

ODF Compliance Monitoring Program

Understanding the Oregon Department of Forestry's Compliance Monitoring Program.

What.Does.the.Compliance.Monitoring.Program.Do?

The purpose of the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) is to evaluate FPA rule compliance and identify areas that need improvement for training and education purposes. The CMP does these evaluations through scientifically-designed collection of information from forestry sites.

History.and.Background

Compliance Monitoring Program History

The Oregon Department of Forestry's Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) was formally established in 2022 by Oregon Senate Bill 1501.

The purpose of the CMP is to evaluate Forest Practices Act (FPA) rule compliance and identify areas that need improvement for training and education purposes.

What is the FPA?

The Forest Practices Act (FPA) was first passed by the Oregon legislature in 1971.

The FPA was created to set standards for all commercial activities involving the establishment, management, and harvesting of trees on Oregon's non-federal forestlands.

Oregon law gives the Oregon Board of Forestry the responsibility to interpret the FPA and adopt rules for forest practices.

The Oregon Department of Forestry is responsible for administering and enforcing the FPA and the associated administrative rules.

CMP and HCP

The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) will describe the conservation measures in ODF's current Forest Practices rules that are intended to protect covered threatened and endangered species' habitat. These measures are intended to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts to the covered species that can result from forest management practices.

The data provided by the Monitoring Program will help ODF track HCP implementation.

Learn more about the HCP in the [Private Forest Accord](#).

Compliance.Monitoring.Program.Projects

2024 Reforestation Study

From October 2023 to May 2024, the Oregon Department of Forestry's Compliance Monitoring Unit studied reforestation following clearcuts on private timberlands, as required by Oregon's Forest Practices Act. The study estimated compliance with reforestation stocking density requirements by conducting field surveys to assess free to grow stocking density on a sample of harvest units and comparing these estimates to those required by the Forest Practices Act rules.

The study population was all clearcuts of at least two acres completed in 2016 and 2017 with private industrial and private nonindustrial landowners. A random sample of harvest units was drawn from the Forest Activity Electronic Notification database, screened for harvest completion along with other suitability criteria, and landowners were contacted for participation in the study.

Long-term Compliance Monitoring Study

The Board of Forestry provides the Compliance Monitoring Program priority rulesets that should be addressed for long-term study. As of 2024, the following rulesets were determined to be priority:

- Harvest near riparian areas
- Forest roads
- Steep slopes

The Program's next study focus is the Riparian Pilot Study.

Riparian.Pilot.Study.Timeline

2025

Spring

Develop protocol

Summer

Begin data collection

2026

Spring

End data collection

Begin data analysis

Summer

Release report

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2022

Spring

Draft Forest Practices Act (FPA) rule package

Summer – Winter

Finalize FPA rules package

Work on protocols for field data collection

2025

Winter – Spring

Develop press release

Acquire sample, including permissions

Summer – Winter

Field data collected

2026

Winter – Spring

Field data analyzed; creation of figures and tables

Summer - Winter

Write draft report

Internal review and editing of preliminary figures and tables

Internal and external review of draft report

Edit report

Final report approved and delivered to Oregon Board of Forestry

PFA.Rulemaking.Timeline

2022

July

Draft rules completed, ready for review

August

Sent materials to the Board of Forestry

Held Special BOF meeting to hold public hearing and open public comment period

30 Day Public comment period closed

October

Sent final rule package material to Board of Forestry

Held special Board of Forestry to consider preliminary Habitat Conservation application

November

Board of Forestry approved Habitat Conservation Plan

Deadline for Board of Forestry to adopt rules

2023

July

Rules for Fish Buffers for large landowners

2024

January

All new or revised forest practice rules effective

Compliance.Monitoring.Program.Committee

The Compliance Monitoring Program Committee (CMPC) was formed to assist the Monitoring Program in its efforts to monitor compliance with Forest Practices Act Rules. The committee advises ODF regarding monitoring projects and procedures. The CMPC represents a broad spectrum of stakeholders who provide insights from a variety of perspectives.

Conclusion

Forestry is a large part of Oregon's landscape and economy.

The Compliance Monitoring Program aims to support the ODF mission of sustainable forestry through compliance and transparent reporting. It also serves as a resource for landowners and Stewardship Foresters by promoting communication and offering educational outreach.

Learn.More

To learn more about our program and our committee, visit our [webpage](#) or send us an [email](#).

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Compliance Monitoring Program at the Oregon Department of Forestry.