

APPENDIX 'C'
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TILLAMOOK DISTRICT
2006 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN

Introduction

The Tillamook District 2006 Annual Operations Plan (AOP) was included in the formal public comment period held from February 14th through March 31st, 2005 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 received a combined total of approximately 4 individual documents (letters, faxes and e-mails) specific to Tillamook District or shared with Astoria and Forest Grove Districts. These documents were carefully reviewed and 15 specific comments or questions were included in the public comment response.

Evaluation Process

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

1. Review each document to identify, summarize and evaluate individual statements;
2. Summarize each statement in a table;
3. Resolve 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.
4. Respond to the statement in the table. The response is a very brief synopsis of how the district intends to change the AOP based on the statement, or it provides an explanation of how the planned activity is consistent with the FMP, IP, and other policy or regulation;
5. After the initial evaluation and resolution to the public comments were completed, representatives from all state forest districts met to compare their evaluations and responses. The purpose of the comparison was to ensure consistency in the evaluation and resolution to statements between districts and to seek out statements that should be applied to all districts AOPs.
6. After the meetings, the district adjusted its resolutions to statements and revised the AOP as appropriate.

Note: A complete listing of all public comments related to the district FY06 AOP can be referenced at the web site:

http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state_forests/aop.asp

Tillamook District Specific Changes

The following changes were made to the Annual Operation Plan. These changes are not based on any Public Comments received by the District but rather changes based on further field reconnaissance and analysis by district personnel. The AOP narrative summary, the summary tables, and the Pre-Operations Reports have been updated to reflect these changes.

- ◆ SimPower timber sale was replaced with the alternate sale Rimrock Road.
- ◆ The above timber sale changes are reflected in the summary tables for acres, volumes and values.
- ◆ Stand Level Inventory work was replaced with district contract work to update stand type boundaries.
- ◆ Edwards Creek Swiss needle cast Pilot Project has been completed and was removed from the research and monitoring work.
- ◆ Vicinity map changes were made based on the above timber sale changes.
- ◆ Rackheap Falls volume was reduced by 1mmbf based on further field review.
- ◆ Overall volume increased by .5mmbf due to above sale changes.