

Public comment received following a press release in July 2023

The following public comments were received following a press release in July 2023, and are shared verbatim as they were received. ODF responded to each of these comments by letting them know additional ways to be effective with their comments (e.g., contact the Board of Forestry) and that their comments would be shared with the AMPC.

Comment #1:

1. First build no new roads. Any place on the state forest that would need a new road to access timber would target any remaining old or mature growth trees since they would not have been logged in the past. The forest should protect any mature or old growth trees on state public land at a minimum. There will never again be mature or old growth on the vast acreages of industrial private timber land surround and intermingled with Oregon public land. To offset that condition all old or mature or trending toward old or mature trees on state land must be protected.
2. Permanently decommission any roads that currently access any old growth, mature growth or trees trending toward mature or old growth for the reasons listed under #1 above.
3. Identify all roads producing significant sedimentation and take remedial action to repair those roads with a goal of eliminating or greatly reducing their contribution to stream sedimentation.
4. Greatly restrict or ban the use of all roads and logging tracks by heavy equipment and large trucks during the rainy season - Dec through Feb at a minimum.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Comment #2:

I am all for looking at ways to minimize unintended impacts on all animal species. But tbh you rules, regulations, and oversights are killing the industry and the likelihood of all the rural communities in the state.

Owls, bugs, beetles, spores, and fish are all great but protecting them at the price of killing communities, peoples abilities to work and support their families is not ok.

Why do people who live in cities make up the rules and regulations of communities they rarely even visit. Yet they are sure comfortable trying to restrict and govern the behaviors of geographies that do not impact them.

Why don't you all talk about a common sense approach so that Oregon's economy and rural communities flourish and let the people who live in the city stick to what impacts their respective day to day.

At the human level I'm. Ot sure how anyone in good conscience think that protecting a spore or a bug (or even a fish...and I love to fiah) is more important than the livelihood of the residents...

For the live of Jesus Christ please stop the insanity.....please create less regulation so people can actually earn a living....

The people of rural Oregon are at their limit...

Comment #3:

What is the odf thinking by concerning itself with turbidity and Sediments From roads when the clear-cuts go up to the edge of creeks and rivers throughout the oregon coast range? Do you think that might cause a lot of sediment to deposit in the creeks and rivers? Maybe let's plant some

Scotch broom

To prevent it. That'll help.

Comment #4:

Sir:

We are a 5th generation family farm in Umatilla County, Oregon. I am presenting some question to your department concerning the need to control runoff from roads into streams.

We need to know the definition of the Roads that carries the runoff.

We need to define what stream are impacted. Will road side ditches become defined as streams?

How is water quality affected by road runoff? What are the benefits of this proposed action?

Will this be a public roads/runoff project or will it include private land roads?

Who will be the runoff compliance police?

Will it become a law, regulation, or suggestion? Who will administer and oversee the progress.?

There is and will be some cost. Who pays for it?. Will private land owners be assessed in any way?