

MEMORANDUM

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From: Steve Laam, District Forester

CC: Rob Nall, Operations Coordinator
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Date: August 2, 2007

Re: Minor Modification to the West Oregon District Implementation Plan

The West Oregon District Implementation Plan (IP) under the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (FMP) was approved in March 2003. The FMP provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modification to the approved document that do not meet the definition of a major modification included in the approved IP document. The modification herein is less than 25% of the total harvest level 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 FMP goals and objectives. The modified IP harvest level shown in the table below better reflects the results of the district analysis and the current stand conditions on the district.

The following minor modifications to the West Oregon District Implementation Plan are approved, effective June 25, 2007. Modify Table 6-5 to reflect the new harvest levels.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Original IP Harvest Level</u>	<u>Modified IP Harvest Level</u>
Partial Cut	700 – 1,100 acres	550 – 720 acres
Clearcut	70 – 110 acres	200 – 250 acres

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

Steve Laam, District Forester

Date