

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN

The Oregon Department of Forestry provided a formal 45 day public comment period for the 2010 Annual Operations Plans from March 30 to May 13, 2009.

The purpose of the Public Comment Period was to provide an opportunity for the public to review the AOP's, 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's, improve their consistency with the long range FMPs and IPs, 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 Southwest Oregon District received one letter concerning the 2010 AOP. This letter and the ODF response is available on the ODF website.

The State Forest Advisory Committee (SFAC) reviewed the Southwest Oregon District FY10 AOP and had no specific comments.

Note: A complete list of all comments and the responses for other districts related to the FY09 AOP can be found on our web site:

http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/2010_AOP_Approved.shtml