

APPENDIX 'C'
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TILLAMOOK DISTRICT
2009 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN

Introduction

The Tillamook District 2009 Annual Operations Plan (AOP) was included in the formal public comment period held from February 11th through March 26th, 2008 by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The purpose of the public comment period was to provide a time for the districts to share their plans with the public and for the public to ask questions and offer comments. After the public comment process was completed, the AOPs were revised, then reviewed, and approved by the District Forester.

At the end of the public comment period, the districts and ODF's headquarters in Salem, had received 4 individual documents specific to Tillamook District. These documents were carefully reviewed and specific comments or questions were addressed in the public comment response.

Evaluation Process

All districts used the following process to evaluate and resolve the statements related to them:

1. Review each document to identify and evaluate individual statements;
2. Address each statement to 1) briefly show how the district intends to change the AOP based on the statement, or 2) why the statement does not warrant a change to the AOP.
3. Respond to the statement(s) in a letter to the commenter if a return address was provided. The response is either a very brief synopsis of how the district intends to change the AOP based on the statement, or an explanation of how the planned activity is consistent with the FMP, IP, and other policy or regulation;
4. The public comment documents and the district responses will be placed on the web site as Appendix C. Commenters who supplied return addresses were sent a personal response and were given the opportunity notify ODF if they did not want to have their public comment document posted on the web site.

http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/2008_AOP_Approved.shtml

Tillamook District Specific Changes

There was two minor change made to the Annual Operation Plan as a result of specialist and public comments received by the district.

- McKenney Flats – Area 1 was broken into two distinct areas, Area 1 and Area 2, to clearly show the modified clearcut areas are not greater than 120 acres.
- Coast Ford – Area 1 was reduced after further review by the Area Geotechnical Specialist. An area above homes posed a Risk-to-Life concern and was removed from the sale area.

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There were additional changes to the Recreation section of the Annual Operations Plan for 2009 due to budget constraints. The following was removed from the Recreation Plan for FY 2009:

- The installation of permanent loading and off-loading rams for OHV use at Jordan Creek and Hollywood OHV Staging Areas.
- Coal Creek Trails – No bridges will be constructed on the trail at this time.
- Link of Pothole Cr. Trail to Murphy Camp – project will facilitate access to stream monitoring site for Watershed Analysis Project on East Fork Trask River.
- Additional forest deputy for May through September to enhance public safety during the high use season.