland option. For more info see web link below: http://egov.oregon.gov/DOR/TIMBER/index.shtml	Severance Tax: Intended to recover projected unpaid property tax in year timber harvests occur. Rate is recalculated each year in June. Eastern Oregon rate - \$3.30 per MBF (2007 rate) Western Oregon rate - \$4.23 per MBF (2007 rate)	Department of Revenue
Farm Wood Lot ORS 308A.056(3)(h)	Provide local revenue.	Owners of land taxed as farmland may put up to 20 acres of contiguous timbered land into the farm special assessment programs.	<i>Land Tax:</i> Land is taxed at a special rate that is based on the ability of the land to support farm products.	County Assessors
Conservation Easement Option ORS 308A.450-465	Special assessment of qualified conservation easements	Land subject to a conservation easement that meets requirements for being considered used exclusively for conservation purposes under section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. Also requires a written certification that the land is managed in compliance with the easement, and the easement must be recorded with the county.	Land will be assessed as either previously specially assessed or under forestland if it meets requirements, or as farmland if not forestland. Application fee is \$250.00. Must apply to the county assessor by April 1, 2008 to enter this program beginning July 1, 2008.	County Assessors
Riparian Land Assessment Incentive ORS 308A.350-383	Protect, conserve, or restore healthy riparian habitat.	The stream and associated riparian land are outside UGB and are zoned as forest or agricultural lands (including rangeland), or eligible land that was as of July 1, 1997 outside the UGB. Includes land up to 100 feet landward from the line of non-aquatic vegetation. Limited to 200 miles per county per year.	Property tax exemption for eligible areas under a plan with ODFW. For more information go to: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/tax_overview.asp	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/ County Assessors
50% Forestation Credit ORS 315.104	Encourage forestation of underproductive forestland.	Forestation of all underproductive private forest lands. For more information on program details go to: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/PRIVATE_FORESTS/taxes.shtml#Tax_Credit	State income tax credit for 50% of eligible forest establishment costs. The Department charges a fee for processing tax credits, but the fee is an eligible project cost for the owner.	Department of Forestry

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Forest Products Harvest Tax		<i>Timber harvested from <u>all</u> public and private lands.</i>	<i>First 25 MBF harvested by taxpayer excluded.</i>	Department of Revenue
ORS 321.015	OSU Forest Research Lab	Rates for Calendar year 2008 Taxed per thousand board feet = MBF	\$.92 per MBF	
ORS 321.015	Forestland Protection Fund		\$.6250 per MBF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$.6250 when fund is \$22.5 million or less • Reduced 50% when fund is between \$22.5 million and \$30 million • Not assessed when fund exceeds \$30 million 	
ORS 321.015	Forest Prac. Act		\$1.1456 per MBF	
ORS 321.017	Oregon Forest Resources Institute		\$.89 per MBF	
			\$3.5806 per MBF = TOTAL	
<i>Rates apply for calendar year 2008</i>				
Forest Protection District	Wildland-urban Interface fire protection	Fire Patrol Assessment surcharge on lands protected by the Department of Forestry and which have been classified as forestland-urban interface. Applies in forest protection districts which have activated the surcharge, to help pay the special or additional costs of protection to such lands.	Not currently being assessed. Up to \$25 per lot. Amount set in accordance with an annual plan approved by a committee of local forest landowners.	County Assessors and Dept. of Forestry
ORS 477.060				
ORS 477.205 – 477.291	Fire Protection	Fire Patrol Assessment on lands protected by the Department of Forestry.	Per acre rate, determined by forest protection district budget divided by the number of acres protected. For private lands, 50% is paid by the General Fund.	
ORS 477.295	Minimum Lot Assessment	All Oregon Department of Forestry protected forest and grazing land where district assessment would be less than the minimum.	\$18 per lot. This amount can be reduced by as much as \$3 as shown under Emergency Fire Protection minimum lot assessment below if the Emergency Fire Fund reaches certain levels.	
Emergency Fire Protection Assessment	Emergency Fire Funding		Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund	County Assessors and Dept. of Forestry
ORS 477.880		Acreage Assessment on lands protected by the Department of Forestry:	Rates when fund is \$22.5 million or less: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Oregon lands - 6¢ per acre • Western Oregon forestland - 4¢ per acre • Western Oregon grazing land - 6¢ per acre Rates reduced by 50% when fund is between \$22.5 million and \$30 million. When fund exceeds \$30 million not assessed until fund falls below \$22.5 million.	
ORS 477.277		Fire Patrol Assessment on lands protected by the Department of Forestry and which contain improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$38 per lot when fund is \$22.5 million or less • Rates reduced by 50% when fund is between \$22.5 million and \$30 million • When fund exceeds \$30 million not assessed until fund falls below \$22.5 million 	
ORS 477.295		Minimum lot assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3 per lot when fund is \$22.5 million or less • \$1.50 per lot when fund is between \$22.5 million and \$30 million • When fund exceeds \$30 million not assessed until fund falls below \$22.5 million 	

Rates effective for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Per 2007 legislative action a 25 percent increase in annual rates will go into effect beginning July 2008.