

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Forestry places great value on information received from the public. A public comment period is scheduled during each meeting for anyone wishing to address the Board on topics or issues not on the meeting's agenda. On agenda topics except Work Session items [see explanation below], the Board accepts both oral and written comments before proceeding to the next item. Those wishing to testify or present information to the Board are encouraged to:

- Provide written summaries of lengthy, detailed information;
- Recognize that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony or written information;
- Endorse rather than repeat the testimony of others;
- Sign-in at the information table located near the entrance.

Groups are encouraged to consolidate their comments and have one or two spokespersons present the remarks on behalf of the group.

Written comments for public testimony provide a valuable reference and may be submitted before or during the meeting for consideration by the Board. Please bring 10 copies for distribution. Written comments received before or during the meeting will be distributed to the Board. Oral or written comments may be summarized and attached to the minutes.

The Board cannot accept testimony on a topic for which a public hearing has been held and the comment period has closed. If you wish to provide comments to the Board, you must sign-in on the sheet provided at the Information Table, located near the meeting room's entrance. (Note: All persons attending a board meeting are requested to sign in, whether or not they intend to provide comment.)

Three minutes will be allotted for each individual. Those wishing additional time for testimony should contact the Board Support office at 503-945-7210 at least three days prior to the meeting. The maximum amount of time for all public comments under this agenda item will be thirty minutes.

Certain agenda topics may be marked with an asterisk indicating a "Work Session" item. Work Sessions provide the Board opportunity to make decisions after considering previous public comment and staff recommendations. No new public comment will be taken. However, the Board may choose to ask questions of the audience to clarify issues raised.

- During consideration of contested civil penalty cases, the Board will entertain oral argument only if Board members have questions relating to the information presented.
- Relating to the adoption of Oregon Administrative Rules: Under Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act, the Board can only consider those comments received by the established deadline as listed on the Notice of Rulemaking form. Additional input can only be accepted if the comment period is formally extended (ORS 183.335).