



Western Oregon State Forests HCP

Summary of Key Changes Between January 2023 and February 2024 Draft Final HCP

Between January 2023 and February 2024 Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) staff, with the support of ICF, continued to revise the public draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) into the draft final HCP in response to public comments. During this time, ODF reviewed the HCP for clarity and responded to public comments received during the comment period. There are changes throughout the document in response to those comments, including requests for clarifications when information was not clear. The notable changes to the HCP between January 2023 and February 2024 are as follows:

Chapter 1 – Introduction

- No change

Chapter 2 – Environmental Setting

- No change

Chapter 3 – Covered Activities

- Removed Table 3-1, 2010 – 2020 Harvest and Revenue Summary for Lands in the Permit Area; this table presents historic data and is not relevant to the HCP going forward.

Chapter 4 – Conservation Strategy

- Table 4-6, *Slope Buffers for Protection of Wood Delivery to Fish-Bearing Streams*; clarified slope buffers and tree retention requirements.
- Table 4-12, *Timber Stand Management Standards Outside of HCAs* and Objective 4.2, *Downed Wood*; Clarified downed wood retention would focus on logs in advanced decay, which allows for salvage opportunities. Added language describing potential mitigation strategies when downed wood targets are not feasible due to stand age or species.
- Section 4.7.8, *Stand Level Management Standards*; updated to reflect the intent of retaining forest legacy structures for northern spotted owl habitat benefits.
- Section 4.7.1.2, *Structure of Riparian Conservation Areas* and Figure 4-12, *Riparian Conservation Areas in Process Protection Zones*; clarified that seasonal draws are not part of the RCA transition zone, leave trees in these areas can count toward the leave tree requirement.
- Section 4.7.11.1, *Road and Trail Design*, clarified no new quarries will be located in RCAs.

Chapter 5 – Effects Analysis

- No change

Chapter 6 – Monitoring and Adaptive Management

- Minor edits for clarity and consistency



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Chapter 7 – Assurances

- No change

Chapter 8 – Implementation

- No change

Chapter 9 – Cost and Funding

- No change

Chapter 10 – Alternatives to Take

- No change

Appendices

- Appendix A – Glossary
 - No change
- Appendix B – Stakeholder Engagement
 - Updated to include meetings that occurred between January 2023 and February 2024
- Appendix C – Species Accounts
 - Updated listing status
- Appendix D – Species Considered for Coverage
 - No change
- Appendix E – Effects Analysis Details
 - Updated frequency table for operational feasibility
- Appendix F – HCA Maps
 - No change
- Appendix G – HUC 10 Stand Age Analysis
 - No change
- Appendix H – ODF Roads Manual
 - No change
- Appendix I – Unstable Slopes Evaluation
 - Update language for consistency with HCP chapter(s)
- Appendix J - HCP Management Decisions Tree
 - No change
- Appendix K – Fish Passage Design Criteria
 - No change
- Appendix L – Forest Matrix
 - No changes
- Appendix M – Seasonal Other BMPs
 - No change
- Appendix N – TerrainWorks Papers
 - No change



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- Appendix O – List of Prepares
 - No change