

2017 Operators of the Year




GOALS

- Recognize operators
- To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act



Authority

- **ORS 527.630** [E]ncourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species
- *Forestry Program for Oregon's Goal D*






Oregon Forest Practices Act:

Adaptable and informed by sound science

The Oregon Forest Practices Act reflects Oregonians' desires to use and enjoy Oregon's forests and protect its natural resources. It was the first law of its kind in the U.S. when the state Legislature passed it in 1971, and the Act and its rules have been changed many times in response to new scientific findings and evolving public needs and interests.

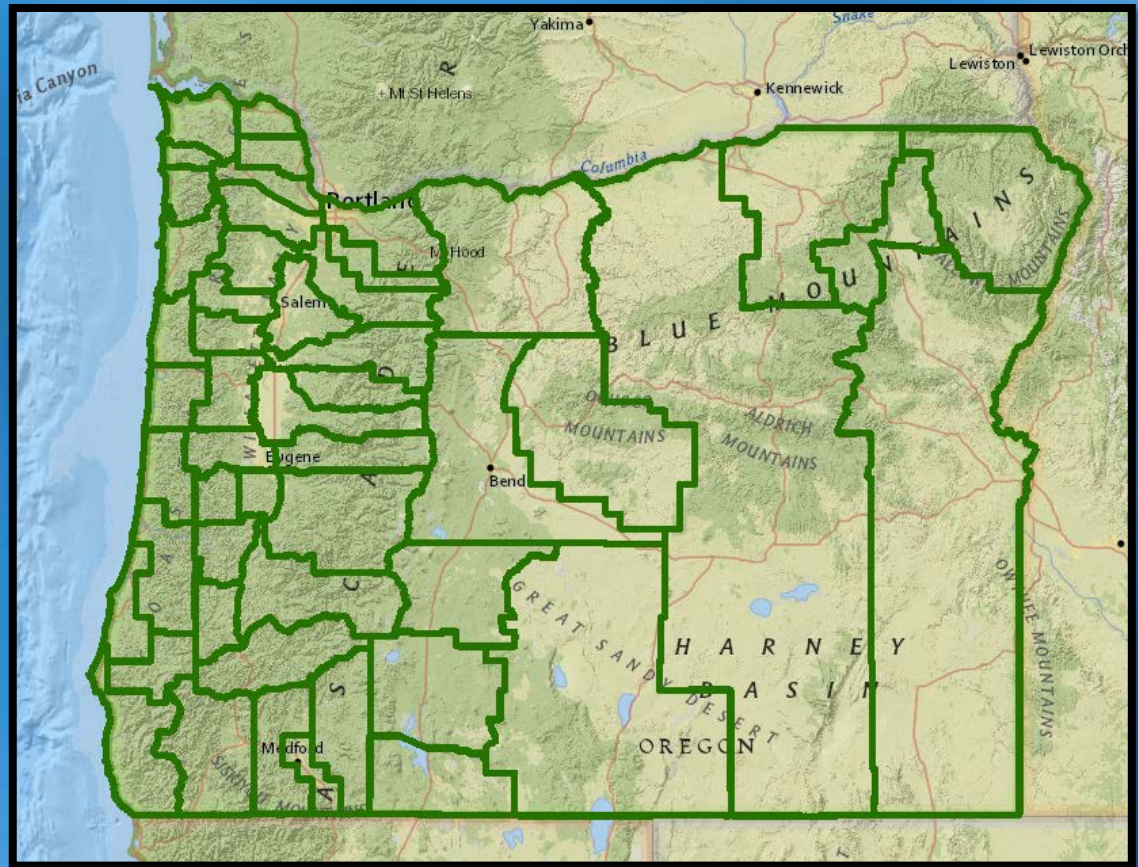
In a process that incorporates public input, the Board of Forestry – a seven-member citizen board appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate – approves detailed rules to implement the Act's requirements. Here is a list of significant changes in the Act and its rules, which regulate forestry on private and state-owned lands.



Sept. 2017	Changed bald eagle rules revised to match their successful recovery!
July 2017	Increased streamside buffers around salmon, steelhead, and bull trout streams north of the Siskiyou region and west of the Cascades.
Jan. 2016	Set a minimum aerial pesticide no-spray buffer around homes and schools. This adds another pesticide law to existing state and federal laws for protecting people.
Mar. 2015	Improved wildlife food and habitat conditions by allowing landowners to change small forested areas to plants that can substantially contribute to wildlife food supply.

Honoring Work that Exceeds Natural Resource Protection Requirements

- Operators of the Year
- Merit Awards
- Commendation Letters



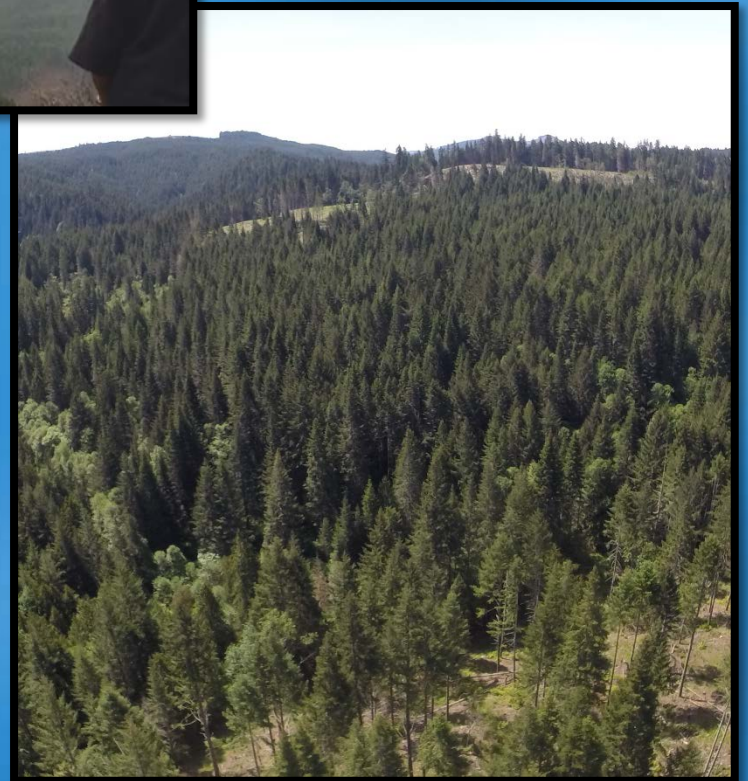
Who nominates?

- ODF Stewardship Foresters
- Logging Association Members
- Industry Members
- Communities
- Watershed Councils
- Anyone



Criteria

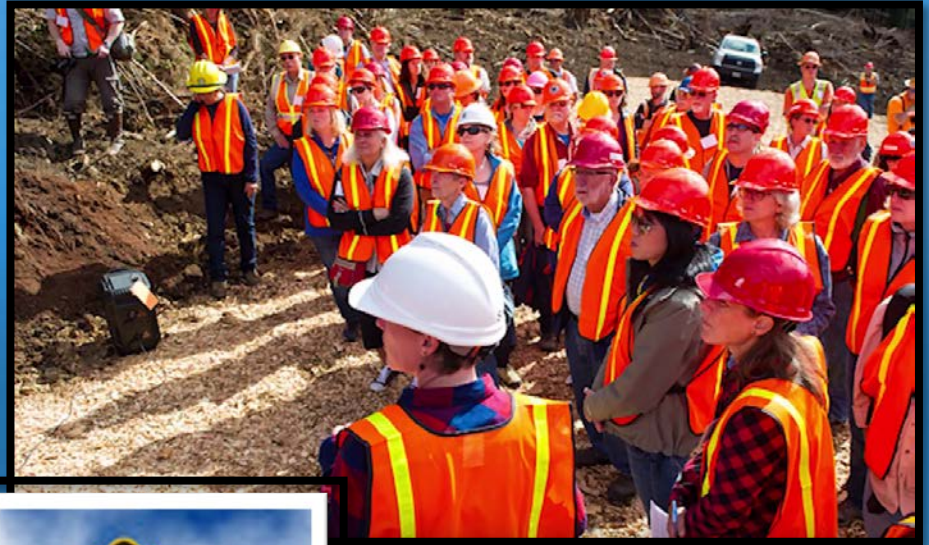
- Consistency
- Difficulty
- Results
- Innovation and extra effort
- Financial risk to operator



Selecting

Regional Forest Practices Committees

- Tour sites
- Review written nominations and videos
- Deliberate



Recognizing Quality

- Media
- Associated Oregon Loggers
- Oregon Logging Conference
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- Board of Forestry
- ODF outreach venues



Merit Awards

- Zuber & Sons Logging (Gold Beach)



Presentations

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U723vLHHOSw>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDgL_uMBh2Bk
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_akKepy_Kw

Questions



Thank You!

