

To: Dan Thorpe, District Forester, Southwest Oregon District

From: Chris Rudd, Management Unit Forester

CC: Dan Shults, Southern Oregon Area Director,  
Nancy Hirsch, Acting State Forests Program Director

Date: June 12, 2007

Re: Approved Annual Operations Plan for 2008

The 2008 State Forests Annual Operations Plan for the Southwest Oregon District is attached for your information. During my review of this plan, I have found that it is consistent with the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan, the current District Implementation Plan, and the 2008 Annual Operations Planning Standards and Guidance memorandum. The main sale is West Windy Thin, a mix of 234 acres of thinning and 35 acres of clear-cut. This sale will yield 1.8 million board feet and approximately \$500,000 in revenue. The District has included two alternate sales, Northwest Windy (a 105 acre thinning), and North Woods Creek (a 138 acre thinning) that were subjected to the same process of review and public comment as the regular sales. These alternate sales may be used to replace regular sales that cannot be completed as planned, and to retain flexibility for the program to respond to additional direction or policy changes that may be proposed by the Board of Forestry or State Forester as continuing discussions occur regarding the NW and SW Forest Management Plans. Such policy changes may directly or indirectly influence harvest levels during the FY08 fiscal year.

This annual operations plan covers proposed forest management activities for fiscal year 2008. During its preparation, this plan was reviewed by technical specialists from within the department and biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and USFWS. Their comments were received verbally and in writing (written comments are on file at the district office). Their opinion is that these sales will not adversely impact owls. The draft annual operations plan also underwent a 45-day public comment period. All comments were carefully considered and incorporated where appropriate. There were no changes resulting from public comments.

Approval of this plan does not constitute final approval of individual project details. Individual timber sales are subject to additional review processes at the district and program staff level before approval for auction. The operations described 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 Directive.

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

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Dan Thorpe, District Forester, Southwest Oregon

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