

# MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Hirsch, State Forest Program Director  
Dan Shults, Area Director  
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Dan Thorpe, District Forester

CC: Chris Rudd, Management Unit Forester  
Rob Nall, Operations Coordinator

Date: April 27, 2007

Re: Minor Modification to the Southwest Oregon District Implementation Plan  
(March 2003)

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The Southwest Oregon District Implementation Plan (IP) under the Southwest Oregon Forests Management Plan (FMP) was approved in March 2003. The 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. The modification herein is less than 25% of the harvest level acreage and therefore qualifies as a minor modification.

The district analysis of the Harvest and Habitat Model Project and conditions on the district indicated that an adjustment to the mixture of regeneration and partial cut harvests would be needed to most efficiently and effectively meet Forest Management Plan goals and objectives. The modified IP harvest level shown in the table below better reflects the results of the district analysis.

The following minor modifications to the Southwest Oregon Implementation Plan are approved, effective April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Modify table 8-7 to reflect the new harvest levels.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Original IP Harvest Level</u>	<u>Modified IP Harvest Level</u>
Partial Cut	180-270 acres	150-270 acres
Clearcut	0 acres	0-50 acres

The department is continuing its Implementation Plan Revision Process following the guidance provided by the State Forester. The district's participation in this process will contribute to better decisions about the Forest Management Plan and future harvest levels.

  
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Dan Thorpe, District Forester

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