

Forest Practices Rulemaking Status Update

Regional Forest Practice Committees
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Post-Disturbance Harvest Rules

Status: Complete

- This rulemaking was directed by Senate Bill 1501 (2022) and amended rules were adopted by the Board of Forestry in September 2025 after two public comment periods were held.
- The amended rules include minor technical changes to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 629-643-0000 (Vegetation Retention Goals for Streams; Desired Future Conditions) and a rewrite of OAR 629-643-0300 (Alternative Vegetation Retention Prescriptions) setting new conditions of when and how alternative prescriptions can be applied after catastrophic events.
- The rule amendments are effective March 1, 2026 and will be applied to all notices filed on or after that date.



Modifying an Administrative Deadline

Status: In Progress

- This rulemaking proposes the changes below to OAR 629-635-0200 (Water Classification) to modify the deadline for the publication of maps related to perennial flow of streams (proposed new text/~~proposed deletions~~):

(18)(b) Phase 2 Model. When advised by the Department of Fish and Wildlife that an approved flow duration model sufficient for regulatory purposes is available, the State Forester shall promptly publish the information, including the modeled end, in all maps and the department's reporting and notification system, and in no event later than July 1, 20256.
- A **public comment period** is being held **from October 1 to October 31 at 5 PM** with a **rulemaking hearing** scheduled for **October 21 at 1 PM**.
- We anticipate returning to the Board in early 2026 with the results of the public comment period and for a decision regarding adoption.



Tethered Logging Rulemaking

Status: Initiated

- The Board initiated rulemaking concerning tethered logging through an informational briefing at their March 2025 meeting as required by SB 1501 (2022).
- The Board's September 2025 meeting included a tethered logging field tour where board members and members of the public had the opportunity to see active operations utilizing tethered equipment.
- We anticipate returning to the Board in early 2026 to provide additional information and to request Board direction on next steps in the rulemaking.



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