

2023 Operators of the Year



Leigh Ann Vradenburg

Plikat Logging, Inc.

Ron Staley Enterprises, Inc.


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.

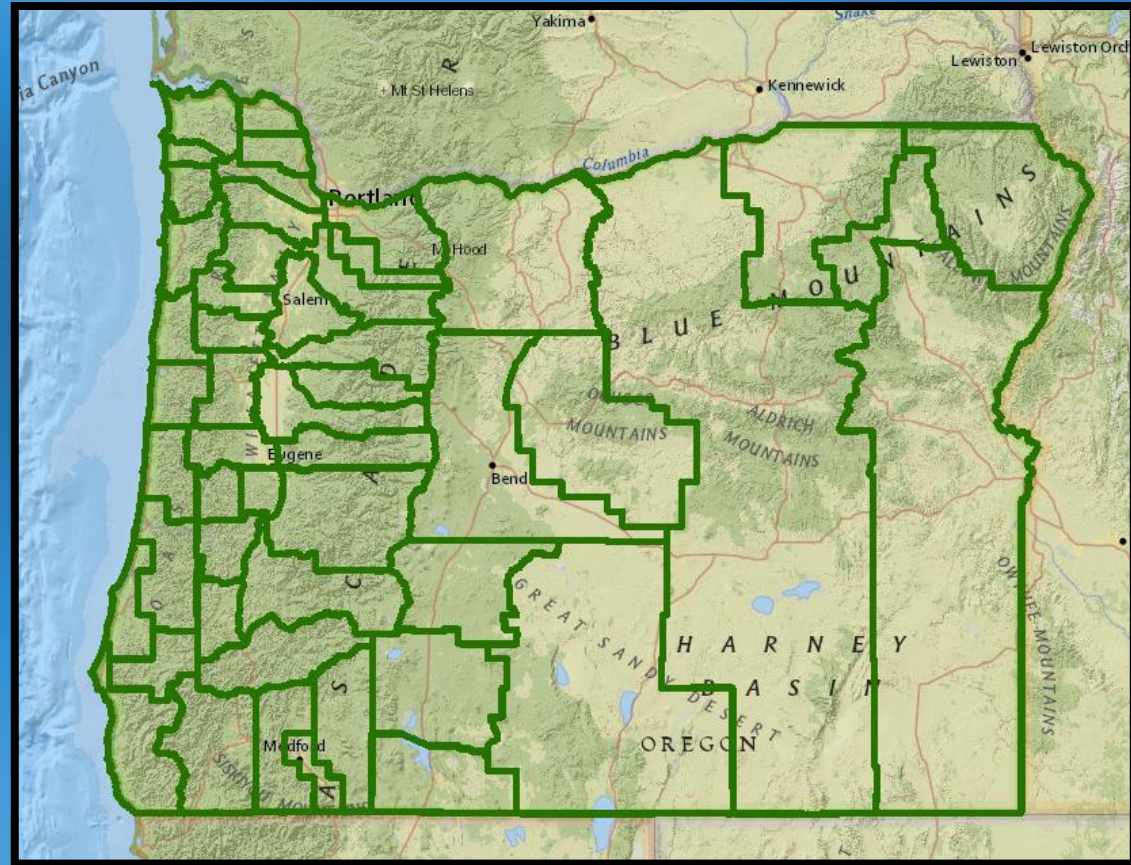
In a process that incorporates public input, the Board of Forestry – a seven-member citizen board appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate – approves detailed rules to implement the Act's requirements. Here is a list of significant changes in the Act and its rules, which regulate forestry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



Tim Rude
*Owner
Rude Logging, LLC*



Merit Award – Southwest Oregon Region Don Hamann, Inc.



Don Hamann
*Owner
Don Hamann, Inc.*



Merit Award – Southwest Oregon Region Weber Logging and Construction, Inc.



Austin Weber
Owner
Weber Logging and Construction



Merit Award – Northwest Oregon Region Big O Logging Inc.



Olav Berg
Owner
Big O Logging



Merit Award – Northwest Oregon Region Pellham Cutting, Inc.



Greg Pellham
Owner
Pellham Cutting, Inc.



Questions



Leigh Ann Vradenburg Eastern Oregon Region Operator of the Year



Leigh Ann Vradenburg
*Project Manager
Klamath Watershed Partnership*



**Play the video for
Leigh Ann Vradenburg
Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year**

Leigh Ann
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Plikat Logging, Inc. Southwest Oregon Region Operator of the Year



Jeff Plikat
*Logging Supervisor
Plikat Logging, Inc.*



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Southwest Oregon Operator of the Year**



Ron Staley Enterprises, Inc.

Northwest Oregon Region Operator of the Year



Ron Staley
Owner
Ron Staley Enterprises



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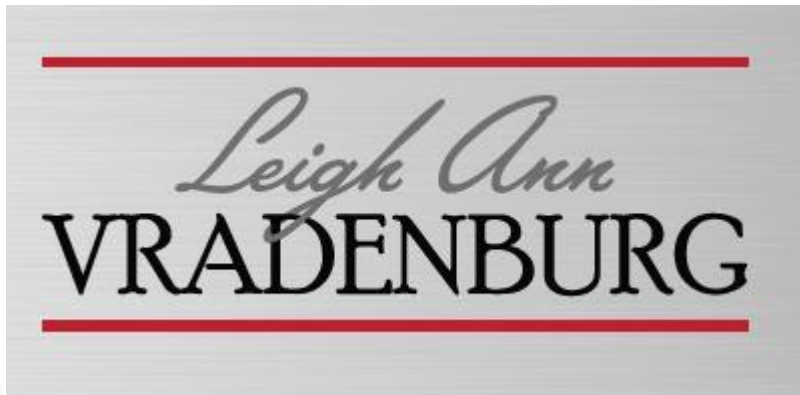


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Thank You!



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