

Survey of stakeholders regarding Eastern Oregon/Siskiyou riparian rule review

Introduction

This attachment provides the introductory message for the survey, followed by the survey questions. Attachment 1 provides additional details about how we conducted the survey, along with preliminary results from it.

Survey

Introductory message

Greetings.

The Oregon Department of Forestry is conducting a poll to gain a better understanding of how current Forest Practices Act streamside protections for non-federal forestlands relate to goals for water quality, fish and wildlife, and forest health. To help inform Oregon's Board of Forestry on your unique perspective, we are asking you to join the conversation and participate in this poll. Your valuable input about these topics in the eastern Oregon or Siskiyou areas will help the Board better understand the issues and how best to prioritize them.

Recently, the Board asked the agency to start discussions about priorities for monitoring, in the form of science reviews or field data collection projects, relating to streamside protections in the Siskiyou and eastern Oregon areas. The Board will consider your input when assessing what work should be done to assess whether the streamside protection rules are working to achieve goals for fish and wildlife, water quality and forest health.

The agency routinely monitors outcomes for natural resources around forestry operations to determine whether the protection rules work. This monitoring is mandated by state law, rules and departmental policy. Science-based monitoring helps the Board know if rules are meeting goals and if changes are appropriate. For instance, after monitoring temperatures in some fish-bearing streams west of the Cascades, the Board chose to increase streamside buffers. On the other hand, after reviewing the most recent science around bald eagle recovery, those rules are being changed to decrease restrictions accordingly.

To help inform the Board about streamside monitoring needs in the eastern Oregon and Siskiyou areas, please join the conversation by taking this poll. There are seventeen (17) questions, and most should take less than a minute to answer. If we need more information, we may ask you to join one-on-one or group discussions. This survey is not a popular vote. Results will be used to convey to the Board the range of opinions regarding what streamside protections are important to review and why.

We greatly appreciate you taking time to help inform Oregon's forestry management discussion. Thank you in advance and we look forward to receiving your thoughts. For more information

about monitoring, water protection, or the Forest Practices Act generally please see our website at: www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/FPA.aspx

If you wish to provide a separate, written submission please send an email or letter to:

Daniel Olson, Monitoring Specialist, Daniel.D.Olson@Oregon.gov, Private Forests Division, Oregon Department of Forestry, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon, 97310. Subject: Siskiyou-Eastern Oregon Streamside Protection Review

In order to prepare materials in time for the July 2017 Board meeting, all survey and written responses must be submitted by close of business (5:00 pm) on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Sincerely,
Marganne Allen
Forest Health and Monitoring Manager, Private Forests Division, Oregon Department of Forestry

Survey questions

1. Please let us know who you are and how to reach you. Only survey responses with valid contact information will be used.

2. Select the area(s) where you or members of your group live (see map below):

- Siskiyou
- Eastern Cascades
- Blue Mountains
- Eastern Oregon Other
- Other

3. Select all region(s) to which your responses apply (see map):

- Siskiyou
- Blue Mountains
- Eastern Cascades

4. Which streamside protection issues do you believe ODF should review (check all that apply)?

- Water Quality
- Healthy streamside forests
- Wildlife habitat
- Fish habitat
- Other (please specify)

5. Mark why ODF should review the streamside protection issues in Question 4 (check all that apply):

- Water Quality - Stream temperature
- Water Quality - Sediment
- Water Quality - Other
- Healthy Forests - Shade
- Healthy Forests - Conifer retention
- Healthy Forests - Active management
- Healthy Forests - Other
- Fish Habitat - Large wood recruitment
- Fish Habitat - Shade
- Fish Habitat - Other
- Wildlife Habitat - Snags
- Wildlife Habitat - Maintain various tree species and sizes
- Wildlife Habitat - Other
- Other (please specify)

6. Please provide further comment(s) on which streamside protection issues you believe ODF should review here.

7. Rank the streamside protection issues from Question 4, most important (1) to least important (5).

- Water Quality
- Healthy streamside forests
- Wildlife habitat
- Fish habitat
- [Insert text from Other]

8. Please provide further comment(s) on ranking the importance of streamside protection issues here:

9. Rank which types of streams you feel are most important for ODF to review for streamside protections, most important (1) to least important (3):

- Streams with fish
- Streams without fish
- Streams with no fish but are domestic water sources

10. Provide further comment(s) on ranking the types of streams it is most important for ODF to review here:

11. Rank which stream sizes you feel are most important for ODF to review, from most important (1) to least important (3):

- Large (Rivers and streams you often can't wade or that have an average annual flow greater than 10 cubic feet per second)
- Medium (Streams you can usually wade or that have an average annual flow greater than 2 but less than 10 cubic feet per second)
- Small streams (Streams you can cross and only get one boot wet or have an average annual flow less than 2 cubic feet per second)

12. Provide further comment(s) on which size of streams are most important for ODF to review here:

13. Mark all information that you think ODF should include in a review of Siskiyou and Eastern Oregon region streamside protections:

- Published, peer-reviewed scientific journal articles
- Unpublished scientific articles or analyses ("Gray" or "white" papers, state or federal government papers, etc.)
- Status and trend data on fish populations (Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, etc.)
- Total Maximum Daily Allowance (TMDL) Analyses by Dept. Environmental Quality
- Streamside and fish habitat data (Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, etc.)
- Voluntary measures on non-federal lands (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board data)
- Watershed Council data or analyses
- Other (please specify)

14. Provide further comment(s) on information that ODF should include in a review of Siskiyou and Eastern Oregon region streamside protection measures:

15. Please provide any additional information or questions you would like ODF to consider when planning for the Siskiyou and Eastern Oregon region streamside protection review: