

To: Mike Bordelon, Area Director

From: David L. Johnson, Forest Grove District Forester

CC: State Forest Program Director

Date: June 21, 2007

Re: Information Item – Approved Annual Operations Plan for 2008 and Information on Salvage Activities.

The 2008 State Forest Annual Operations Plan (AOP) for the Forest Grove District is attached for your information. During my review of this plan, I have found that it is consistent with the Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan, the current District Implementation Plan, and the 2008 Annual Operation Planning Standards and Guidance.

During its preparation, this plan was reviewed by technical specialists from within the department and biologist from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Their comments were received verbally and in writing (written comments are on file at the district office). The draft AOP also underwent a 45-day public comment period. All comments were carefully considered and incorporated where appropriate. The changes resulting from public comments are summarized in Appendix D of the AOP.

During the preparation of this AOP, a strong windstorm occurred that resulted in significant windthrow across the district. As a result, the district will be conducting salvage activities on approximately 290 acres and salvaging scattered trees along many miles roads during the 2008 fiscal year. These salvage activities have been prepared consistent with the Northwest Oregon Area Forest Management Plans, the District Implementation Plan, and the State Forest Bulletins regarding salvage (*Salvage Activities in Riparian Management Areas* and *Salvage and Threatened and Endangered Species*).

Consistent with the State Forest Bulletin, *Salvage Activities and Annual Harvest Objectives*, these salvage activities will be used to achieve a portion of the 2008 harvest objective. These salvage activities contribute an estimated 4.1 MMBF from 70 acres of Regeneration Harvest, 220 acres of Partial Cut Harvest to the 2008 harvest objective. The salvage activities include the following sales: McGregorator Salvage, Baseline Salvage, Top Ten Salvage, Scoggins Sunday Salvage, Windy River Salvage, Twin Circle Salvage, and Wilark 07 Salvage. State Forests' policies and procedures do not require Pre-Operations Reports or a public comment period for salvage activities. The attached Salvage Summary Table provides acres, volume, and value estimates for the salvage sales; additional details on these salvage sales are available at the district office.

Originally, the 2008 AOP harvest objective proposed an output of 62.0 MMBF of timber from approximately 735 acres Regeneration Harvests and 2,380 acres Partial Cut Harvests. However, in response to this significant wind event and resulting salvage activities, the final AOP has been adjusted to an output of 58.0 MMBF from

approximately 621 acres of Regeneration Harvests and 2,380 acres of Partial Cut Harvests. This adjustment was accomplished by changing the Moose and Squirrel sale from a primary operation to an alternate.

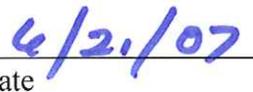
The total 2008 harvest, counting both the AOP operations and the salvage activities, is estimated to be 691 acres of Regeneration Harvest and 2,600 acres of Partial Cut Harvest, with a volume output of 62.1 MMBF. This total harvest level is within objectives set in the current implementation plan.

Approval of this plan does not constitute final approval of individual project details. Individual operations are subject to additional review processes at the district and program staff level before implementation. The operations in this plan may be modified during the final preparation and/or implementation. Modifications to these operations will conform to the process included in the draft Annual Operations Planning Policies and Procedures.

The official copy of this AOP will be on file at the district office. Additional copies are available at the State Forests Program office in Salem, and are also available on the ODF web site at: [http://oregon.gov/ODF/STATE\\_FORESTS/Annual\\_Operations\\_Plans.shtml](http://oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/Annual_Operations_Plans.shtml).

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Dave Johnson, Forest Grove District Forester

  
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