



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

BALD EAGLE RULEMAKING



Bald Eagle Recovery in Oregon



- Success Story
- Removed from ESA lists
- FPA played role in recovery





Past Board Meetings

- Kick-off meeting--2014
- Presented Bald Eagle Technical Report
- Decision on changes to rules
- Approval of draft rule language and direction to initiate public review process



Past Board Decisions

- Rescind rules for Bald Eagle roost sites
- Rescind rules for Bald Eagle perch sites
- Rescind rules for Bald Eagle nesting sites but develop modified rules under Sensitive Bird Nesting, Roosting and Watering Sites rules



Past Board Decisions

- Modified Bald Eagle Nesting Rules
 - Maintain 330 foot habitat buffer around nest trees
 - Protect sites from disturbance
 - Restrict operations within 660 feet of nest
 - Restrict use of aircraft within 1000 feet of nest
 - Protect only nesting sites used within last 5 yrs
 - Allow for FPA exceptions for permits under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Public Comment: Effort



- Public Hearings
 - Klamath Falls
 - Roseburg
 - Forest Grove
- Written Comments



Public Comment: Summary



- 4 individuals gave oral comments at public hearings
- 1 written public comment from a tribal nation
- 5 written comments received

Public Comment: Themes



- Additional research needed prior to change
- Keep $\frac{1}{4}$ mile buffer for disturbance
- Concern about rescinding roost rules
- Need consistency with federal law
- Support in modification of nest rules

Changes to Draft Rules



- Clarified language for ORS 629-665-0130 (1) and (1)(a) to reflect Board member feedback at our last meeting
- No other changes as per public comment process

Recommendation



- Approve final Bald Eagle Rules
- Direct the Department to file the final Bald Eagle Rules with the Secretary of State

Questions





Next Steps

- File final rules with Secretary of State
- September 2017—new rules effective