



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Forestry
State Forester's Office
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310
503-945-7200
www.oregon.gov/ODF

Oregon Department of Forestry—Report on Agency Rulemaking for Chapter 629 from February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026

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 5 permanent and 0 temporary rulemaking actions impacting a total of 28 Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). The table below provides additional details on the rulemaking actions. The rulemaking actions completed during this timeframe included 9 amendments, and 19 repeals with no adoptions, or temporarily rulemaking actions occurring under ORS 183.335 during this timeframe.

Permanent Rulemaking Actions		
Description of rulemaking action	Action taken	Rule number(s)
<p>Amendments were made to the Forest Protection District boundaries. The amendments to OAR 629-041-0515 removed acreage in Morrow County from the Central Oregon District boundary and transferred them to Northeast Forest Protection District. The amendments to OAR 629-041-0550 added acreage in Morrow County, that was previously allocated to Central Oregon Forest Protection District, to the Northeast Forest Protection District.</p> <p>Agency approved: 06/04/2025 Effective: 07/01/2026 Order No.: DOF 1-2025 (view order)</p>	Amend	629-041-0515 629-041-0550
<p>During the 2022 Legislative Session, Senate Bills 1501 and 1502 and House Bill 4055 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. Section 6 of SB 1501 (2022) directed the Board of Forestry to initiate rulemaking concerning the post-disturbance harvest of trees.</p> <p>The Board amended two rules through post-disturbance harvest rulemaking, making only minor technical changes to OAR 629-643-0000 and more substantial changes to OAR 629-643-0300. 629-643-0300 is the alternative vegetation retention prescription that can be applied in lieu of the standard practice or small forestland owner minimum option when applicable conditions are</p>	Amend	629-643-0000 629-643-0300

<p>met. The changes replace the prior rule provisions with new provisions that establish the conditions of when and how the alternative prescriptions can be applied after catastrophic events.</p> <p>Agency approved: 09/03/2025 Effective: 03/01/2026 Order No.: DOF 2-2025 (view order)</p>		
<p>This rulemaking repealed the rules in OAR 629-044 and amended related reference rules in OAR 629-001 and 629-041. The rules repeal was completed in response to the 2025 legislation SB83 that implemented ORS 477.027, 477.490, 477.027 as related to the implementation of a wildfire hazard map and associated hazard ratings.</p> <p>Agency approved: 01/07/2026 Effective: 01/12/2026 Order No.: DOF 1-2026 (view order)</p>	Amend	629-001-0015 629-001-0020 629-001-0045 629-041-0100
	Repeal	629-044-1000 629-044-1005 629-044-1011 629-044-1016 629-044-1021 629-044-1026 629-044-1031 629-044-1036 629-044-1041
<p>This rulemaking repealed the rules in OAR 629-165, that guided the Oregon Forestland Protection Fund, in accordance with 2025 legislation HB 3940. The legislation changed the direction given to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee and the purpose of the OFLPF. All rules in OAR 629-165 were repealed. Rulemaking to replace the rules is set to begin in 2026.</p> <p>Agency/EFCC approved: 01/06/2026 Effective: 01/20/2026 Order No.: DOF 2-2026 (view order)</p>	Repeal	629-165-0000 629-165-0010 629-165-0100 629-165-0200 629-165-0210 629-165-0300 629-165-0305 629-165-0310 629-165-0315 629-165-0320
<p>This rulemaking amended OAR 629-635-0200 to modify the deadline for the publication of maps related to perennial flow of streams. Amendments were limited to OAR 629-0200 (18), which sets the process and timeline for ODF to update and publish maps related to the perennial flow of streams. Two changes were made, a minor technical fix and a change in the deadline.</p> <p>Agency approved: 01/07/2026 Effective: 03/01/2026 Order No.: DOF 3-2026 (view order)</p>	Amend	629-635-0200

For more information contact an ODF Rules Coordinator at odfrulescoordinator@odf.oregon.gov or Derrick Wheeler, the ODF Legislative Coordinator at Derrick.Wheeler@odf.oregon.gov.