

Tethered Logging Briefing

Board of Forestry Meeting

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Context

“Pursuant to the authority granted by ORS 527.710 and subject to the procedures set forth in ORS 527.714 for rules described in ORS 527.714 (1)(c), not more than three years after the effective date of this 2022 Act, the State Board of Forestry shall initiate rulemaking concerning tethered logging.”

- Senate Bill 1501, Sec. 7 (2022)



Tethered Logging

The use of cable winch systems on ground-based equipment to operate on slopes.





Intersection w/ Forest Practice Rules

- A Plan For Alternate Practice (PFAP) is required for the operation of ground-based equipment:
 - when locating skid trails within 100 feet of a stream channel on steep or erosion-prone slopes
 - on high landslide hazard locations (HLHLs), and are only approved when there is no downslope public safety risk
- PFAPs with specific protection measures are subject to approval
- Recent rule updates: Equipment Limitation Zones (ELZs) and increased stream buffers



Scope of Tethered Logging in Oregon

- Preliminary Analysis
- Looking Forward



Guest Panel



- Amanda Sullivan-Astor, Forest Policy Manager for Associated Oregon Loggers
- Woodam Chung, Professor of Forest Engineering at Oregon State University
- Marc Cannon, Willamette Valley Region Manager for Weyerhaeuser



Board Discussion

- Questions on information presented today?
- Does the Board need additional information? If so, what type of information?
- Discuss interest in pathways:
 - Utilize the adaptive management process to gather more information to inform future decision making
 - Direct the Department to gather additional information to inform future decision making