

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN**

The Oregon Department of Forestry issued a Press Release on March 26, 2009, announcing a formal 45 day public comment period for the 2010 Annual Operations Plans from March 30 through May 30, 2009.

The purpose of the Public Comment Period was to provide an opportunity for the public to review the AOP, ask questions, make recommendations and offer comments. As a public agency, ODF operates in the best interest of Oregonians, conducting business in an open way with opportunities for scrutiny to foster and maintain public confidence that ODF operations are benefiting Oregonians.

Past experience has shown that public comments have the potential to improve plans, so the objective was not only to inform the public, but to receive feedback that would help to clarify the AOP, improve their consistency with the long range FMP, and to become aware of any new information that could affect a planned operation or improve its efficiency or effectiveness.

At the end of the public comment period, the Klamath-Lake District received 2 letters regarding the AOP. The district considered the comments in the letters. Factors that affected the districts consideration of the comments included:

- Does the comment enhance the consistency of the AOP with the FMP?
- Does the comment improve the clarity of the AOP?
- Does the comment provide new information that will affect the AOP or an operation?
- Does the comment improve the efficiency and effectiveness (or outcome) of the AOP?

The district then prepared a response that attempted to resolve each question or comment by providing additional information, discussing how the recommendation incorporated into the AOP, or explaining why the recommendation was not incorporated. Note: A complete summary of all public comments and the district responses related to the district FY10 AOP can be found on our web site:

[http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE\\_FORESTS/Annual\\_Operations\\_Plans.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/Annual_Operations_Plans.shtml)

### **Klamath-Lake FY10 AOP Changes Resulting from Public Comment Process**

There were no changes to the AOP as a result of the comments received.

Due to the recent budget situation, some of the intensive management projects may be revised. PCT, road-brushing and surveying of property lines may be put on an extended time line for completion. Some of these projects may get completed through stimulus funding, while others will continue to be tracked and completed in a future AOP.