Do I need a written plan?

Determine if your operation is eligible for a written plan waiver by using this chart and following technical note guidance on next page.

### Operation Type
- Timber Harvesting
  - No cable entry into RMA
- Road Construction
- Road Reconstruction
- Pre-Commercial Thinning
- Site Preparation: Manual or Mechanical

### Operation Type
- Cable yarding through RMA
- Chemical Application (all types)
- Road Reconstruction within RMA
- Site Preparation: Burning
- Stream Crossing work (in-stream)
- Alternate Plan of Practice operations
- Other - contact stewardship forester

### RMA Relation
- Operation will occur completely outside RMA and NO “Direct Affect” will occur to RMA.
- Operation will occur inside RMA or have potential to “Directly Affect” RMA.

### Written Plan Rule and Definitions

**Written Plan Rule:** OAR 629-605-0170-- *please reference Forest Practice Rules*

**Physical Components:** Materials such as, but not limited to, vegetation, snags, rocks and soil.

**Directly Affect:** Means that physical components will be moved, disturbed, or otherwise altered by the operation.

**Riparian Management Area (RMA):** Area along each side of specified waters of the state within which vegetation retention and special management practices are required for the protection of water quality, hydrologic functions and fish and wildlife habitat.

**WARNING:** Commencing an operation prior to the 15 day waiting period is a Forest Practices violation per OAR 629-605-0150. Always contact a stewardship forester.
Technical Note Number 10: Waivers of Statutory Written Plans
Oregon Department of Forestry, September 1, 2013

Introduction
Operators (landowners, loggers, or others doing forestry work) are required to file written plans with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) before starting work within 100 feet of fish use streams (Type F), domestic use streams (Type D), or significant wetlands that are not estuaries. These kinds of written plans are called “statutory written plans.” In some situations, ODF will waive the statutory written plan requirement, as shown below.

Riparian Management Areas (RMAs)
First, to find out if a statutory written plan will be required or waived, you need to know the type of stream or wetland you will be working near and the RMA distance that goes with it. You can find out the stream or wetland type by contacting your local stewardship forester and by looking at the copy of the notification of operations report that ODF sends to you. Then, you can find the RMA distances in Table 1.

Statutory Written Plan Requirements are Waived (not required) For:
• Timber harvesting outside the RMA (if there will be no cables in or over the RMA and no yarding across or over the RMA)
• Road construction or reconstruction outside the RMA
• Pre-commercial thinning outside the RMA
• Manual or mechanical site preparation outside the RMA

Statutory Written Plan Requirements are NOT Waived For:
• Any work inside an RMA
• Any cables strung through or over an RMA, or any yarding across or over an RMA
• Chemical applications within 100 feet of the Type F or Type D stream, or significant wetland, even if the activity will be outside the RMA.
• Slash burning within 100 feet of the Type F or Type D stream, or significant wetland, even if the activity will be outside the RMA.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ!
• A waiver of the statutory written plan requirement does NOT mean there is a waiver of the 15-day waiting period for the notification of operations.
• Contact your local stewardship forester with any questions about written plans, notification waiting periods, or other items.

References
OAR 629-605-0150 (Notification to the State Forester)
OAR 629-605-0170 (Written Plans)
OAR 629-635-0310 (Riparian Management Area Widths for Streams)
OAR 629-645-0000 (Riparian Management Areas and Protection Measures for Significant Wetlands)

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* If the operation is outside the 100 foot RMA a statutory written plan is not required; therefore there is no waiver to be issued.
** The stewardship forester must perform a site evaluation to determine the RMA when operation is within 300 ft. of a significant wetland (OAR 629-645-0000(3)).