

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
CHAPTER 660, DIVISION 6 — LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DIVISION 6

GOAL 4 FOREST LANDS

Purpose

660-06-000 (1) The purpose of the Forest Lands Goal is "to conserve forest land for forest uses". Both "forest land" and "forest uses" are defined in the Goal. These definitions refer to a wide variety of forest uses, only one of which is commercial forest use. The Goal requires that all of these uses be considered in complying with the Goal. Identification of a primary forest use for forest land is not required.

(2) To accomplish the purpose of conserving forest lands for forest uses, the Goal requires:

(a) An inventory of lands suitable for forest uses and a determination and mapping of the productivity of these lands for commercial use;

(b) Designation of inventoried lands on the comprehensive plan map as forest lands; and

(c) Retention of forest uses on designated forest lands.

(3) This rule provides for a balance between the application of Goal 3 "Agricultural Lands" and Goal 4 "Forest Lands", because of the extent of lands that may be designated as either agricultural or forest land.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 197

Hist.: LCDC 8-1982, f. & ef. 9-1-82

Definitions

660-06-005 For the purpose of this rule, the definitions in ORS 197.015 and the Statewide Planning Goals shall apply.

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Inventories

660-06-010 The Forest Lands Goal requires an inventory of "lands suitable for forest uses". The inventory shall include land forested in commercial and noncommercial species and nonforested land suitable for forest uses, unless the nonforested land is inventoried as Goal 3 agricultural land or is planned for nonresource uses and an exception to Goal 4 is justified and taken. Outside urban growth boundaries, this inventory shall include a mapping of forest lands by cubic foot site class of the dominant commercial species in accordance with the U.S. Forest Service Manual "Field Instruction for Integrated Forest Survey and Timber Management Inventories — Oregon, Washington and California, 1974." Cubic foot site class, other productivity mapping or its equivalent is required for areas inside of urban growth boundaries, but not within city limits.

[Publications. The publication(s) referred to or incorporated by reference in this rule are available from the office of the Land Conservation and Development Commission]

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Plan Designation Outside an Urban Growth Boundary

660-06-015 (1) Inventoried lands suitable for forest uses must be designated to retain forest uses, unless an exception is taken. The most common plan designation is "Forest" or "Forest Land". In areas of intermingled agricultural and forest lands, an "Agricultural/Forest Lands" designation may also be appropriate. If some other designation is used for forest or agricultural/forest land, it must nonetheless carry equivalent protection for forest uses. The plan shall define the designation in order to explain its purpose and where it is applied. When inventoried county lands suitable for forest uses are not designated so as to protect forest uses, an exception to Goal 4 is required, pursuant to Goal 2 "Land Use Planning", Part II, Exceptions, and OAR 660-04-000.

(2) In determining whether "lands suitable for forest uses" will be designated as forest lands, all forest uses identified in the Goal must be considered.

(3) When inventoried lands satisfy the definition requirements of both agricultural land and forest land, an exception is not required to show why one resource designation is chosen over another. The plan need only document the factors that were used to select an agricultural, forest, agricultural/forest, or other appropriate designation.

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Plan Designation Within an Urban Growth Boundary

660-06-020 Within urban growth boundaries the requirement of Goal 4 to retain forest land for forest uses is generally met through compliance with Goal 5 "Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources", Goal 6 "Air, Water and Land Resources Quality", Goal 7 "Areas Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards", Goal 15 "Willamette River Greenway", Goal 17 "Coastal Shorelands", and Goal 18 "Beaches and Dunes", where applicable. Retention of commercial forest uses is not required within urban growth boundaries.

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Forest Regulation

660-06-030 The Forest Practices Act (ORS 527.620 to 527.990) as implemented through State Board of Forestry rules (OAR 629-24-101 to 629-24-648) regulates forest operations on forest lands. The relationship between the Act and land use planning is addressed in ORS 527.722 to 527.726.

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