

# Memorandum

To: Ross Holloway, State Forest Program Director  
Mike Bordelon, Area Director  
Marvin Brown, State Forester  
Roy Woo, Deputy State Forester

From: David L. Johnson, Forest Grove District Forester

CC: Fred Stallard, Assistant District Forester  
Erik Marcy, Unit Forester  
Randy Peterson, Recreation Coordinator  
Dale Anders, Reforestation Unit Forester  
Greg Miller, Engineering Unit Forester

Date: 03/01/04

Re: Minor Modification of the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan

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The Forest Grove Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The approved plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the approved document that do not meet the definition of major modifications included in the approved IP document. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modifications to the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan are approved, effective February 26, 2004. The attached pages from the IP show the actual modifications in red.

- The regeneration harvest objective has been modified from a range of 338 – 506 acres per year to a range of 338 – 1,100 acres per year. This changes the combined range for regeneration harvest and partial cut objective from 2,703 – 4,503 acres to a range of 2,703 – 4,647 acres, which represents a 15% increase

(594 acres) over the existing upper limit of the range. (Chapter 4, Table 4-6, Table 4-26)

- The description for the East District Isolated Tract basin has been modified to reflect the increased regeneration harvest acreage associated with the Parks – Longview Fibre land exchange of up to 200 acres during the ten-year IP period, rather than the 0 acres previously anticipated. (Chapter 4, page 41, Proposed Management Activities)
- The description for the Gales Creek basin has been modified to reflect the increased regeneration harvest acreage associated with the Parks – Longview Fibre land exchange of up to 500 acres during the ten-year IP period, rather than the 300 acres previously anticipated. (Chapter 4, page 43, Proposed Management Activities)

Approved:

David L. Johnson

February 26, 2004

David L. Johnson, District Forester

Date

# Memorandum

To: Lisa Debruyckere, State Forest Program Director  
Mike Bordelon, Area Director  
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Bob Gustavson, Acting Forest Grove District Forester

CC: Mitch Taylor, Acting Assistant District Forester  
Erik Marcy, Unit Forester

Date: 2/16/2006

Re: Minor Modification #2 of the Forest District Implementation Plan

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The Forest Grove District Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The approved plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the approved document that do not meet the definition of major modifications included in the approved IP document. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modifications to the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan are all related to the Forest Grove district FY07 annual operations plan:

Change DFC complex to DFC general

- Change 59 acres from desired future condition older forest structure to general. These acres are located within the Sgt. Rock timber sale.
- Change 6 acres from desired future condition layered to general. These acres are located within the Doty's Derby timber sale.
- Change 15 acres from desired future condition older forest structure to general. These acres are located within the Johnny Hairpin timber sale.

- Change 23 acres from desired future condition older forest structure to general. These acres are located within the Roger's Break timber sale.
- Change 14 acres from desired future condition older forest structure to general. These acres are located within the Upper Elliot timber sale.

Change DFC general to DFC complex

- Change 131 acres of DFC general to DFC Layered. These acres are the gross acres of the Gregorian Cant timber sale.

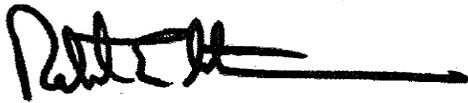
The reasons for these changes are twofold. First, the DFC landscape design GIS layer was created with a "broad brush" approach in mind and was digitized at a relatively large scale. Therefore, some of the minor modifications to the DFC landscape design reflect a refinement of DFC boundaries to coincide with operational features such as ridges, streams, roads, or stand type changes. Second, based on field reconnaissance, aerial photo interpretation, and resource specialist input, some stands were determined to be better suited to a desired future condition other than what was previously mapped.

These changes to the DFC landscape design will result in a net increase of 14 acres desired future condition complex. See Table 1 below.

Table 1.

Stand Structure	IP acres	Acres After Modification	Acreage Change	% Change
LYR	29,494	29,560	+ 66	+ .22
OFS	35,041	34,989	- 52	- .15
Total Complex	64,535	64,549	+ 14	+ .02

Approved:




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Bob Gustavson, Acting District Forester

2/1/06

Date

# Memorandum

To: Lisa Debruyckere, State Forest Program Director  
Mike Bordelon, Area Director  
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Bob Gustavson, Acting Forest Grove District Forester

CC: Mitch Taylor, Acting Assistant District Forester  
Erik Marcy, Unit Forester

Date: 2/22/2006

Re: Minor Modification #3 of the Forest District Implementation Plan

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The Forest Grove District Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The approved plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the approved document that do not meet the definition of major modifications included in the approved IP document. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modification to the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan is related to the Forest Grove district FY07 annual operations plan:

Change DFC general to DFC complex

- Change 131 acres of DFC general to DFC Layered. These acres are the gross acres of the Gregorian Cant timber sale.

The reason for this change is twofold. First, the DFC landscape design GIS layer was created with a "broad brush" approach in mind and was digitized at a relatively large scale. Therefore, some of the minor modifications to the DFC landscape design reflect a refinement of DFC boundaries to coincide with operational features such as ridges,

streams, roads, or stand type changes. Second, based on field reconnaissance, aerial photo interpretation, and resource specialist input, this stand was determined to be better suited to a desired future condition other than what was previously mapped.

Approved:



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Bob Gustavson, Acting District Forester

2/24/06

Date

# Memorandum

To: Nancy Hirsch, State Forest Program Director  
Mike Bordelon, Area Director  
Jim Paul, Assistant State Forester  
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Robert Gustavson, Acting Forest Grove District Forester

CC: Erik Marcy, Marketing Unit Forester  
Randy Peterson, Recreation Unit Forester  
Mitch Taylor, Reforestation Unit Forester  
Terry Orton, Engineering Unit Forester

Date: 10/13/07

Re: Minor Modification #4 of the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan

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The Forest Grove Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The approved plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the approved document that do not meet the definition of major modifications included in the approved IP document. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modifications to the Forest Grove District Implementation Plan are approved, effective January 1, 2008. This new partial cut acreage range will be implemented beginning with the FY10 AOP.

- The partial cut harvest objective has been modified from a range of 2,365 – 3,547 acres per year to a range of 1,600 – 3,547 acres per year. This changes the

combined range for regeneration harvest and partial cut objective from 2,703 – 4,053 acres to a range of 1,938 – 4,053 acres, which represents an 11.3% decrease (765 acres) below the original Implementation Plan acreage objectives. (Chapter 4, Table 4-6, Table 4-26).

**Rational**

Forest Grove district's harvest objectives as stated in the Harvest & Habitat Model Final Report were 54 MBF, 1,154 acres of regeneration harvest, and 1,225 acres of partial cut harvest. Since that time new model runs have increased Forest Grove's volume harvest to 62.5 MMBF. A common trend throughout all of these model runs is increased regeneration harvest acres and decreased partial cut acres in comparison to the original Implementation Plan acreage objectives. Forest Grove's first IP modification increased the regeneration harvest acreage objective but did not decrease the partial cut harvest acreage objective. A decade of partial cutting at levels much higher than the H & H model suggests has sharply reduced the candidate pool. AOP's FY00 through FY09 total 27,110 acres of partial cut, or an average of 2,711 acres per year.

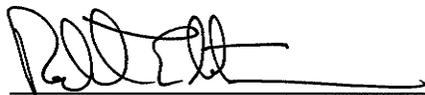
In addition to the H & H model's acreage trends there have been other changes on the district which further constrain the availability of partial cut candidates. Since approval of the Implementation Plan in March 2003 Forest Grove district has added two spotted owl circles, redesigned the spotted owl cluster, and completed all of the allowable management acres in the Salmon Anchor Habitat Areas (SAH's).

Of the approximately 8,800 acres of ODF ownership within Forest Grove's five owl circles only about 1,500 acres are available for partial cut based on the Strum Creek agreement. However, not all of these 1,500 acres are good partial cut candidates.

The redesign of the owl cluster increased the cluster acreage by 5,600 acres. Harvest opportunities within the owl cluster are extremely limited because stands are either too young to be merchantable or too old to be a priority for cluster management.

The maximum harvest allowed by decade, (AOP's FY02 through FY11), for each of Forest Grove's six Salmon Anchor Habitat Area's has been reached. Therefore, no harvest opportunities are available within the 31,000 SAH acres until FY12.

Approved:



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Robert Gustavson, Acting District Forester

10-18-07

Date