

Compliance Monitoring Update

EO RFPC Meeting

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Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP)

Purpose & Goals (OAR 629-678-0000)

1. Assess Forest Practice Act (FPA) rule compliance & report findings
2. Identify areas needing improvement for training purposes
3. Increase the public's trust in the implementation of the FPA & rules.



<https://tinyurl.com/ODF-Monitoring>



Rule Group Priorities

- Forest Road Construction and Maintenance (Div. 625)
- Harvesting Rules for Steep Slopes (Div. 630)
- Water Protection Rules: Vegetation along Streams (Div. 643)
- Other rules as directed by BoF



Collaborative Partners



Oregon Department of Forestry

- Includes Monitoring Unit staff, FPA Field Coordinators, Stewardship Foresters and other subject matter experts



Compliance Monitoring Program Committee

- Stakeholder advisory committee with representatives from state agencies, industry, conservation groups, etc.



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- External statistician assisting with study design & data analysis



Compliance Monitoring Study Process

Rule Selection

Pilot Study

- Study Design
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Report

Full Study

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- Data Analysis
- Report

Use Findings to
Educate
Landowners &
Target Outreach
Efforts

Riparian Pilot Study





Riparian Pilot Study: Ruleset Overview

Division 643 Water Protection Rules: Vegetation Along Streams

- Study will evaluate methods for compliance with riparian rules
- Randomly selected clearcut sites completed in 2024





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Compliance Monitoring Program: Riparian Pilot Study Study Plan and Protocol

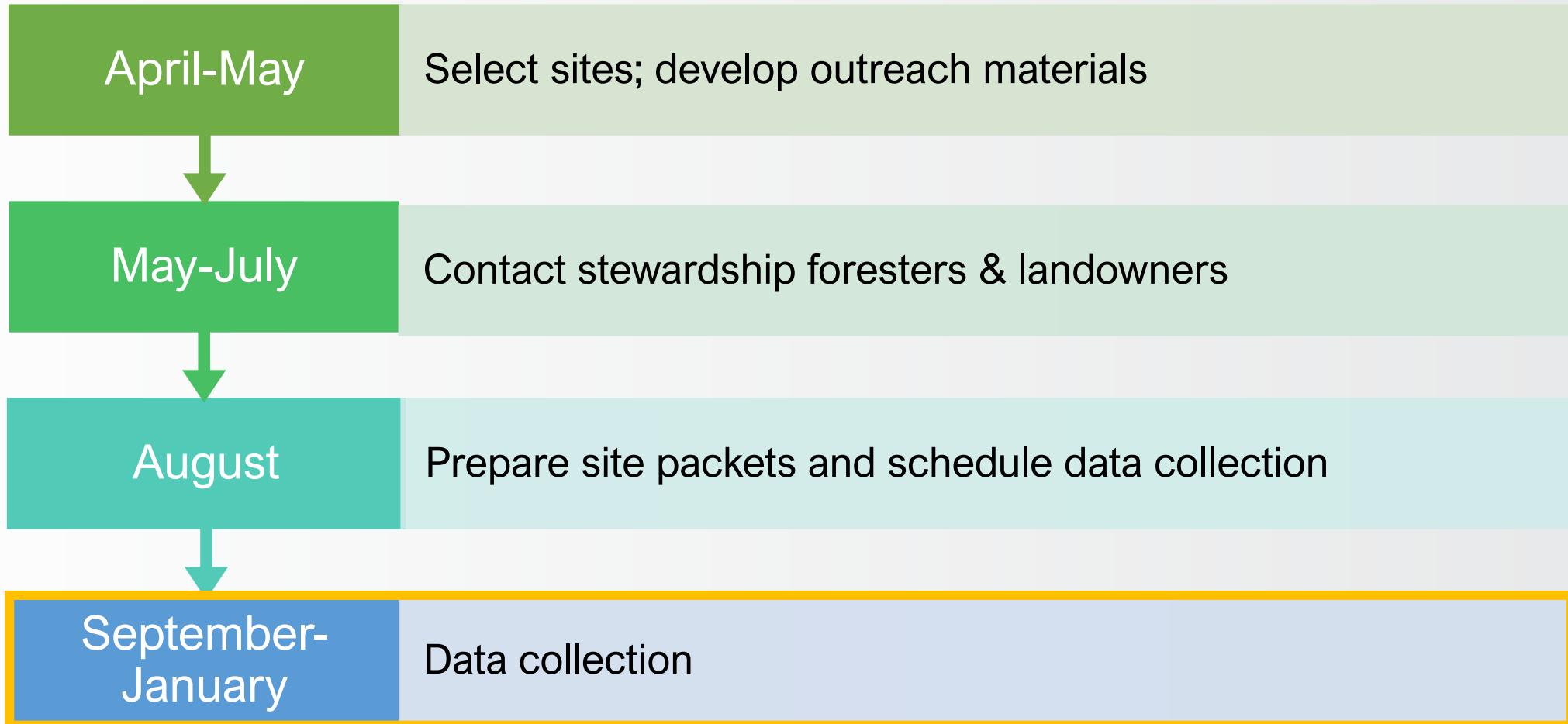
- Study design and protocol
- Feedback internally and from CMP Committee
- Pilot study – testing and refining methods
- Not reporting compliance

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Riparian Pilot Study – Current Progress





Landowner Outreach

Contact
Stewardship
Foresters

- Email
- Follow-up call
- Receive landowner responses

Landowner
Contact

- Call 1 – initial contact
- Letter 1 – send after phone call
- Letter 2 – send 10 days after first letter
- Call 2 – Last follow-up 10 days after second letter





Riparian Pilot Study – Next Steps

- Complete data collection (Spring 2026)
- Refine and Revise Protocol – Summer 2026
- Full study – Fall 2027



Five-Year Outlook: Monitoring Studies

Study	Timeframe
Riparian Pilot Study	Fall 2025 to Spring 2026
Roads & Steep Slopes Pilot Studies	Fall 2026 to Spring 2027
Riparian Study	Fall 2027 to Spring 2028
Roads & Steep Slopes Studies	Fall 2028 to Spring 2029
Riparian Study	Fall 2029 to Spring 2030

- Data Collection - Contract vs. in-house
- Annual Cycle of Studies and Reports
- Two-year reporting to Board of Forestry (i.e., BoF Meeting)
- 8-year aggregate cumulative report (Compliance Trends)

Questions?





Measuring RMA Width

- 12 transects on each side of the RMA
- Measure from active channel to:
 - Boundary marking flagging
 - Last live tree >6 in DBH
 - First stump