



Establishing Pest-Free Production Sites Within The *Phytophthora ramorum* Quarantine Area in Curry County

A Guide for Landowners Harvesting Tanoak

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Since 2001, an interagency task force and affected landowners have worked to slow the spread of sudden oak death (SOD, caused by *Phytophthora ramorum*). In order to minimize the risk of new infections and prevent human assisted spread, state and federal quarantines are in place in Curry County (ORS 603-052-1230 and 7 CFR 301.92). The state quarantine prohibits the harvest of host material (tanoak) from known infested areas within the quarantine area. If your harvest unit falls within the quarantine area, you may request a Pest-free Production Site (PFPS) be established so that you may safely harvest tanoak. This is a collaborative process between you, the landowner, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

Requirements to establish a Pest-Free Production Site

- 1) The proposed PFPS cannot be located inside the Generally Infested Area (GIA) and must be located more than a 1/4-mile from the nearest known infection center.
- 2) You must **petition** ODA for a **Special Permit** from OAR 603-052-1230, Oregon's *P. ramorum* quarantine.
- 3) The petition must include the name and contact information for the person, business, or entity seeking to establish the PFPS.
- 4) The petitioner must include a legal description of the area of the proposed PFPS. The description must include township/range/section, property tax lot information, or GPS coordinates.
- 5) The petition must include a statement that the area has been **officially surveyed** by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and found free of *P. ramorum*. Official survey results must accompany this statement.

Official Survey Information

Currently, ODA requires the results from **two** official surveys: Ground and either stream monitoring or aerial surveys. All surveys must be conducted within 3 months of the petition to ODA.

- **Ground Survey**– ODF will conduct a ground survey of the proposed PFPS within a agreed upon timeframe with the petitioner. Surveys must be conducted before any pre-harvest operations with

tanoak. For ground surveys, transects are run throughout the proposed PFPS and samples of susceptible vegetation with symptoms of *P. ramorum* are collected. Samples are submitted to Oregon State University (OSU) for official testing.

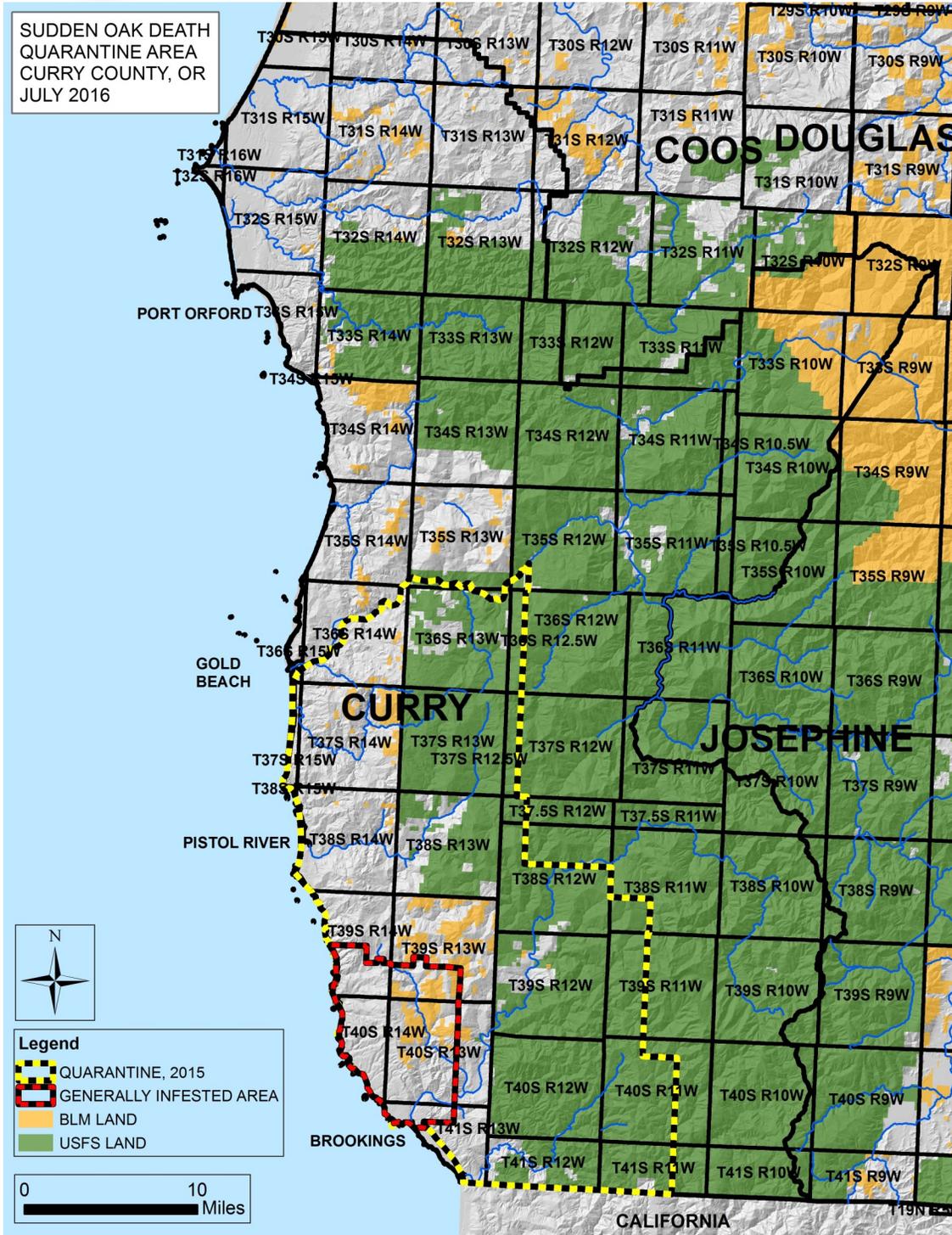
- **Stream monitoring**– ODF, USDA Forest Service (USFS), and OSU identify and bait high risk streams near and within the SOD quarantine area. Baits are deployed and collected biweekly over an 8-10 month period during the year. If a stream bait is located in the same drainage as the proposed PFPS, stream monitoring results may be used.
- **Aerial Survey**– A fixed-wing plane and helicopter are used to conduct these surveys four times per year; the main surveys occur in July and October. Current year mortality is mapped and then ground checked for *P. ramorum*. Survey results can be used to demonstrate the proposed PFPS's distance from known infection centers.

Time frame for a Pest-Free Production Site

ODF requests petitioners allow for 3-4 weeks to obtain an official survey and results. ODA will process the petitions as soon as possible, but should be contacted if you do not receive a response within two weeks. The Special Permit will be good for up to 6-months from the date of issuance. ODA reserves the right to designate a PFPS for a shorter period of time dependent on proximity to known infection centers, presence of susceptible plants, and prevailing weather patterns.



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Useful Links
OAR 603-052-1230
http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_600/oar_603/603_052.html

SOD in Oregon
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>

Figure 1. Location of the sudden oak death Quarantine Area and the Generally Infested Area in Curry County, Oregon. Please contact ODF for an up-to-date map of current *P. ramorum* infestations.