



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Department of Forestry
North Cascade District
22965 North Fork Road
Lyons, OR 97358
Telephone 503-859-4325
FAX 503-859-2158
<http://www.odf.state.or.us>



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Cafferata, State Forest Deputy Chief
Mike Bordelon, Northwest Oregon Area Director
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Gregg Cline, North Cascade District Forester

CC: Russ Lane, Assistant District Forester
Scott Wilbrecht, Unit Forester

Date: June 2, 2009

Re: Minor Modification of the North Cascade District Implementation Plan

The (North) Cascade District Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the Implementation Plan (IP) that do not meet the definition of major modifications. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and thinning harvests.)

The following minor modification to the North Cascade District Implementation Plan replaces the minor modification dated April 19, 2007.

- Due to limitations associated with T&E restrictions/reductions (no approved Habitat Conservation Plan) and the difficulties of finding thinning acres to meet

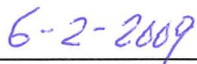
the volume targets, the 2003 approved IP partial cut harvest range will be modified from 800 - 1,200 acres per year to 510 - 900 acres per year. The range for clearcut acreage objectives will be modified from the 2003 approved IP range of 180 - 270 acres to 230 - 320 acres per year. The combined range for regeneration and partial cut acreage objectives will be modified from the 2003 approved IP range of 980 - 1,470 acres per year to 740 - 1,220 acres per year. This minor modification would take effect beginning with the FY10 AOP, which plans for a thinning harvest of 524 acres, a clearcut harvest of 284, and 808 acres of combined clearcut and thinning harvest.

A key assumption in the Implementation Plan is that a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) would be in place for the District, and that "take-avoidance" strategies concerning Northern Spotted Owl habitat would not be necessary. Currently, the District does not have an HCP and, with each passing AOP, the District faces increasing difficulty identifying candidate operations to meet the IP objectives for thinning acres. As the number of thinning acres decreases, clearcut acres have increased to meet the volume targets. This situation results from having a reduced 'pool' of operation areas available that are not affected by take avoidance strategies, particularly stands best suited to thinning operations.

Approved:



Gregg Cline, District Forester



Date



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Department of Forestry

North Cascade District
22965 North Fork Road
Lyons, OR 97358
Telephone 503-859-4325
FAX 503-859-2158
<http://egov.oregon.gov/OD>



STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Hirsch, State Forest Acting Program Director
Mike Bordelon, Area Director
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Gregg Cline, North Cascade District Forester

CC: Howard Strobel, Assistant District Forester
Jerry Chetock, Unit Forester
Scott Wilbrecht, Engineering Unit Forester

Date: April 19, 2007

Re: Minor Modification of the North Cascade District Implementation Plan

The (North) Cascade District Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the Implementation Plan (IP) that do not meet the definition of major modifications. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modification to the North Cascade District Implementation Plan replaces the minor modification dated June 6, 2006.

The combined range for regeneration and partial cut objectives will be modified from the original 2003 approved IP range of 980 -1,470 acres per year to 735 -1,170 acres per year due to limitations associated with T&E and field validation of harvest projections derived from the Harvest and Habitat (H&H) modeling. Partial cut harvest objectives are reduced from the original 2003 IP range of 800 – 1,200 acres to a range of 470 – 900 acres per year. The regeneration harvest objectives remain at 180 - 270 acres. The FY08 AOP will be within this minor modification based on the planned partial cut harvest of 487 acres and regeneration harvest of 259 acres. Harvest volume is anticipated to decrease to approximately 13 to 15 MMBF from the

2003 IP range of 16.7 to 25.1 MMBF. This minor modification begins with the FY08 Annual Operation Plan.

A key assumption in the Implementation Plan is that a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) would be in place for the District, and that "take-avoidance" strategies concerning Northern Spotted Owl habitat would not be necessary. Currently, the District does not have an HCP and, with each passing AOP, the District faces increasing difficulty identifying candidate operations to meet the IP objectives for regeneration and partial cut harvest acres. This situation results from having a reduced 'pool' of operation areas available that are not affected by take avoidance strategies, particularly stands best suited to partial cut operations. Since harvest volume is closely linked with acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvest, the IP volume objective is also becoming difficult to reach.

Approved:



Gregg Cline, District Forester

4-19-2007

Date

Memorandum

To: Lisa Debruyckere, State Forest Program Director
Mike Bordelon, Area Director
Marvin Brown, State Forester

From: Gregg Cline, North Cascade District Forester

CC: Howard Strobel, Assistant District Forester
Jerry Chetock, Unit Forester
Scott Wilbrecht, Engineering Unit Forester

Date: 06/28/2006

Re: Minor Modification of the North Cascade District Implementation Plan

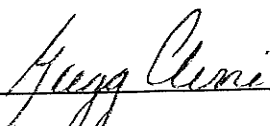
The (North) Cascade District Implementation Plan under the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan* was approved in March 2003. The plan provides for minor modifications as approved by the District Forester. Minor modifications are any modifications to the Implementation Plan that do not meet the definition of major modifications. (Major modifications are those revisions that result in major changes to the Forest Land Management Classifications as defined in OAR 629-053-0060; or those that result in changes to the annual harvest level ranges of more than 25% based on the combined acreage of regeneration and partial cut harvests.)

The following minor modification to the North Cascade District Implementation Plan is accepted as of June 28, 2006:

- The FY '07 AOP partial cut acres total 723 which is below the Implementation Plan levels. The annual partial cut objective in the District IP has been modified from 800 – 1,200 acres to 650 – 1,200 acres. This changes the combined range for clearcut and partial cut objects from 980 – 1,470 acres to 830 – 1,470 acres.

This modification is a result of postponing a proposed operation due to northern spotted owl considerations.

Approved:



Gregg Cline, District Forester

6-28-2006
Date