

APPENDIX 'C'
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TILLAMOOK DISTRICT
2010 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN

Introduction

The Tillamook District 2010 Annual Operations Plan (AOP) was included in the formal public comment period held from March 30h through May 15th, 2009 by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The purpose of the public comment period was to provide a time for the districts to share their plans with the public and for the public to ask questions and offer comments. After the public comment process was completed, the AOPs were revised, then reviewed, and approved by the District Forester.

At the end of the public comment period, the districts and ODF's headquarters in Salem, had not received any comments specific to Tillamook District AOP. The district received several comments specific to the Tillamook District from the State Forest Advisory Committee. These comments were carefully reviewed and corrections or clarifications were added to the AOP document to address these concerns. Major changes or corrections are identified below.

Evaluation Process

All districts used the following process to evaluate and resolve the statements related to them:

1. Review each document to identify and evaluate individual statements;
2. Address each statement to 1) briefly show how the district intends to change the AOP based on the statement, or 2) why the statement does not warrant a change to the AOP.
3. Respond to the statement(s) in a letter to the commenter if a return address was provided. The response is either a very brief synopsis of how the district intends to change the AOP based on the statement, or an explanation of how the planned activity is consistent with the FMP, IP, and other policy or regulation;
4. The public comment documents and the district responses will be placed on the web site as Appendix C. Commenters who supplied return addresses were sent a personal response and were given the opportunity notify ODF if they did not want to have their public comment document posted on the web site.

Tillamook District Specific Changes

- The OHV and non-motorized trails were added to the B and C exhibits in the Pre-Operations reports for the planned timber sales.
- Clarification of several Recreation items: Diamond Mill OHV staging area is being changed to a fee area; the 2008 2nd Party Assessment referred to under Recreation Management, was an internal review contracted by ODF to help inform and guide future recreation management planning. This document is not an action plan but was an evaluation of the recreation program and facilities in 2008; and the trail clearing that had been included in project work on timber sales will be dropped for most trails during FY2010.
- Phipps Headwaters and Montague Ridge have reduced amounts of Desired Future Condition complex (Layered or Older Forest Structure) within the net sale acres than shown in the Public Comment Draft for these sales.