

Memo

To: Mike Bordelon, Northwest Oregon Area, Area Director

From: Steve Laam, West Oregon District, District Forester

CC: Lisa Debruyckere, State Forests Program Director
Mitch Taylor, NW Planning Coordinator, Forest Grove

Date: June 23, 2006

Information Item – Approved Annual; Operations Plan for 2007

The 2007 State Forests Annual Operations Plan for the West Oregon District is attached for your review and approval. During my review of this plan, I have found that it is consistent with the Northwest Forest Management Plan, the 2003 West Oregon District Implementation Plan, and the 2007 Annual Operations Planning Standard and Guidance memorandum.

Consistent with the Program's 2007 AOP guidance, the District has included a number of alternate sales, which 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 FY07 fiscal year. The AOP guidance directs the districts to target a harvest volume level consistent with recent modeling efforts and associated district Model Solution Reviews (MSRs). The regular sales described in this AOP are designed to achieve that harvest volume.

This annual operations plan covers proposed forest management activities for fiscal year 2007.

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Their comments were received verbally and in writing (written comments are on file at the district office). The draft annual operations plan

also underwent a 45-day public comment period. All comments were carefully considered and incorporated where appropriate. There are no changes to the annual operations plan 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.

The plan 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)

APPROVED:



Steve Laam, West Oregon District, District Forester

6/23/06
Date