

2007 AOP Public Comments and Responses

Tillamook District

Proposed Management Prescription

COMMENT: Ripple Shack is not a partial cut, but a 1072 acre clearcut.

RESPONSE: Ripple shack is a planned partial cut. The target residual stand basal area is 120 square feet and a stand density of 31%.

Roads and Related Projects

COMMENT: Minich Ridge: Culvert placement in salmon anchor habitat must require water by-pass diversions.

RESPONSE: The Aquatic and Riparian Standards described in the Salmon Anchor Habitat Strategy, Appendix J of the Northwest Management Plan and in the ODF Forest Roads Manual will be applied during culvert installation. These standards will meet or exceed the Oregon Forest Practice Rules. Water diversions or by-pass techniques are used by contractors on culvert projects.

Slope Stability and Geotechnical Issues

COMMENT: Steam Donkey is highly likely to slide and become useless for growing trees anymore.

RESPONSE: No slope stability concerns have been identified during the sale planning process, however, High Landslide Hazard Locations identified during sale layout will be reviewed with the geotechnical specialist. Portions of the sale areas will be excluded from the timber sale area if the geotechnical specialist determines that there is a high risk of the occurrence of a landslide resulting from the harvesting operation.

COMMENT: Moot Again: This sale must be stopped in areas 4, 5, &6 to prevent take of Marbled Murrelets in the boundary area and adjacent MMMA.

RESPONSE: All planned operations in Tillamook District's FY2007 AOP are in compliance with existing T&E species policies and regulations. The department's policies for protecting marbled murrelets have been shared with US Fish and Wildlife Service.

COMMENT:

Moot Again: Why are you logging Spotted Owl habitat when they are going extinct from habitat loss?

RESPONSE: All planned operations in Tillamook District's FY2007 AOP are in compliance with existing T&E species policies and regulations. The department had developed a number of policies for the protection of threatened and endangered species. The department's policies for the protection of northern spotted owls are based on an agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

COMMENT: Common Meadows is in a MMMA.

RESPONSE: The planned Common Meadows timber sale is not located in a MMMA.

COMMENT: Moot Again: There must be 400 foot buffers along suitable habitat adjacent to all MMMA's.

RESPONSE: All planned operations in Tillamook District's FY2007 AOP are in compliance with existing T&E species policies and regulations. The department's policies for protecting marbled murrelets have been shared with US Fish and Wildlife Service.

COMMENT: Common Meadows: No suitable habitat adjacent to the MMMA must be logged without an Incidental Take Permit.

RESPONSE: All planned operations in Tillamook District's FY2007 AOP are in compliance with existing T&E species policies and regulations. The department's policies for protecting marbled murrelets have been shared with US Fish and Wildlife Service.

COMMENT: Electric Point: You have not provided any Biological Assessment or opinion.

RESPONSE: The Electric Point timber sale does not require a Biological Assessment.

COMMENT: Thin Fawcett: Don't log in MMMA's.

RESPONSE: The planned Thin Fawcett timber sale is not located in a MMMA.

