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To conserve forest lands by maintaining the forest land base and to protect the state's forest economy by making possible economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species as the leading use on forest land consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, and fish and wildlife resources and to provide for recreational opportunities and agriculture.

Forest lands are those lands acknowledged as forest lands as of the date of adoption of this goal amendment. Where a plan is not acknowledged or a plan amendment involving forest lands is proposed, forest land shall include lands which are suitable for commercial forest uses including adjacent or nearby lands which are necessary to permit forest operations or practices and other forested lands that maintain soil, air, water and fish and wildlife resources.

USES

Forest operations, practices and auxiliary uses shall be allowed on forest lands subject only to such regulation of uses as are found in ORS 527.722.

Uses which may be allowed subject to standards set forth in this goal and administrative rule are: (1) uses related to and in support of forest operations; (2) uses to conserve soil, water and air quality, and to provide for fish and wildlife resources, agriculture and recreational opportunities appropriate in a forest environment; (3) locationally dependent uses; (4) forest management dwellings that are necessary for, and accessory to, forest operations; and (5) other dwellings under prescribed conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

Comprehensive plans and zoning provide certainty to assure that forest lands will be available now and in the future for the growing and harvesting of trees. Local governments shall inventory, designate and zone forest lands. Local governments shall adopt zones which contain provisions to address the uses allowed by the goal and administrative rule and apply the zones to designated forest lands.



Zoning applied to forest land shall contain provisions which limit, to the extent permitted by ORS 527.722, uses which can have significant adverse effects on forest land, operations or practices. Such zones shall contain standards for land divisions and for the review and siting of land uses consistent with the goal and administrative rule. These standards shall be designed to make land divisions and allowed uses compatible with forest operations and agriculture and to conserve values found on forest lands.

Local governments may inventory, designate and zone forest lands as marginal land, and may adopt a zone which contains provisions for those uses and land divisions consistent with ORS 197.247.