

## **Department of Forestry**

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## Oregon Department of Forestry—Report on Agency Rulemaking for Chapter 629 from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 183.403 requires state agencies to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on their rulemaking actions and prescribes additional information that must be provided for rulemaking that occurred under the procedures in ORS 183.335 (2), (3), or (5). This report is commonly referred to as the House Bill 4106 (2016) report.

In the preceding 12 months, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) completed 48 permanent and 0 temporary rulemaking actions impacting a total of 48 Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). The table below provides additional details on the rulemaking actions. The rulemaking actions completed under ORS 183.335 during this timeframe included 7 adoptions, 34 amendments, 1 repeal with no temporarily rulemaking actions occurring under ORS 183.335 during this timeframe.

Permanent Rulemaking Actions			
Description of rulemaking action	Action taken	Rule numbers	
During the 2022 Legislative Session, Senate Bills 1501 and 1502 were passed making substantial changes to the Forest Practices Act and requiring the recommendations of the Private Forest Accord Report be incorporated into the forest practice rules. The legislation directed the State Board of Forestry to adopt these rules in a consolidated rulemaking process not subject to ORS 183.335, as a single rule package. The legislation further allowed the board to adopt minor changes to this rule package on or before July 1, 2023.  The board adopted minor changes to the single rule package on June 7, 2023; however the single rule package contained rules including an effective date of January 1, 2024, and the amend actions could not occur in the Oregon Administrative Rules Database until their effective date. Due to technical issues with the original filing (DOF 1-2024) this filing was necessary to add the attachments to the rules, however this filing did not make changes to the rule text.  Agency approved: 06/07/2023  Effective: 02/21/2024  Order No.: DOF 16-2024 (view order)	Amend	629-643-0100 629-643-0120 629-643-0125 629-643-0140 629-643-0300	
General Forest Recreation Rules and Public Conduct rules were amended to include restricting the use of fireworks and other devices that have the potential to ignite wildfires.	Amend	629-025-0040 629-025-0050 629-043-0020	
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Agency approved: 09/04/2024 Effective: 01/01/2025		629-047-0040 629-047-0100
Order No.: DOF 17-2024 (view order)		
Certified Burn Manager Rules were amended to provide additional clarity and updates to definitions, references, experience requirements and the appeal process.  Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program Rules were adopted to specify the Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program purpose, definitions, guidelines and reporting requirements.	Amend	629-042-1005 629-042-1020 629-042-1025 629-042-1030 629-042-1050 629-042-1065
Agency approved: 09/04/2024 Effective: 10/01/2024 Order No.: DOF 18-2024 (view order)	Adopt	629-042-2000 629-042-2010 629-042-2020 629-042-2030 629-042-2040 629-042-2050 629-042-2060
Wildfire Hazard Map and Procedural Rules were amended to provide references to necessary time frames and updated effective dates, removal of language, additions to language, inclusion of written orders related to the wildfire hazard map and updated references and definitions.  The original wildfire risk map was launched in July of 2022, meeting the statutory deadline. In August, it was taken down to undergo revisions. Senate Bill 80 in the 2023 Legislative session modified the framework of the wildfire risk map resulting in the listed rule amendments.  Agency approved: 09/04/2024 Effective: 10/01/2024 Order No.: DOF 19-2024 (view order)	Amend	629-001-0000 629-001-0005 629-001-0010 629-001-0015 629-001-0020 629-001-0055 629-001-0057 629-044-1000 629-044-1011 629-044-1011 629-044-1021 629-044-1021 629-044-1031 629-044-1036 629-044-1036 629-044-1041
Definitions Rules related to emergency fire and emergency fire costs were amended to redefine Emergency Fire and Emergency Fire Costs and add Statistical and Threat fire definitions	Amend	629-165-0000 629-165-0010 629-165-0305
The Emergency Fires Rule was repealed to eliminate this rule's complex examples of emergency fires that increased complexity in favor of the definitions in the listed amendments.  Agency approved: 11/06/2024 Effective: 1/1/2025 Order No.: DOF 20-2024 (view order)	Repeal	629-165-0005

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