

Plan for an Alternate Practice



The **Oregon Forest Practices Act** gives landowners and operators the option to propose alternate practices or protections. However, they must show that their proposal will meet the rule's purpose in protecting the resource.

Submitting a Plan for an Alternate Practice (PFAP). A landowner or operator may submit a PFAP to the ODF forester. The PFAP must identify the relevant rule and what alternate practice will be used to protect the resource. When submitting a PFAP, contact ODF early as it may take more time for the review and approval process.

Review. Once a PFAP is received it will be reviewed by the ODF forester, ODF technical specialists, and other agencies if needed. Depending on the rule or practice, the review process may take additional time to refine details if needed and go through the approval process.

Starting work. Before starting work, you must receive written ODF approval of the PFAP. Without an approved PFAP, the operator must comply with the standards as described in the FPA and rules.

Some PFAP Examples:

- Alternate management to address forest health concerns or safety hazards.
- Using specific practices that enhance soil or water quality, or fish and wildlife habitat.
- Exceeding the 120-acre clearcut size limit after catastrophic events such as wildfire or severe storms.
- Modifying reforestation requirements, including reduced stocking due to low site productivity; planting non-native species; increasing hardwood stocking.
- Adjustment of tree retention requirements along streams, wetlands or lakes.
- Converting forestlands to non-forest uses.
- Modify the requirements for significant wetlands.



If a PFAP is approved, all provisions of the plan must be met.

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