

Civil Rights Compliance

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) as part of Oregon state government actively promotes acknowledgement of the civil rights of the participants in the grant programs it manages. This means that we will provide equal access to grant funds and any information explaining the grant programs, including issues of language barriers, lack of access to public meetings, lack of access to individual assistance, and other impediments caused by cultural or physical differences.

If you encounter a situation where you don't feel that your civil rights are being upheld, please contact either a District Forester in a local ODF office or Norm Miller, the Director of the Partnership Development Program at (503) 945-7419. We will work to correct any issues that may occur.

Because most of the grant funding we pass onto forestland owners and local government agencies comes results from a partnership with the federal government, federal agencies require that we provide the following information to you if your civil rights issues are not being resolved at the state level.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance programs. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 202-9410, or for Forest Service issues please call, toll free, (866) 632-9992 (Voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal Relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (relay voice users). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.