

NW OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR TOUR

Tour: October 25-26th, 2023





FOREST OPERATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This directive establishes guidelines for the Forest Practices Forest Operator Recognition Program.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. To publicly recognize operators that consistently exceed the Oregon Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
- B. To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act and its accomplishments.

AUTHORITY: ORS 527.630 It is the "...policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes as the leading use on privately owned land, consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources and scenic resources within visually sensitive corridors...."

SCOPE: This directive is to be applied statewide.

STANDARDS:

- A. Levels of Recognition (or categories).
 - 1. Forest Operator of the Year. The Oregon State Board of Forestry will present three "Forest Practices Forest Operator of the Year" awards to operators selected by each of the three regional Forest Practice committees. Selected operators will be individuals/companies that consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 2. Merit Awards. Merit award winners shall be selected from Forest Operator of the Year nominees. Winners must consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 3. Letters of Commendation. Districts should give Letters of Commendation to operators that have shown concern for the environment during an operation, regardless of the degree of operation difficulty or past operator performance.



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- B. Size of Operation to Recognize. Any size operation may be recognized.
- C. Type of Operation to Recognize. Either companies, contractors or individuals may be recognized. Awards are not limited to harvesting operations. Generally, landowners will not be considered for recognition as operators except in cases where the landowner is conducting the operation.
- D. Nomination Screening Criteria. Only operators who meet the following criteria will be considered for Operator of the Year or merit awards.
 - 1. Consistency of the Operator. The operator can be counted upon to consistently do an outstanding job.

"Consistently" is defined as no violations of the Forest Practices Act within the last two years, and recognition by the Forest Practices forester of "exceeding rules" often. "Exceeds" is defined to mean that the operator prevents resource damage, and results go beyond the rules and the minimum required results.
 - 2. Degree of Difficulty. The operator faced a difficult operation. (For example, most operators could do a good job on flat ground with no running streams involved.)
 - 3. Innovation and Extra Effort. The operator used innovations, extra effort or other creative solutions in conducting operations while protecting or enhancing resources.
 - 4. Results. The operator achieved resource protection results on the ground which exceed the intent of the rules, or otherwise enhanced protected resources as described in Board of Forestry policy.
 - 5. Financial Risk. The operator assumed some financial risk in conducting the operation. (Money, time, or equipment, as opposed to the landowner paying the operator for cost plus profit.)



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- E. Weighing Factors. Operators who met all the nomination criteria will be considered for recognized Operator of the Year awards. The operator may have done an excellent job on one operation, but adequate at other times. In such cases, the operator should be considered for a Letter of Commendation or a Merit Award. The operator who consistently does an excellent job of exceeding the Act on several operations (either the same or different types of operations) should be considered for regional Forest Operator of the Year. An operator who does an excellent job on a few operations can still be nominated for regional Forest Operator of the Year, but more weight would go to the operator that does an excellent job on several operations.
- F. Number of Awards.
1. Forest Operator of the Year -- One award each for the Eastern Oregon, Southwest Oregon, and Northwest Oregon Forest Practices Regions.
 2. Merit Awards -- No more than one award per district except when the area director believes circumstances warrant otherwise.
 3. Letters of Commendation -- No limit.

OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		

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F & B LOGGING LLC

NW Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 25th, 2023



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2022 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: **Operator of the Year / Merit Award**

REGION (NW/SW/East): NW

DISTRICT: Forest Grove

NOMINATED BY: John Krause

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Pellham Cutting, Inc.

Company Address: 1600 Railroad Ave., St. Helens

Company Phone No. (503) 397-5325

Company Email: Pellhamcutting@comcast.net

Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Greg Pellham

Contact Cell Phone No. (503) 396-1600

Contacts Email: G.pellham@hotmail.com

Operation Information (Operation as example of work with RFPC tour)

Activities: Harvest Site Prep

Reforestation Road Construction

Stand Management Other

Date of Operation: Winter 2022 - Spring 2023

NOAP No. 2022-532-08451



Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark):

T4N R2W Section 30. Chapman area

General Description of Operation:

104 acre clear cut, steep ground, fish streams, HLHL, unstable soils.

What were the protected resources involved and efforts

involved: Winter logging, 3500 feet fish bearing streams, numerous other non-fish bearing streams with steep, shallow soils.

Greg walked unit before starting and found 10 acres of unstable ground that landowner decided not to log.

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples): Greg is a third generation logger who grew up logging for his dad. He works for numerous landowners, both large industrial and small forestland owners.

Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regards to protection of forest resources: Winter logging on steep, unstable slopes and many streams throughout unit. Operator had to move, out and back in due to weather.

Describe how the operator was **Innovative/Extra Efforts** (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past

Operations: Greg has made a major investment into his log trucks with CTI (Central Tire Inflation) to reduce impacts to roads, especially notably during winter hauling. He has also purchased a Harvestline yarder and drone for highlead yarding.

Describe **Results** in resource protection and forest management benefits: CTI on log trucks packs roads in, allowing in less road maintenance. Hydraulic grapple yarder (Harvestline) and drone allows for better deflection over streams and ground.

Describe the **Financial Risk assumed by the operator**



as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation: Greg Pellham has invested in new, state-of-the-art equipment over the past two years. For example, he has a fleet of 32 log trucks and half of these trucks have been equipped with CTI at a cost of \$10,000 per truck. More of his trucks are being equipped this way, until they all have this system.

OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee: Greg is always looking for better, more efficient ways of logging. People enjoy working for Greg as they feel part of a family. Attached are letters from foresters who have worked with Greg over the years and support this nomination.

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Agency/Company: American Forest Management
Contact Name: Marisa Bass
Title: Harvest Manager
Email: Marisa.bass@afmforest.com
Phone No. (360) 529-6233

Nominator(s):

Name: John Krause
Agency/Company: ODF
Title: Stewardship Forester
Email: John.e.krause@odf.Oregon.gov
Phone No. (503) 397-2636



Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

John Krause on 1/17/2023

During active operations, the operator identified potentially unstable slopes and brought it to the attention of the landowner. After review it was decided to leave this area intact. A map in the document section of this NOAP shows its location.

John Krause on 12/22/2022

Landowner has requested this NOAP be continued into 2023 which I have done at this time.

John Krause on 10/26/2022

Logging contractor has not yet moved in. Road rocking and grading continues.

John Krause on 10/3/2022

Landowner has requested ODF change the Operator for the harvest unit to Greg Pellham Cutting which I have done at this time. Please contact me prior to starting this unit.

John Krause on 9/29/2022

Landowner submitted a PFAP for tethering logging on steep slopes and it has been approved by ODF and placed in the document section of this NOAP.

John Krause on 8/8/2022

Please submit a PFAP to ODF for approval prior to tether logging on steep slopes.

John Krause on 8/8/2022

An amended map to the Written Plan has been submitted that shows approximately 300 feet of a small fish stream in the NW corner of the unit that will now be protected. This map is in the document section of this NOAP.

John Krause on 8/4/2022

A Written Plan has been submitted. However, in the NW corner of this unit there is approximately 300 feet of fish stream that will need protection. Please submit an amended plan describing how this fish stream will be protected.

John Krause on 8/4/2022

Submit a Written Plan to ODF for work within 100 feet of fish bearing streams. This Plan requires a 14 day public comment period.

John Krause on 7/21/2022

15 day waiting period waived upon request from landowner. Level II begins Monday, July 25, 2022.

John Krause on 7/19/2022

Landowner requested ODF change the operator on the road work portion of this NOAP to T & D Road Works LLC, which I have done at this time.

John Krause on 7/12/2022

Please contact me prior to starting.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

Seep or spring within 100 feet of area.

Slope of steepest 1/3 area: 55 %.

Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the stewardship forester to withdraw this consent.

Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

Pesticide Use: Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.



Operations Near Utility Lines: If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

Registrants & Subscribers: There may be registrants and/or subscribers who receive this Notification. See the Notification Summary page within the E-Notification system or contact ODF for more details.

NOAP Changes: The notifier must inform the Oregon Department of Forestry of any changes in a NOAP before the activity takes place. A new NOAP may be required.



Unit 1 of 9: Lamar 700

121.2 acres Columbia County(s) T4N R2W Sec30 Regulated Use Area: NW-3

Operator: Greg Pellham Pellham Cutting Inc. PO Box 840 St Helens, Oregon 97051 (503) 397-5325	Activity: Clearcut/Overstory Removal Start: 7/25/2022 End: 12/31/2023	Method(s): Cable, Ground Quantity: 2202.00 MBF
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Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Unknown: Small - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your Stewardship Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: Lamar 700





July 12, 2022

Oregon Department of Forestry
John Krause, Stewardship Forester
405 E St.
Columbia City, Oregon, 97018

Dear John,

RE: Written Plan for ODF Notification 2022-532-08451 – “Lamar 700”

The “Lamar 700” harvest unit is a Type 3 harvest totaling approximately 104.8 acres, located in section 30, T04N, R02W W.M. in the Interior Geographic Area, Columbia County, Oregon. A small unnamed Type F stream flows through the “Lamar 700” harvest unit for approximately 3,550 feet, then exits the harvest unit and ownership and flows for approximately 2,275 feet to the confluence of Brush Creek, a medium Type SSBT stream.

Pursuant to the Oregon Forest Practices Act ORS 527.670(3)(a) and OAR 629-605-0170, a statutory written plan is required for operations that may affect protected resources, including small Type F streams. The vegetation retention prescriptions, riparian management area (RMA) buffering strategies, and other protective measures that will be implemented within 100 feet of this resource to ensure compliance with the Forest Practices Rules are described in this written plan.

Vegetation Retention Strategy

The unnamed small Type F stream tributary to Brush Creek has received a minimum average 50-foot width RMA along either side of the stream in the harvest unit pursuant to OAR 629-635-0310. Qualifying wildlife leave trees required by ORS 527.676 are located within the small Type F RMA and accounted pursuant to OAR 629-642-0100(11)(b).

Streams and Riparian Protection

Harvest operations associated with this Notification having the greatest likelihood to affect this protected resource include timber falling, cable yarding, and placement of cable tailholds through and across the small Type F RMA.

The following measures will be implemented by the operators when cutting, using ground-based and cable yarding methods adjacent to the RMA:

- Directional felling of trees parallel to, or away from the stream and RMA to minimize damage to residual timber in the RMA. Trees that lean and could reach the channel when

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cut will be left. Felled trees landing in the RMA will be yarded with tops to avoid excess slash concentrations.

- During the course of operations, any logs or felled timber which land in the stream or become embedded in the riparian area shall be left in place.
- Minimize exposed soils from tracked equipment adjacent to the RMA. Waterbar equipment trails or otherwise minimize potential for surface runoff to become concentrated and deliver sediment to the small fish stream and RMA.
- Cables will be re-strung through the RMA for each skyline (cable) road change. Tightlining to complete skyline road changes is prohibited.
- Where cable yarding corridors will be needed across the small type F stream, activities will be in conformance with OAR 629-630-0700. Full-width no-harvest buffers will also help avoid disturbance within areas requiring resource protection.

Additional measures to ensure protection of the resource include:

- Identifying the RMA boundary lines on the ground using Blue-glo + Pink Timber Harvest Boundary flagging and blue paint.
- Meet with the operator prior to the start of operations to develop a logging plan that keeps shovel and skid trails, and cable yarding roads spaced apart as far as practical near the RMA while considering worker safety.
- Review the elements of this written plan, OAR 629-630-0700 and OAR 629-630-0800 with the operators.

Wetlands

Wetland resources identified by ODF on the Notification as Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland were not encountered within the project area during reconnaissance and unit layout, and are not discussed in this written plan.

Roads

The LM-700D1 road is an existing stream-parallel road in the northwest portion of the harvest unit (see attached map). This road will receive maintenance prior to the start of operations to reduce potential of sediment entering typed water, and address hazard trees and trees interfering with the ability to maintain a stable surface along the haul route pursuant to OAR 629-625-0600. Upon conclusion of the project, additional maintenance and removal of culverts is planned to control sediment and protect water quality.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this written plan. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Chris Eades

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Chris Eades
District Manager

enclosure: Map
cc: file

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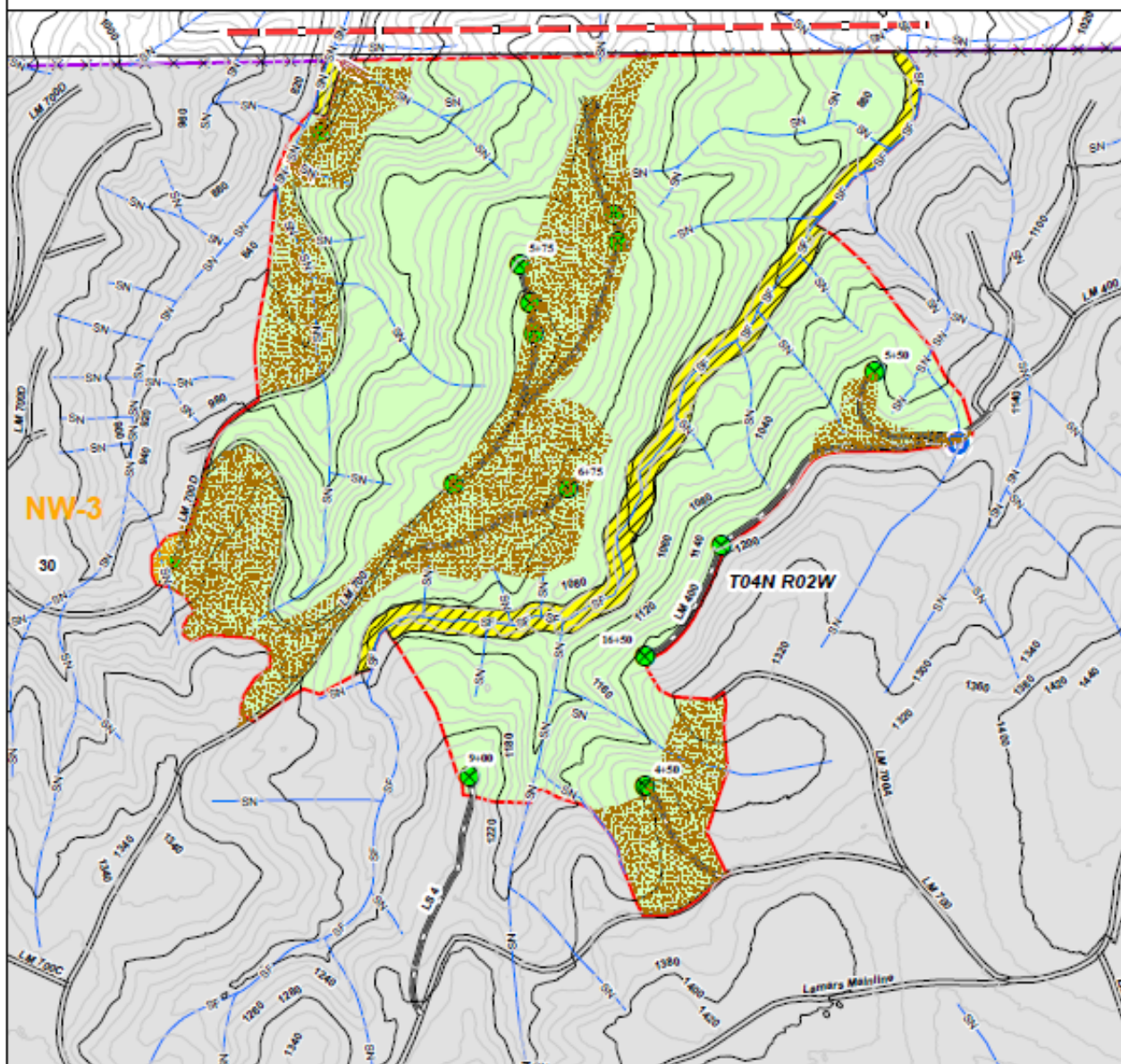
Fire Protection Zone: NW-3
 County: COLUMBIA
 Road: LM-700, LM-700D1, LM-400
 LAT: 45°48'13.74"N
 LONG: 122°58'54.74"W

TIR FishHawk Timberlands
 Preliminary - Logging Unit Map
Lamar 700
 Written Plan Map



EXHIBIT

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO UNIT : From Scappoose/US 30, follow Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy 6.8 miles. Turn LEFT at milepost 13.8. Cross over Crown Z Linear Trail to white gate and start of Lamar Mainline (FC-2 key). Follow Lamar Mainline 2.2 miles to Lamar 700 rd, Turn RIGHT and follow 0.2 miles. Unit is on RIGHT.



1 inch = 500 feet
 Contour Interval = 10 feet
 Date: 8/3/2022



SEC 30 TWP 04 N RGE 02 W

ODF NOAP # 2022-632-08451
 Written Plan Required Yes No
 NOAP Expires 12/31/2022
 Wildlife Leave Trees Identified YES in RMA

	Acres
Gross	121.1
RMA	6.97
Roads	9.50
LTA	---
Other	---
Cable	78.44
Ground	26.19

- FH_Own
- Lamar700_ProposedBoundary
- Small Fish RMA Buffer
- Roads
- Proposed_Reconstruction
- Culvert Removal (End of job)
- Landing
- Turn Out
- Pump Change
- Proposed Tramway/Tailhold Areas
- Shovel Logging



Plan for an Alternate Practice

- Ground-based operations on Steep or Erosion Prone Slopes within 100 feet of a stream
- Ground-based operations on HLHL with No Public Safety Exposure

A. General:

1. Operator Name: Pellham Cutting, Inc. Contact Phone: (503) 397-5325
Address: P.O. Box 840, St. Helens, OR 97051
2. Landowner Name: Salmon Timberland, LLC Contact Phone: (360) 529-6233
3. Notification Number: 2022-532-08451 Operation Name: Lamar 700
4. Legal Description: Section 30-T04N-R02W

B. Slope conditions where ground-based operations will take place:

1. Steep or Erosion-Prone Slopes or highly erodible materials?
 - a. Slopes over 60% X Yes ___ No
 - b. Slopes over 40%, where ODF determines there are highly erodible soils ___ Yes X No
2. High Landslide Hazard Locations (HLHL)? X Yes ___ No
 - a. Western Oregon, (excluding competent rock outcrops) slopes over 80%, any headwall, or draw over 70%
 - b. Tye Core Area, slopes over 75%, any headwall, or draw over 65%
 - c. Field identified by geotechnical specialist and ODF verified as equivalent to the above thresholds

C. Ground-based tethered operation activity:

1. Tethered cutting (with cable yarding)? X Yes ___ No
2. Tethered cutting and tethered yarding? X Yes ___ No

D. Detailed map showing areas of concern (geo-referenced map is preferred):

1. Slope steepness displayed as slope percentage breaks.
 - a. General slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 70%; 70 to 80%; >80%
 - b. Tye Core Area slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 65%; 65 to 75%; >75%
2. Contours
3. Wet areas and downslope streams, including small seasonal streams.
4. "Exclusion zones" where tethered equipment will not operate, such as slides, headwalls.
5. Tethered equipment routes and temporary roads for tethered anchor equipment.
6. Other areas of concern or operational considerations.



E. Describe practices to reduce the potential for erosion to enter waters of the state on all slopes and prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL:

1. What Forest Practice Rules will be modified?
 - a. OAR 629-630-0150(5) ground-based equipment within 100 feet of a stream channel?
 - b. OAR 629-630-0500(4) ground-based equipment on HLHL?

When operating within the erosion prone portions of the unit, in some cases the Operator may place tracks of machinery within 100 feet of stream channels to facilitate cutting and swinging of trees away from waters of the state (OAR 629-630-0150 (5)). The Operator will take care to prevent soil disturbance and will not be creating "excavated skid trails" as outlined in OAR 629-630-0150 (4 & 5). Ground-based equipment operations may occur on slopes defined as HLHL (OAR 629-630-0500 (4)).

2. How will unidentified areas of concern be addressed when discovered during the operation?

If areas of concern, such as potentially unstable slopes, headwalls, spring, or small wetlands) not identified on the map are identified during harvest operations, the Operator will have the option of deeming the site an equipment exclusion zone. In the event that the Operator discovers an area of concern, they are instructed to not enter the area until notifying the Landowner and ODF.

3. What will be done to protect stream channels and waters of the state?

Cable-assist equipment will operate perpendicular to stream channels where possible and avoid operating within the stream channels, per OAR 629-630-0800, except in the case of one-time, temporary crossings. In the instance of a temporary stream crossing, the practices described within OAR 629-630-0800 (2-6) will be adhered to. The Operator will not run cable-assist tracks straight up and down intermittent channels where channel beds and banks are well-defined on the ground. The Operator will avoid running tracks through wet areas (e.g., groundwater seeps, ponds, marshes). When working immediately adjacent to stream channels, the Operator will mitigate ground disturbance on uphill passes by smoothing out ruts, berms, and other depressions when surface runoff could concentrate and/or funnel into streams and wetlands. The Operator will place woody debris, water bars, and/or scratch ditches across equipment tracks to direct water onto undisturbed soil. At no time will tethered equipment enter the riparian management zone/area.

Soil moisture conditions will be monitored daily to determine the potential for runoff. As conditions approach saturation, activities shall cease if soil conditions turn into a mud-like consistency causing it to be forced out from under machine tracks, sometimes referred to as "pumping." Cable-assist activities will be suspended during high-intensity rainfall events (e.g., 1.5 inches in 24 hours) when the potential for surface rutting, slope destabilization, or soil disturbance is elevated.

4. What will be done to prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL?

The Operator will cease tethered operations when soil moisture conditions become unfavorable, as described in the answer to Question 3. Machinery passes will be kept to a practical minimum, as well as directional changes and track spin. Track berms will be knocked down on uphill passes to restore the ground surface. The Operator will place woody debris, water bars, and/or scratch ditches across equipment tracks to direct water onto undisturbed soils.

On engineered/rocked roads, the Operator will correct drainage to ditches, cross drains, and fill slopes that might have been caused by the base machine or anchor equipment.



5. What soil disturbance conditions would trigger the modification of the operation?

The Operator will stop tethered operations when soil moisture and soil disturbance become unfavorable, in order to prevent exposure of the subsoil, likely soil puddling, excessive soil depressions, or excessive track depressions that are difficult to drain. Operational modifications will also be required when the soil condition turns into a mud-like consistency resulting in "pumping."

Operator: Greg Bellman [Signature] 9-27-22
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Landowner: Marisa Bass Marisa N. Bass 09-27-22
print signature date

ODF: JOHN KEAUSE [Signature] 9/29/22
print signature date

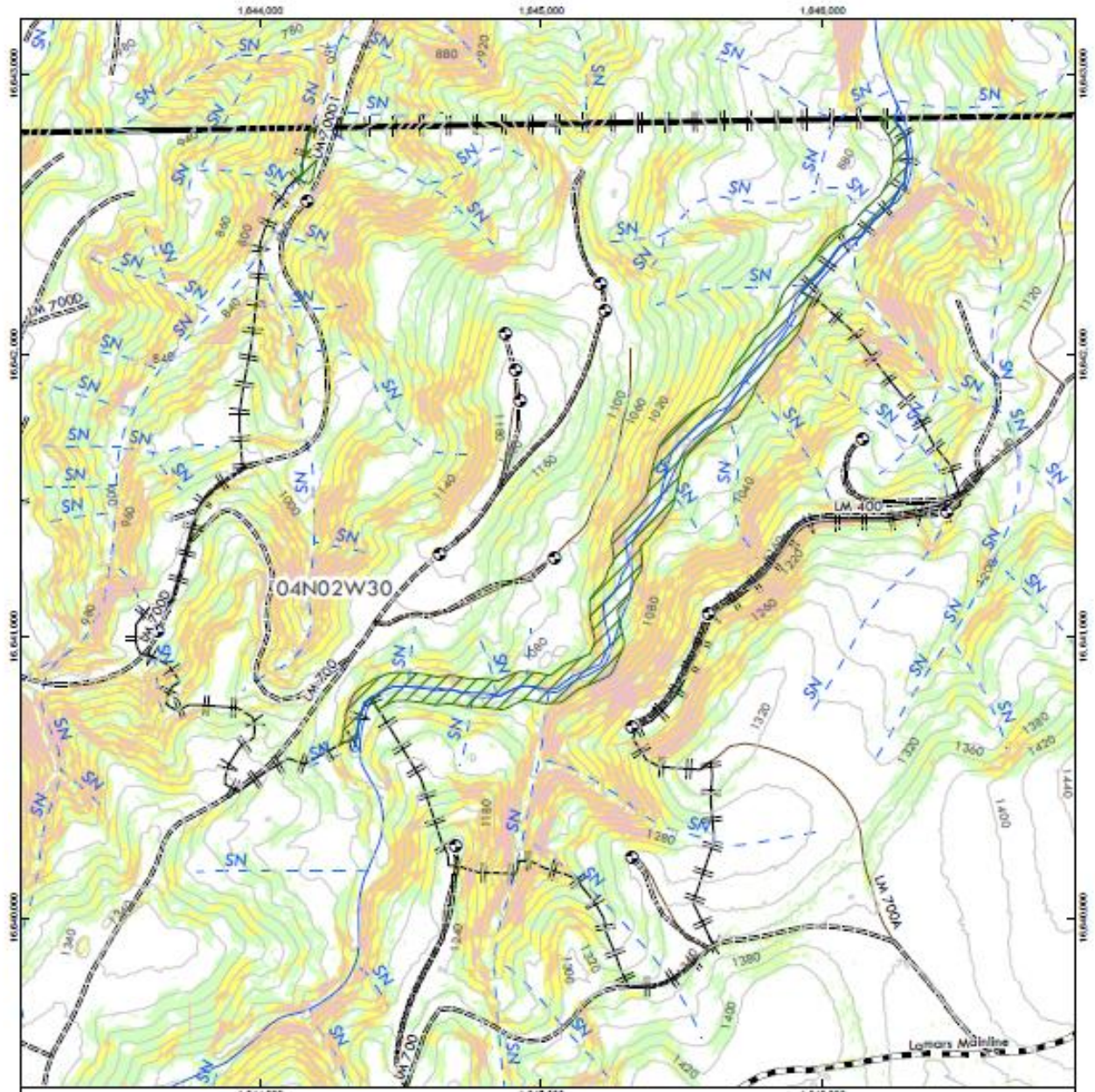
Approved? Yes No Date 9/29/22

Fully implementing this Plan for an Alternate Practice will likely achieve the FPA resource protection standards. The operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well this approved Plan for an Alternate Practice is implemented and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Comments: Review this document with the machine operator prior to starting.



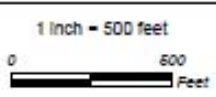
LAMAR 700 SLOPE MAP
 TOWNSHIP 04 NORTH, RANGE 02 WEST, SECTION 30
 NOAP# 2022-532-08451



							Slope *VALUE*

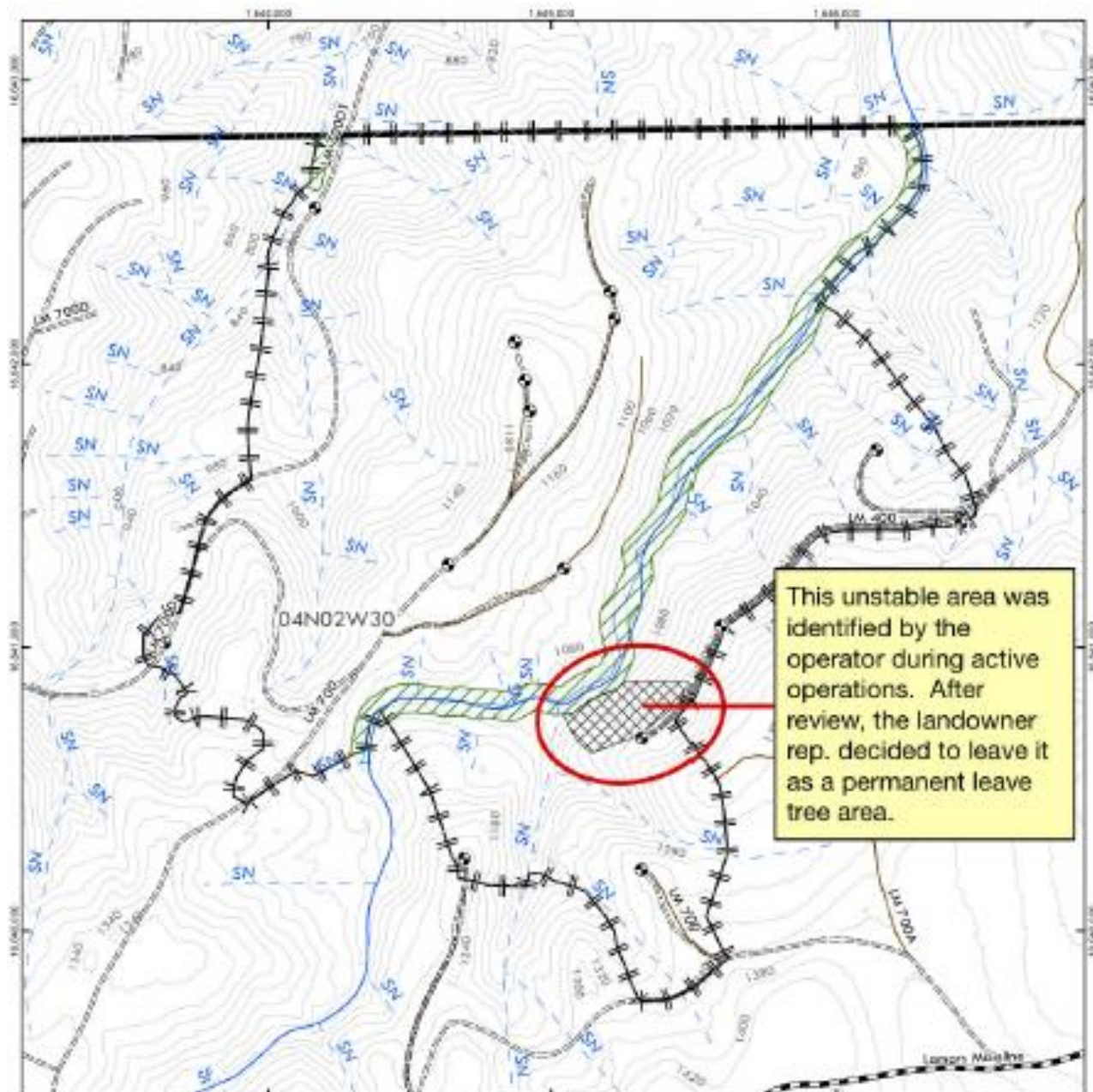


NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N Foot US
 American Forest Management, Inc.
 Chehalis, WA. Date: 8/31/2022



Tract 9106
 Columbia County, OR

LAMAR 700 NOAP MAP
TOWNSHIP 04 NORTH, RANGE 02 WEST, SECTION 30
NOAP# 2022-532-08451 (c)



This unstable area was identified by the operator during active operations. After review, the landowner rep. decided to leave it as a permanent leave tree area.

Forest Unit	Streams LF Large Fish MF Medium Fish SF Small Fish SN Small Noe Fish U Unknown	Roads Highway County Mainline Abandoned	Secondary Spur 4WD Railway Trail Unclassified
RNA Buffer			
Unstable Leave Area			
Property Boundary			
20' Contour			



Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Activity Inspection Report

A Forest Practices Inspection was conducted on 2022-532-08451 (c)

Operation Name: Lamar 700
Inspection Date: 8/4/2022
Operation Status: Active Operation

ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: John Krause
John.e.krause@oregon.gov

ODF Office: Columbia City
405 E St
Columbia City, Oregon 97018
(503) 397-2636

NOAP Contact Details:

Notifier: Chris Eades | American Forest Management
Landowner(s): Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC
Timber Owner: Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC



Unit:	Activity:	Operator:
Lamar 700	Clearcut/Overstory Removal	Greg Leonard Pellham Pellham Cutting Inc.
Lamar 700 LS-1	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-2	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-3	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-4	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-5	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-6	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 LS-7	Road Reconstruction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works
Lamar 700 Truck Turn-around	Road Construction Felling Road Right-of-Way (Incl yarding/decking)	Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works Tony G Schrader T & D Road Works



Operations observed were in compliance at the time of this inspection.

Inspection Notes:

Approximately half the road work has been completed, as of this date.

Recommendations:

Written Plan: Submit Written Plan for work within 100 feet of fish bearing streams.

Roads: Recommend replacing a worn out culvert that has approximately 10 feet of fill, before the operator completes this project. Spoke with the operator about this today and he is aware of the location. Place straw and grass seed in locations along the ditchline that have the potential for sediment delivery to streams.



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ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: John Krause
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NOAP Contact Details:

Notifier: Chris Eades | American Forest Management

Landowner(s): Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC

Timber Owner: Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC

Unit:	Activity:	Operator:
Lamar 700	Clearcut/Overstory Removal	Greg Leonard Pellham Pellham Cutting Inc.



Operations observed were **in compliance** at the time of this inspection.

Inspection Notes:

Operator has moved in tethered machine. I didn't drive up to upper landing.



Oregon Department of Forestry

Forest Activity Inspection Report

A Forest Practices Inspection was conducted on 2022-532-08451 (c)

Operation Name: Lamar 700
Inspection Date: 11/10/2022
Operation Status: Active Operation

ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: John Krause
 John.e.krause@oregon.gov

ODF Office: Columbia City
 405 E St
 Columbia City, Oregon 97018
 (503) 397-2636

NOAP Contact Details:

Notifier: Chris Eades | American Forest Management
Landowner(s): Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC
Timber Owner: Marisa N Bass | Salmon Timberland, LLC

Unit:	Activity:	Operator:
Lamar 700	Clearcut/Overstory Removal	Greg Leonard Pellham Pellham Cutting Inc.



Operations observed were **in compliance** at the time of this inspection.

Inspection Notes:

Unit is being felled with hand cutter and bar saw on shovel ground. Some processing and hauling is taking place.

Recommendations:

Roads: Additional rock may need to be placed on haul road where it crosses stream. Operator and Landowner are aware of my concerns.

Harvesting: Create hard snags in unit, where possible.



Oregon Department of Forestry

Forest Activity Inspection Report

A Forest Practices Inspection was conducted on 2022-532-08451 (c)

Operation Name: Lamar 700
Inspection Date: 1/25/2023
Operation Status: Active Operation

ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: John Krause
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ODF Office: Columbia City
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Inspection Notes:

Met Greg Pellham and Melissa Bell on site to film for the NW Oregon Operator of the Year-2023. Pellham is working off the end landing using the HarvestLine yarder. Tying across the buffer but has great suspension. Not bringing any wood across stream. Few soft spots in the haul road but is not pumping mud at the time of this inspection. Hand falling is taking place.



June 16, 2023

Oregon Department of Forestry
Attn: John Krause
405 E Street
Columbia City, OR 97018

RE: Pellham Cutting Operator of the Year Nomination

Dear John,

I am writing this letter to extend my support for Pellham Cutting as Oregon Department of Forestry's Operator of the Year. I have had the pleasure to work with Greg and Dawn Pellham and their company Pellham Cutting since 2020. Pellham Cutting has logged numerous harvest units over the nearly three years of working together and also provides trucking services.

Pellham Cutting is a top-notch logging and trucking contractor that consistently exceeds expectations. This contractor operates in a way that prevents resource damage and self-regulates their operations as needed to prevent any resource damage during inclement logging and hauling conditions. Greg Pellham is knowledgeable of logging methods and selects the appropriate logging methods for specific harvest units and amends them as needed during operations to minimize logging impacts.

Greg and Dawn Pellham run their company with integrity and a strong work ethic. Their employees display the same hard-working values. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Pellham Cutting over the past nearly three years, and I look forward to continued work with them in the future.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Marisa N Bass
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Marisa Bass
District Manager

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(360)529-6233

WE'RE IN THIS
TOGETHER



Peter Mahnke III
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6/17/2023
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John Krause,

Regarding: Pellham Operator of the Year

I would like to recommend Greg Pellham of Pellham Cutting, Inc. for Oregon Department of Forestry's Northwest Oregon's Operator of the Year award. He has been in business for over 30 years located in Northwest Oregon working the forests in a productive and respectful manner to the resource. He is quick to innovate to meet the requirements of the state to protect resources.

In order to meet Weyerhaeuser's increased demand for cable capability he has purchased a Harvest Line system in order to be able to do the units that we require. This is a large financial risk considering the system is relatively new and he had no experience in cable yarding systems at the time. He has excelled in learning what the limits of the machine are and has been communicating with the Weyerhaeuser engineers in designing units and roads to maximize the Harvest Line system. Focusing on using this piece of equipment, he has extremely low impact on the soils of the unit and it also reduces building extra roads or spurs within the unit. In doing this it limits the chance for slides and sediment delivery to streams within the unit going above and beyond to protect the resources.

Pellham Cutting Inc is a multigenerational family logging company where they believe in continuing good forest practices into the future for generations to come. Greg, Dawn, and Blake currently own and operate the business. Greg is teaching his son, Blake, how to take over the responsibilities of good forest practices. In conversations with Greg we communicate back and forth about how important it is to do a great job because his name is connected to his work and the outcomes of the work will be there for generations. He is quick to ask how his employees are doing, the impact of his work upon the unit, and if there are any places where he can improve.

Regards,

Peter Mahnke III
Harvest Manager NW Oregon



Travis Amesbury - Forester at TTG Forestry Services, Inc.
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June 12, 2023

NW Forest Practices Committee
Oregon Department of Forestry
Columbia City Unit Office
405 E Street
Columbia City, OR 97018

Dear NW Forest Practices Committee,

My name is Travis Amesbury, I am a Forester in the Pacific Northwest with TTG Forestry Services.

I hold Greg Pellham in the highest regard, therefore I would like to recommend Greg Pellham of Pellham Cutting, Inc. for the NW Oregon 2023, Operator of the year.

I had the pleasure of working with Greg in the Spring of 2022. I was impressed with Greg's commitment to run quality, safe and well-maintained equipment. His crew had nothing but kind and respectful things to say about him while I was on the job site. He impressed me with his willingness to discuss all prework items, read the written plan, was well prepared, asked questions, and walked all harvest boundary lines. If questions came up, he would always communicate both with me and the state so that everyone remained on the same page. He was aware and educated on current forest practices. I remember I showed up to check off the job for completion and discuss where clean uploads were going. Greg was piling the job which shocked me. I said, "what are you doing?" He said, "well I am cleaning up the job because my name is on it." Greg takes pride in seeing to it that the job is of good quality from start to finish. I remember thinking to myself, this guy is a good guy and sets an extraordinary example of what the logging community should look like.

Greg deserves this award for his commitment to excellence and determination to get a job done right.

Feel free to contact me at (360) 337-9755 or travis.amesbury@ttgforestry.com if you have any questions or would like me explain more why Greg Pellham deserves to be NW Oregon 2023, Operator of the year.

Sincerely,

Travis Amesbury
Forester



Dear John,

I am very pleased to hear that Greg Pellham and Pellham Cutting are being considered for logger of the year and I feel that they are very deserving of this recognition. As a harvest manager at Weyerhaeuser I have had the opportunity to work with Greg and his company and see their body of work firsthand. They have consistently met or exceeded our expectations as a contractor and do great work.

Pellham Cutting is always going the extra mile to protect the environment during their operations. Greg and his sight leaders always put special attention when logging around sensitive sights such as water features, riparian management zones, wildlife tree areas and other features that protect the landscape and the ecosystem within. They do an excellent job developing their logging plans around these features to ensure they are protected. They do a great job making sure that their operations don't have a negative impact on the environment.

The care they take while logging also extends into all other aspects of Greg's business. It quickly becomes apparent that they also do a great job at taking care of their equipment and operators as well. They make sure their equipment is kept updated and in good shape. This has a very positive effect as they are able minimize the risks of environmentally hazardous spills and run equipment that is more efficient with less harmful emissions by utilizing newer equipment that is held to higher standards and ensuring their equipment is rigorously maintained. They likewise take care of their employees and hire the best



operators they can to ensure that Greg's high expectations are met on the ground every day. This has also allowed them to be in a position to take advantage of new technology and has led to Pellham Cutting being on the forefront of the mechanization push that is happening in the logging industry.

Traditional cable logging and hand falling have long been one of the most high-risk industrial activities in the Pacific Northwest and Pellham Cutting is doing their part to minimize and eliminate these risks. Greg has invested in two traction line cable assist machines. This has allowed Greg to utilize mechanical cutting on ground that would otherwise be hand fell. This is especially unique because this type of cable assist felling is significantly more expensive than hand falling. This is a key investment that shows Greg's commitment to safety. Over the last few years this technology has been a key development in the industry and companies that have been willing to go out on a limb and make these investments over the last few years have been key to helping these technologies get developed. Greg has also invested in a harvest line system with a grapple carriage. This has allowed Pellham Cutting to convert a significant amount of ground that would have traditionally been choker logged to be grapple logged using this system. Using this system, especially in conjunction with the traction line cutting has led to Pellham Cutting to be an extremely efficient and effective logger while keeping safety on the forefront. This has been very valuable in helping us meet our goals at Weyerhaeuser as well as one of our focuses is to utilize these new technologies to log safer and more efficiently. Pellham Cutting has been a key part for success in that goal with the investments they have been willing to make with new technologies in the logging industry.

Pellham Cutting is an impressive logging outfit and I believe that is even more true when you consider how quickly



they have developed into the company they are today running four logging crews, a large trucking outfit, and the other various pieces of keeping those things running smooth. The speed at which they have been able to develop while maintaining their standards for quality work and excellent practices is a testament to the hard work that Greg and his employees put in everyday.

I am happy to recommend Greg and Pellham Cutting for operator of the year.

Glenn Workman

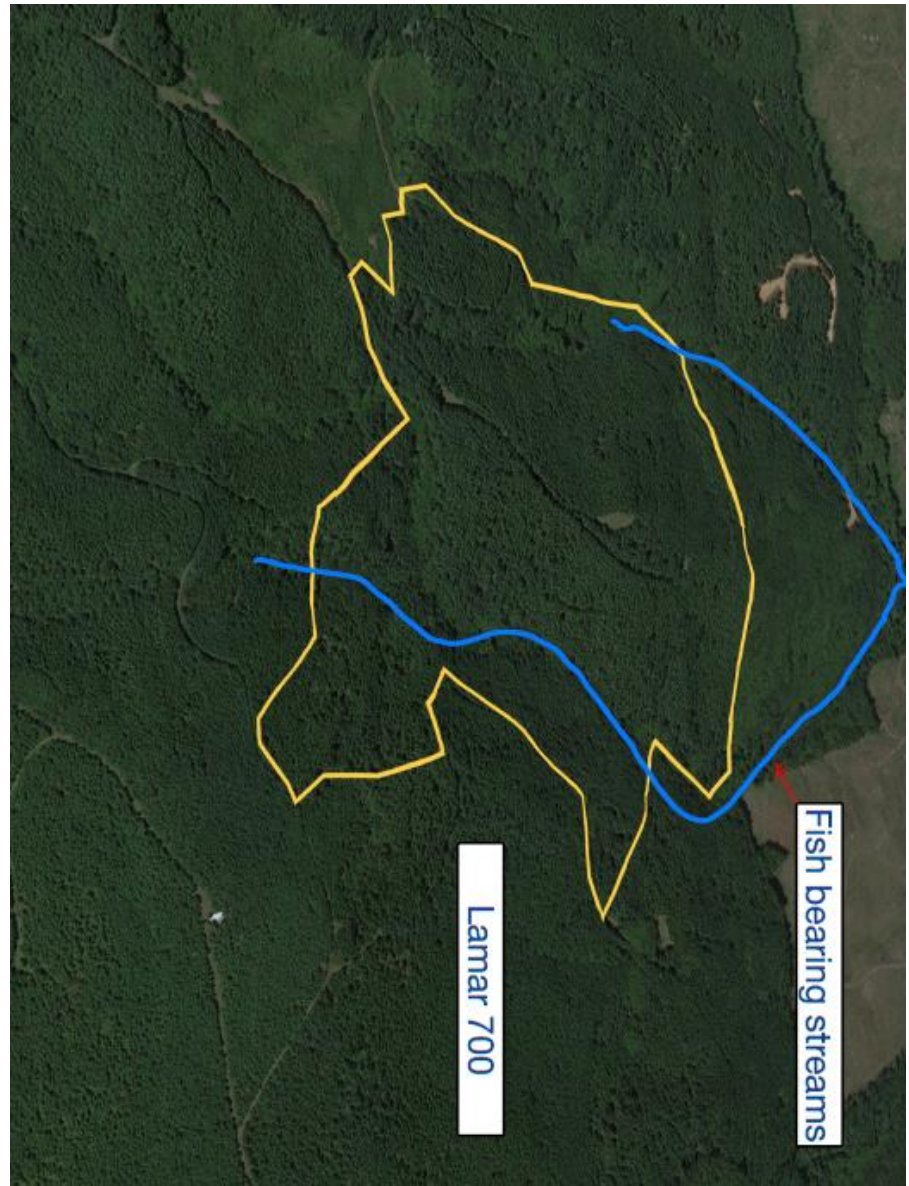
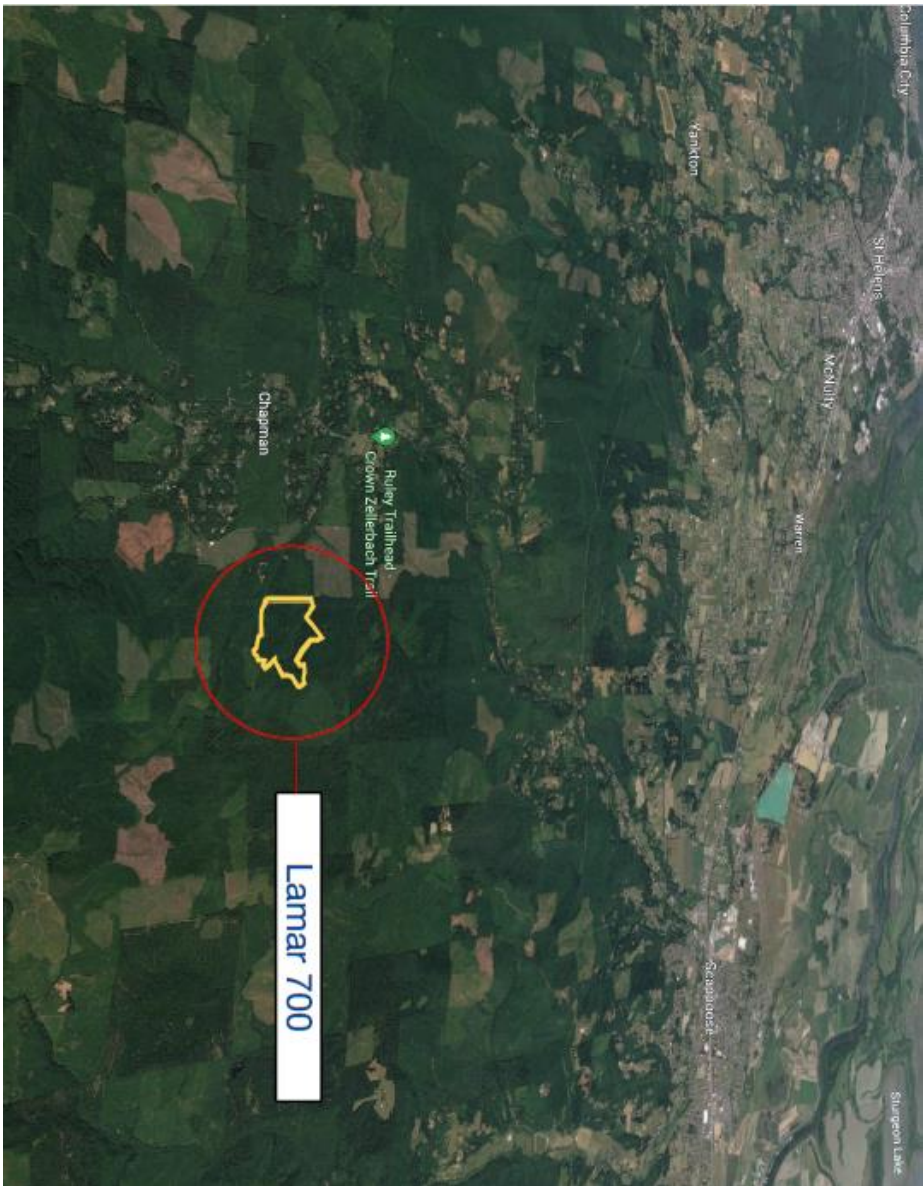
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STOP #2

BIG O LOGGING INC.

NW Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 25th, 2023



OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		





2023 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: *Operator of the Year / Merit Award*

REGION (NW/SW/East): NW

DISTRICT: NWOR

NOMINATED BY: Craig Sorter, Bryce Rodgers

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Big "O" Logging
Company Address: Big "O" Logging Inc, 69776 Fishhawk Rd. Birkenfeld OR, 97016
Company Phone No. (503)739-2003
Company Email: berghunter@icloud.com
Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Olav Berg
Contact Cell Phone No. (503)739-2003
Contacts Email:

Operation Information (*Operation as example of work with RFPC tour*)

Activities: Harvest (X) Site Prep () Reforestation () Road Construction ()
Stand Management () Other () _____

Date of Operation: 1/5/2022-12/31/2023

NOAP No.2022-521-00854c

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): T6N-R6W Sec-20, 21

General Description of Operation: Commercial Thinning

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved: Numerous failing Type N Crossings, unmaintained ageing road system with delivery potential, One Small Type F crossing.

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples):

This is the first job that I've worked with Olav and have come away very impressed with his ability at commercial thinning and care of the land. Olav's years of experience have helped him perfect his approach.

Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations regarding protection of forest resources:



Issues with the existing road system on the Konennecke Thinning have caused problems throughout the operation. As Olav has moved further into the property, he has identified more failing pipes and drainage issues to the trust's consulting Forester that would need to be repaired before he could continue. Weather at times would delay fixes which in turn impacted production. At his own expense Olav moved out during the winter months due to the road system.

Describe how the operator was ***Innovative/Extra Efforts*** (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

Olav is a very accomplished at Commercial Thinning, due to good falling and yarding, stand damage has been kept at a minimum. Olav has also identified several Phellinus pockets throughout the project that he thinned heavier or created small patch cuts. Daylighting of the road system has allowed considerable drying and enabled easier access for continuing road maintenance to occur.

Describe ***Results*** in resource protection and forest management benefits:

Olav has been able to work with the Consulting Forester and Landowner to upgrade the road system as he has commercial thinned through the tract. Previous road building practices had left the property infrastructure in very bad condition. Many of the cross drains were log puncheon/ French Drains. Before moving into the property Olav identified a large failing fill on the main haul route that certainly would have failed if not identified prior to active hauling.

Describe the ***Financial Risk assumed by the operator*** as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

At times Olav has had to wait for road related issues to be fixed prior to moving further into the property impacting production. Olav moved out to give the consulting forester time to address additional issues identified during the winter months.



OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

Olav Berg is a career logger who born and raised in the industry. Olav and his family own and actively manage several hundred acres of commercial timberland in Columbia County. Olav lives on the family Tree Farm.

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Agency/Company: Darinda & Glenn Koennecke Trust
Contact Name: Darinda Koennecke
Title: Trust Executer
Email:
Phone No. (503) 464-6563

Nominator(s):

Name: Craig Sorter, Bryce Rodgers
Agency/Company: Oregon Department of Forestry, NWOR
Title: Stewardship Foresters
Email: Craig.L.Sorter@odf.oregon.gov
Phone No. (503) 325-5451

Name: Bryce Rodgers
Agency/Company: Oregon Department of Forestry
Title: Stewardship Forester
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Phone No. (503) 325-5451

Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for operators history and experiences:

- *NOAP*
- *Written Plan/PFAP*
- *Location Map*
- *Operation Map*
- *Aerial Photo*
- *Photographs of operation/activities/efforts/etc.*
- *Letters of Reference/Support*
- *Any additional documents to support nomination.*
 - *Other landowners*
 - *Other agencies involved with the nominee on projects.*
 - *Other ODF staff*
 - *Neighbors/community (ie. Mayor of city or neighbors next to op that have input, etc.)*



Unit 1 of 1: 2022 Thin

885.7 acres Clatsop County(s)

T6N R6W Sec17,T6N R6W
Sec20,T6N R6W Sec19,T6N
R6W Sec16,T6N R6W
Sec30,T6N R6W Sec21,T6N
R6W Sec29

Regulated Use Area: NW-2

Operator: Olav Berg Big O Logging, Inc 69776 Fishhawk Rd Birkenfeld, Oregon 97016 503-739-2003	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 1/5/2022 End: 12/31/2023 Remarks: Please Waive 15 day wait. No immediate harvest within 100' of streams; upon fish presence determination by ODF forester written plan(s) will be submitted where needed to harvest selected timber within these riparian areas in accordance with OFPA rules.	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 120.00 MBF
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Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Northrup Creek: Large - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Small - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Pond, Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	

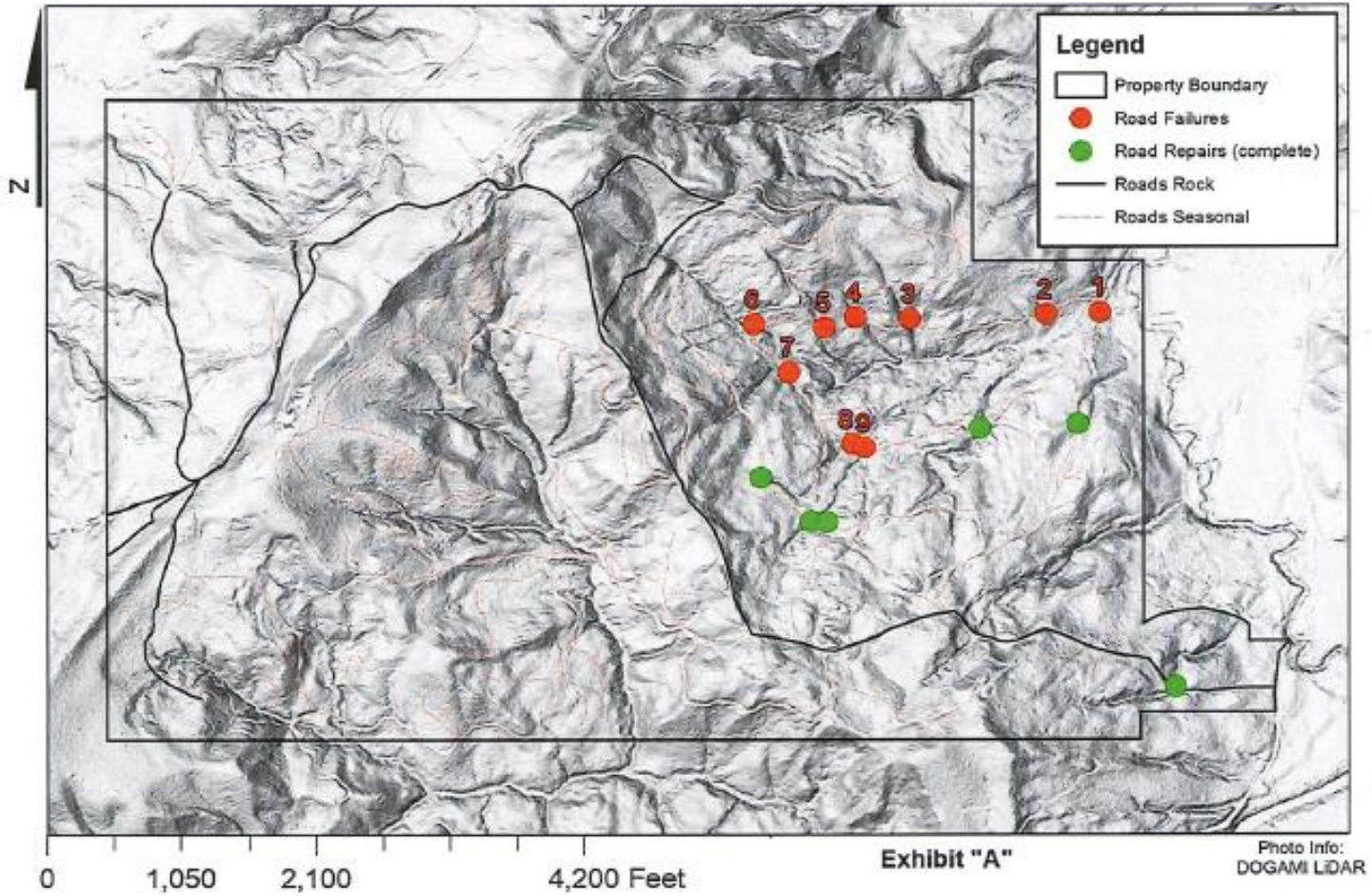
Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your Stewardship Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: 2022 Thin



Glenn Koennecke Trust Property







Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Activity Inspection Report

A **Forest Practices Inspection** was conducted on **2022-521-00854 (c)**

Operation Name: Koennecke 2022 Thinning

Inspection Date: 12/15/2022

Operation Status: Active Operation

ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: Craig Sorter
craig.l.sorter@odf.oregon.gov

ODF Office: Astoria
92219 Hwy 202
Astoria, Oregon 97103
(503) 325-5451

NOAP Contact Details:

Notifier: Sam Bryant

Landowner(s): Darinda Koennecke | Glenn Koennecke Trust

Timber Owner: Darinda Koennecke | Glenn Koennecke Trust

Unit:	Activity:	Operator:
2022 Thin	Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting	Olav Berg Big O Logging, Inc



Operations observed were **in compliance** at the time of this inspection.

Inspection Notes:

Logger doing a good job of mitigating water and poor road conditions. May be running out of areas to work in during the wet season.



Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Activity Inspection Report

A **Forest Practices Inspection** was conducted on **2022-521-00854 (c)**

Operation Name: Koennecke 2022 Thinning

Inspection Date: 7/12/2023

Operation Status: Active Operation

ODF Contact Details:

Inspected by: Craig Sorter
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ODF Office: Astoria
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NOAP Contact Details:

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Landowner(s): Darinda Koennecke | Glenn Koennecke Trust

Timber Owner: Darinda Koennecke | Glenn Koennecke Trust

Unit:	Activity:	Operator:
2022 Thin	Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting	Olav Berg Big O Logging, Inc

 Operations observed were **in compliance** at the time of this inspection.

Inspection Notes:

Thinning is coming along nicely; Flying W will be moving in shortly to install fish pipes and cross drains.







INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CRAIG SORTER, STEWARDSHIP FORESTER, ASTORIA DISTRICT

FROM: TY WILLIAMS, DISTRICT OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, ASTORIA DISTRICT

SUBJECT: OPERATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION INPUT – BIG O LOGGING

DATE: JUNE 20, 2023

CC: DAN GOODY, JOHN TILLOTSON, BRYCE RODGERS

ACTION REQUESTED:

Add Astoria State Forest perspective to the Operator of the Year Nomination for Big O Logging (Olaf "Ole" Berg).

BLUF (BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT):

Big O Logging has conducted operations on the Clatsop State Forest since the early 2000's. The work conducted has always been top-notch and typically goes above and beyond to meet and exceed State Forest Contract requirements as well as the Forest Practices Act to ensure the final product is something that both Big O Logging and ODF can be proud to showcase.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

An example of the quality work Big O Logging has conducted on the Clatsop State Forest over the last 25 years is the Grasslands Thinning timber sale. This sale consisted of two "automark" thinning units and five group selection units, totaling 336 acres.

This sale was within a historic spotted owl home range of the Strum Creek northern spotted owl pair, as defined in the Agreement for the Conservation of Northern Spotted Owls. The Grasslands Thinning timber sale did not modify suitable habitat or reduce the amount of suitable habitat within any spotted owl home range but one of the key goals of the sale was to enhance the stands to propel them towards suitable habitat status through active harvest sooner than would be possible through no harvest activity at all. ODF consulted with the USFWS on the sale and the federal agency had a keen interest in the outcome of the sale which elevated the importance of having a successful outcome.

Much of the stand was part of a legacy Douglas-fir progeny research site so species diversity was low as was stand complexity. Big O Logging and specifically, Ole Berg, worked closely with our sale administrator to understand our goals and objectives. By taking special care and utilizing different felling and yarding practices he was able to protect any existing diverse tree species as well as the understory shrub community to enhance the overall diversity within the stand upon completion the harvest activities.



This particular sale also took place within the Buster Creek Salmon Anchor Habitat basin and required larger stream buffers and particular attention to ground disturbance and sedimentation issues. Neither of these areas ever became a concern while working with Big O Logging on this sale.

This is just one example of a particularly highly sensitive operation that Big O Logging has conducted on the Clatsop, but the work exhibited here could be just as easily spotlighted on any of the sales that this contractor has done for ODF. The running joke amongst our sale administrators is to try and find at least one barked-up tree (tree with bark removed due to yarding or felling activity) on a Big O Logging operation. Cue the *Mission Impossible* theme song because that is how rare it is to find one.

Ole always takes immense pride in his finished product and treats every operation as if will be visited by the most important dignitary or the most anti-logging citizen of Oregon. More importantly, he treats each operation as if it was his own property and the care and consideration he takes in planning and implementing consistently shines through.



Bryce Rodgers (Stewardship Forester)

92219 Hwy 202 | 503-298-7538 | Bryce.rodgers@odf.oregon.gov

6/21/23

Big O Logging Nomination:

For 17 years, I worked in the State Forest Marketing unit in the Astoria District. I was a contract administrator on several state timber sale contracts with Big O Logging as the operator. Big O Logging specializes in first entry thinning operations. As a sale administrator, it was always great news to find out that Big O Logging was going to be the operator. It makes your job easy.

As an operator, Big O Logging was always on top of things. Before we got the torrential rain in the fall, I would go out to a Big O Operation and sediment bales would be placed at every culvert with a live stream along the entire haul route. You didn't have to call and remind the operator. It was completed without being asked to do so. When we got a heavy rain event, Olav Berg would call the next day to tell you they shut down logging and hauling, without being instructed to do so.

During the harvest operation, Big O Logging would lay out skid trails and landings in locations that prevent sediment from entering streams. They would utilize slash in skid trails preventing rutting in the soils. At the end of an operation, it was hard to tell they worked there because the road was so clean. The residual stand would look perfect every time. It was difficult for the contract administrator to find a single tree with damage from logging.

New foresters that didn't have much experience in contract administration would usually be assigned to a Big O Operation. It was always an easy operation to start with and the new administrator would gain experience by working with Big O Logging. In my opinion, to assign a new administrator to gain experience working with Big O Logging, that say a lot about the operator.

Big O Logging is a small two-person operation. They produce about 5 to 7 loads a day. They take on financial risk by shutting down operations during periods of heavy rain or by moving out of a job for several months to return during drier conditions. That can also make the operation more challenging because that may put them in a stand, operating during the loose bark period. In my 21 years as a forester, I have never worked with an operator that has been as consistent as Big O Logging.



To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to recommend Olav Berg and Big O Logging for the 2023 ODF Operator of the Year Award with the Oregon Department of Forestry. During my ten years as a forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry, I had the pleasure of working closely with Olav on multiple timber sales where I can confidently say Olav has shown nothing but professionalism, expertise and commitment to excellence on any timber sale he worked on.

Regardless of the timber sale, terrain, conditions, constraints or challenges, Olav Berg has time and time again performed with an exceptional level toward sustainable logging practices, adherence toward the Oregon Forest Practices Act and ODF contract compliance. His dedication to this level of competency was always evident on any timber sale he worked on, whether it be for private small land owners or with Oregon Department of Forestry.

One of the standout qualities of Big O Logging was their commitment to openness and communication. Their responsiveness to our inquiries, questions, updates, and any concerns that arose were promptly responded to, fostering a positive working relationship for not only myself, but any forester they worked with. I can say confidently that if you were to ask any forester who their favorite contractor to work with would be, it would be Big O Logging.

Thank you for considering Big O Logging for the 2023 ODF Operator of the Year Award. Should you require any additional information or questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

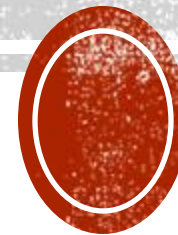
John Choate

STOP #3

RON STALEY ENTERPRISES, INC

NW Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 26th, 2023



OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		





2023 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: *Operator of the Year / Merit Award*

REGION (NW/SW/East): Northwest Oregon Area

DISTRICT: South Cascade

NOMINATED BY: Jerrin Robbins – Stewardship Forester

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Ron Staley Enterprises INC
Company Address: 29312 Santiam Terrace Rd Lebanon, OR 97355
Company Phone No. (541) 409-2994
Company Email:
Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Ron Staley
Contact Cell Phone No. (541) 409-2994
Contacts Email:

Operation Information (*Operation as example of work with RFPC tour*)

Activities: Harvest () Site Prep () Reforestation () Road Construction ()
Stand Management () Other () _____

Date of Operation: 7/1/2022 – 10/15/2022

NOAP No. 2022-772-05287 & 2022-772-07033

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): T13S R2E Sec 31, 31 T14S R2E Sec 6
4 Miles East of Sweet Home, OR

General Description of Operation: 2 notified units that resulted in one combined clear cut harvest unit of 115 acres combined.

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved: Multiple segments of Medium and Small fish bearing streams, existing roads/ fish crossings located within RMA's

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's Consistency in performance over the years (use examples):

This operator works almost exclusively within our geographic area of Linn County, with multiple clearcut and cut to length thinning sides ongoing concurrently. Over my past 7 years in this area, I have observed many completed units and worked with the operator on many units with complex resource protection goals and challenges. Ron was an early adopter of using high end custom drones to fly rigging lines for cable logging sides. This has many benefits to the company as well as provides an additional level of resource protection when flying over RMA's. Of all the operators I have worked with this company consistently does by far the best job of post-harvest cleanup of the road system. Examples include shaping of roads, cleaning ditches and catch basins and pulling any temporary crossings. It should be



noted they also operate a separate road construction company and have the skills, tools and mindset to perform that work as well. The attention to detail for FPA and resource concerns is noticed above and beyond what many other operators are focusing on. When questions come up with resource protections we discuss and look at options on the ground with the equipment operators to find the best solutions. Ron is innovative with new tools and technologies for harvesting.

Describe the Difficulty and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regard to protection of forest resources:

Due to internal ownership differences within the company and marketing purposes the operation was divided into two separate notifications to be harvested concurrently. The unit has multiple segments of fish bearing streams that border and divide the units. This posed a challenge as those areas are steep and required cable logging operations. The operator is using a swing yarder with a grapple carriage. This requires slacking the main line into the RMA's in order to grapple the logs on each turn. The yarder ended up being set up on 3 separate ridges to yard all of the logs. The resource protection on the retained RMA's was excellent with minimal impacts to the vegetation within the RMA's. Some of the steep areas were machine cut with the use of tethered logging systems. Ron has a tethered anchor but contracts the hot saw cutting.

Haul route roads were previously located within the medium fish RMA, those roads were again used with minimal impact to waters of the State.

Describe how the operator was Innovative/Extra Efforts (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

Using drones to fly lines over the RMA's lessens the impacts of traditional methods. The operator sub-contracted multiple companies to machine cut much of the timber with traditional and tethered sections. The operator, Hart Custom Cutting was brought in to tether cut and was capable of cutting the larger timber on the steeper ground. This resulted in better protection the RMA's over traditional hand cutting with the ability to directionally fall and place trees without disturbance to the retained vegetation in the RMA's.

Describe Results in resource protection and forest management benefits:

Post-harvest the resource protection standards for all FPA rules have been met or exceeded. The multiple fish RMA's look good in terms of potential damage from cutting, and cable logging activities. The layout of the unit and multiple yarder settings on each side of the fish stream draws was needed so the cut timber did not need to fly through the RMA only lines were in the RMA's. Drones were used to fly cables across the RMA's which reduces the potential for damage as the light lines are laid on top of the canopy in a straight-line minimizing damage to the retained vegetation.

Describe the Financial Risk assumed by the operator as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

I am not aware of any additional financial risk assumed by the operator than what would normally be taken on an operation such as this. The landowner was significantly involved with this operation. The landowner was responsible for unit layout, notification, and



merchandising. The operator was responsible for the logging, road construction, slash piling, burning, and unit cleanup. Depending on scheduling the operator may be responsible for installation of the new fish culverts next year.

OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

Prior to operations beginning all the parties that were part of this operation met offsite to discuss the concerns of the operation from the operational logistics, protected resources, and road locations. I perform pre-operation meetings with folks somewhat often, but this was by far the most in-depth and meaningful to date.

Additional information about this operation that is not independent to the operator that is nominated but added to the challenges of this harvest unit and are worth mentioning. During the planning phase of this operation the streams in the area had not been evaluated for fish use and there was uncertainty in the actual areas of fish distribution. There is a barrier to fish distribution at the confluence of the stream to the South Santiam River. Planning began during the winter months which pose challenges to observe fish use. The landowner and ODF looked at much of the stream network and decided that fish use was likely due to habitat above the barrier, even though fish had not been observed. The landowner then performed a DNA analysis test using new E-DNA technologies that confirmed fish presence in the system. Prior to the DNA test the landowner was prepared to treat all the streams as having fish use even with the barrier. During the operation ODF did observe fish within the system.

Additionally, the units roads are preexisting and in many places parallel to the fish streams and located within the RMA's. There are three road crossings that were used and are fish bearing segments. All those crossings are in need of replacement and the landowner was planning on having Ron's road construction company replace those crossings as part of the project along with an additional fourth nearby with upgraded fish passable crossings. Due to supply constraints those culverts were not delivered in time to be installed during the last in water work period so they are now scheduled for next year.

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Agency/Company:	Cascade Timber Consulting, INC.
Contact Name:	Brian Murray
Title:	
Email:	bmurray@cascadetimber.com
Phone No.	(541) 367-2111

Nominator(s):

Name:	Jerrin Robbins
Agency/Company:	ODF
Title:	Stewardship Forester
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NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2022-772-05287
Operation Name: SS 280



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

Before you use fire, contact the local office of the Oregon Department of Forestry or Forest Protective Association to see if additional burn permit and/or Smoke Management Program regulations apply.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

Person Submitting the NOAP: CTC Sales Admin
Date NOAP Submitted: April 13, 2022
Report Generated: December 29, 2022

Notifier Comment

Notified by Brian Murray.

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the Stewardship Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, **but you must wait the full 15 days unless the Stewardship Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.**

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

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4890 Hwy 20
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
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Stewardship Forester: Jerrin Robbins
Email: jerrin.b.robbsins@oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Milton Moran
Phone: (541)387-2111

Landowner(s)

CTC Sales Admin
Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc
PO Box 448
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Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
(541) 367-2111

Notice to Landowner(s)

Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting.
The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws.
Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.

Timber Owner

Timber Service Co. Forester
Timber Service Co.
PO Box 448
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
(541) 367-2111

Notice to Timber Owner

If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

Written Plans



A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the Stewardship Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](tel:503-629-605-0170) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your Stewardship Forester for more information.

Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Jerrin Robbins on 6/27/2022

The attached plan for alternate practice for tethered operations on steep slopes is approved. Fully implementing the attached plan for alternate practice will likely achieve the FPA resource protection standards. The operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well this approved plan for an alternate practice is implemented and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/27/2022

Uploaded plan for alternate practice for ground based operations on steep or erosion prone slopes within 100' of a stream & ground based operations on HLHL with no public safety exposure. Comments to plan pending review.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/21/2022

Fully implementing the attached written plan is likely to achieve the resource protection standards. This operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well required practices are applied and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/1/2022

Uploaded written plan and map to documents section.

Jerrin Robbins on 4/18/2022

Stream that runs through unit is currently small fish, written plan required for operations within 50' RMA or hanging cables over. The operation has steep or erosion-prone slopes or high landslide hazard locations. No ground-based machinery activity may occur on slopes which are steep or erosion-prone within 100' of any stream or on high landslide hazard locations, without a State Forester approved Plan for Alternate Practice.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

Small lake (<= 8 acres) within 100 feet of area.

Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the stewardship forester to withdraw this consent.

Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

Pesticide Use: Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.

Operations Near Utility Lines: If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.



Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

Registrants & Subscribers: There may be registrants and/or subscribers who receive this Notification. See the Notification Summary page within the E-Notification system or contact ODF for more details.

NOAP Changes: The notifier must inform the Oregon Department of Forestry of any changes in a NOAP before the activity takes place. A new NOAP may be required.

**Unit 1 of 1: SS 280**

31.0 acres Linn County(s) T13S R2E Sec31,T14S R2E Regulated Use Area: LN-1
Sec8

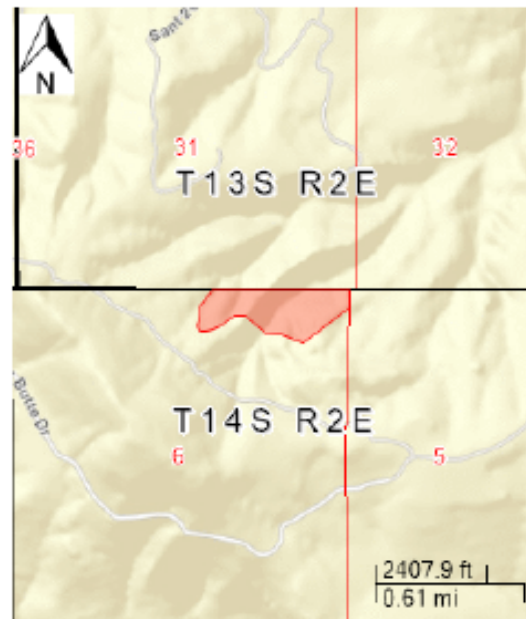
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Operator: Ron Staley Ron Staley Enterprises 29312 Santiam Terrace Rd. Lebanon, Oregon 97355 (541) 409-2994	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 4/13/2022 End: 12/31/2022	Method(s): Mechanical, Burning - piles

Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
South Santiam River Trib: Small - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Pond	

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your Stewardship Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: SS 280



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May 16, 2022

Jerrin Robbins
Stewardship Forester
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Re: Written Plan for the SS 280 Sale

Operator: Staley Enterprises

Landowner: Timber Service Company

Timber Owner: Hill Timber Limited Partnership - Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc. - Agent

Operation: Clearcut Logging

Operating Dates: Cutting to commence approximately July 1, 2022, with all logs to be removed by December 31, 2022.

Condition Requiring a Written Plan:

- A.) A small fish stream (S. Santiam tributary) runs through the middle of the harvest unit. Cable logging skyline and working lines will be suspended over the RMA and aquatic area of the stream.

See attached Written Plan Map.

Written Plan and Operational Goals: Protect streamside vegetation and the integrity of the aquatic area within and near the stream and RMA.



Operation Specifications:

- A.) A 50' RMA will be established along both sides of the small fish stream. There will be no trees removed from within the RMA. Any tree outside the RMA that may create any excessive or unusual damage to the integrity of the RMA will not be cut. Retention of the boundary markers adjacent to the stream shall act as an indicator of the levels of protection of the outer portion of the RMA. It will be necessary to attach cable logging skyline and other working lines to tailholds across the stream and RMA in order to achieve adequate deflection. Logs will be fully suspended and yarded over the RMA to be landed. Logs will not be drug on the ground within the RMA. Skyline roads shall be chosen in order to utilize openings within the RMA canopy. Care will be taken during operations to minimize damage to vegetation and trees within the RMA.

If this plan meets with your approval, please sign and return the original.

Sincerely,
CASCADE TIMBER CONSULTING, INC.

By Lindsay Golly
Lindsay Golly

Acknowledged _____, 2022

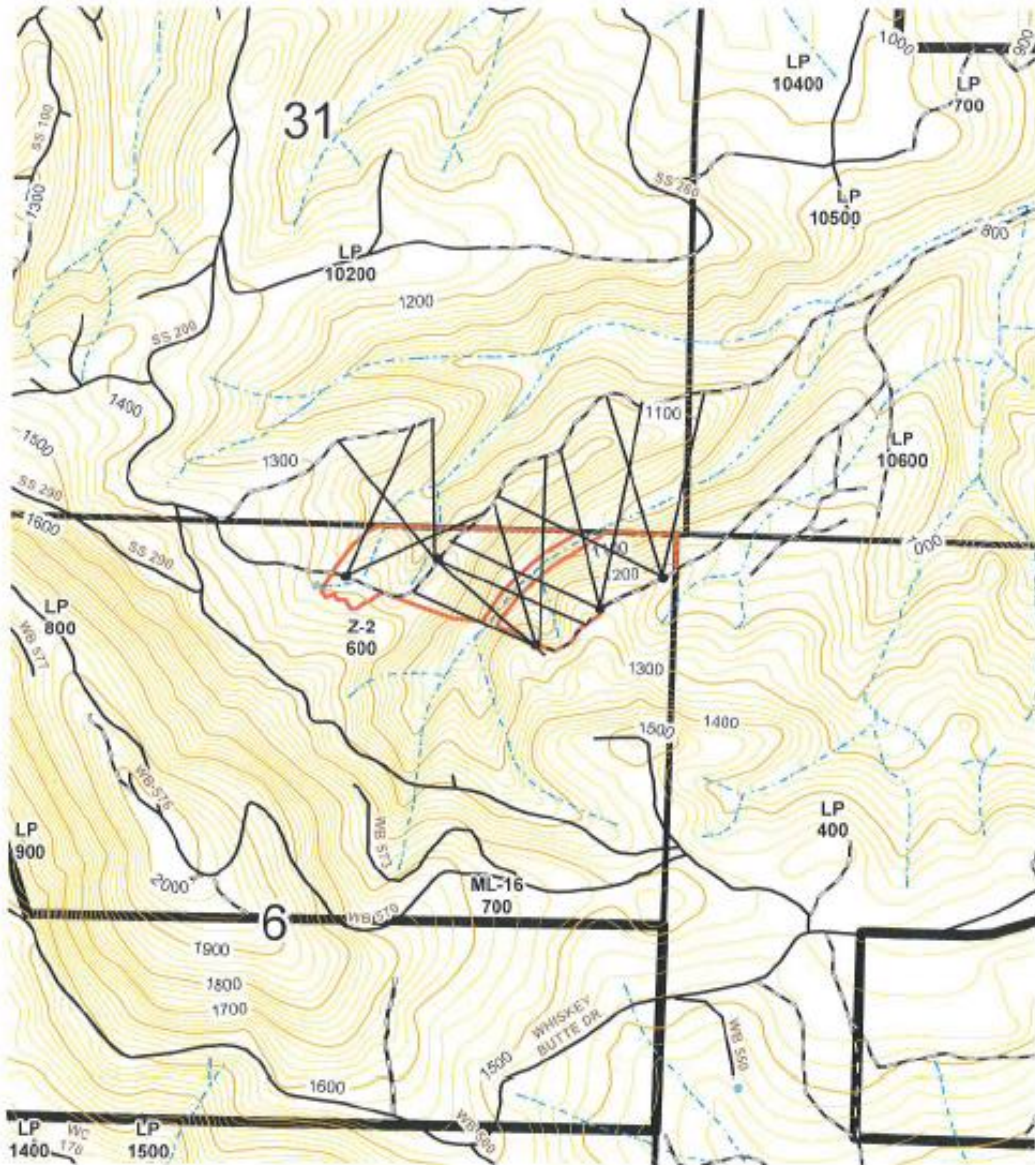
By _____
Jerrin Robbins



SS 280

Section 6, T.14S., R.2E., W.M.

WRITTEN PLAN MAP



COMMENTS



approximate location of cable logging skylines



1 inch = 1,000 feet



Plan for an Alternate Practice - *Template*

- Ground-based operations on Steep or Erosion Prone Slopes within 100 feet of a stream
- Ground-based operations on HLHL with No Public Safety Exposure

A. General:

- Operator Name: RON STALEY Contact Phone: (541) 367-6108
Address: 29312 SANTIAM TERRACE RD
- Landowner Name: TIMBER SERVICE CO Contact Phone: (541) 4090227
- Notification Number: 2022-772-05562 05287 Operation Name: SS 280
- Legal Description: T14S R2E 6

B. Slope conditions where ground-based operations will take place:

- Steep or Erosion-Prone Slopes or highly erodible materials?
 - Slopes over 60% Yes ___ No
 - Slopes over 40%, where ODF determines there are highly erodible soils ___ Yes No
- High Landslide Hazard Locations (HLHL)? Yes ___ No
 - Western Oregon, (excluding competent rock outcrops) slopes over 80%, any headwall, or draw over 70%
 - Tyee Core Area, slopes over 75%, any headwall, or draw over 65%
 - Field identified by geotechnical specialist and ODF verified as equivalent to the above thresholds

C. Ground-based tethered operation activity:

- Tethered cutting (with cable yarding)? Yes ___ No
- Tethered cutting and tethered yarding? Yes ___ No

D. Detailed map showing areas of concern (geo-referenced map is preferred):

- Slope steepness displayed as slope percentage breaks.
 - General slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 70%; 70 to 80%; >80%
 - Tyee Core Area slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 65%; 65 to 75%; >75%
- Contours
- Wet areas and downslope streams, including small seasonal streams.
- "Exclusion zones" where tethered equipment will not operate, such as slides, headwalls.
- Tethered equipment routes and temporary roads for tethered anchor equipment.
- Other areas of concern or operational considerations.



E. Describe practices to reduce the potential for erosion to enter waters of the state on all slopes and prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL:

1. What Forest Practice Rules will be modified?
 - a. OAR 629-630-0150(5) ground-based equipment within 100 feet of a stream channel?
 - b. OAR 629-630-0500(4) ground-based equipment on HLHL?
2. How will unidentified areas of concern be addressed when discovered during the operation?

We will have a hand cutter working the steep slopes and the oversize wood. Areas that we cant log with a tethered shovel we will get with the grapple yarder
3. What will be done to protect stream channels and waters of the state?

We will stay at least 30 feet away from riparian with equipment, We will directionally fall the trees away from stream channels. We will water bar or fluff up any tracks that have potential for any water to run into streams
4. What will be done to prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL?

Potentially sensitive areas will be walked prior to tethering. If we find areas of concern we will keep equipment off that area and hand cut and yard those areas
5. What soil disturbance conditions would trigger the modification of the operation?

Excessive rutting, incurring seeps or springs, unstable slopes

Operator: Ron Staley Ronald Z. Staley 6-23-2022
print signature date

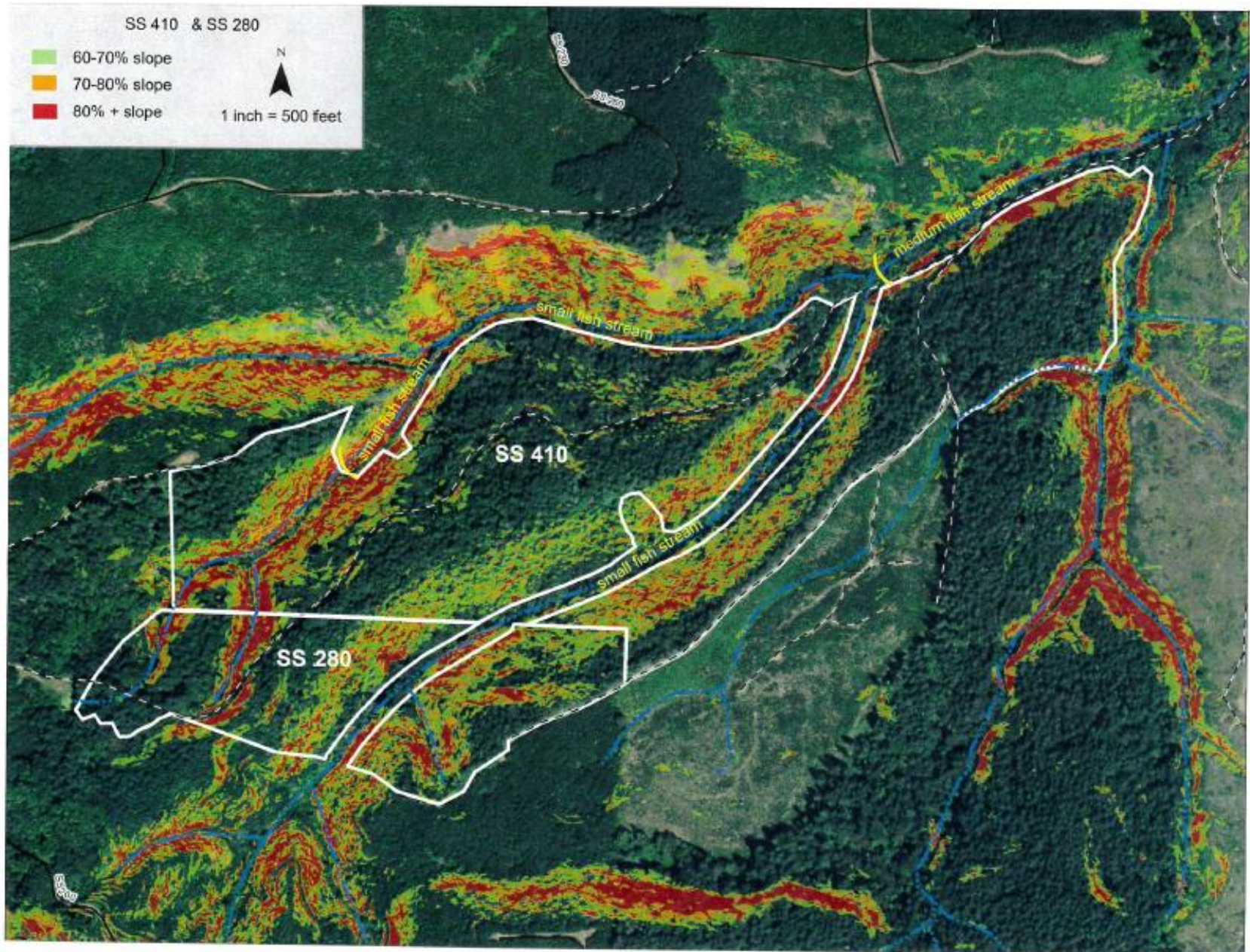
Landowner: Scott Emmerl Scott Emmerl 6-23-22
print signature date

ODF: _____
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Approved? Yes No Date _____

Fully implementing this Plan for an Alternate Practice will likely achieve the FPA resource protection standards. The operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well this approved Plan for an Alternate Practice is implemented and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Comments: The West half of the Unit will be cut first with hand cutters and feller buncher. The only tethering will be 4 acres on the west half with the Tiger Cuts.
 The East side will be cut later with hand cutters and Jeremy Hart Tethering. We will hand cut all the wet areas next to the streams

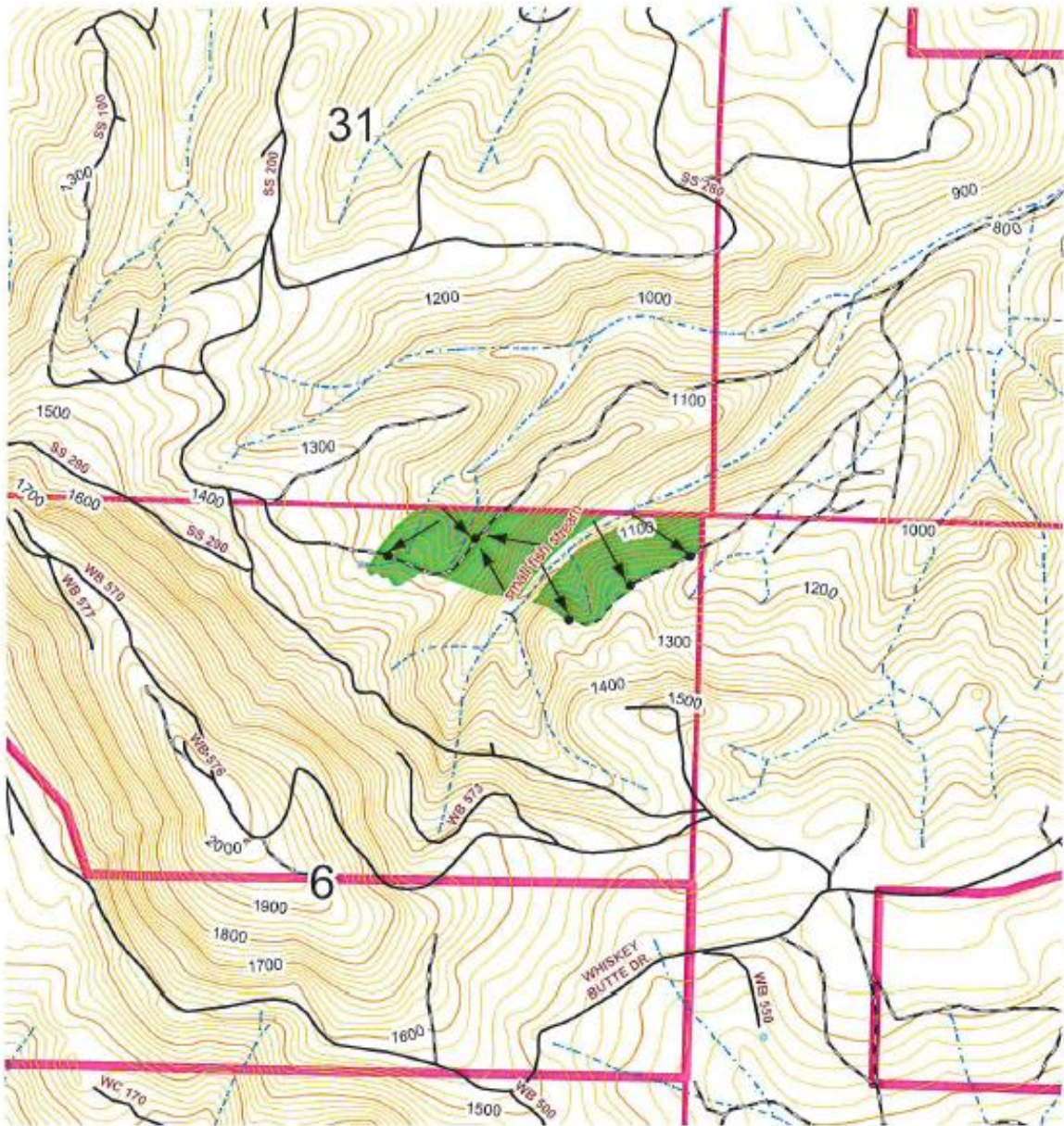




SS 280

Section 6, T.14S., R.2E., W.M.

TOPOGRAPHIC/STREAM MAP



COMMENTS

The stream in the middle of the unit is a small fish.
All other streams within or adjacent to the unit are small nonfish.



1 inch = 1,000 feet



NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2022-772-07033
Operation Name: SS 410



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

Before you use fire, contact the local office of the Oregon Department of Forestry or Forest Protective Association to see if additional burn permit and/or Smoke Management Program regulations apply.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

Person Submitting the NOAP: CTC Sales Admin

Date NOAP Submitted: June 1, 2022

Report Generated: December 29, 2022

Notifier Comment

Notified by Brian Murray. Written plan attached. Thank you for your review.

Waiting Period

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Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

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Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
Phone: (541) 367-8108
Stewardship Forester: Jerrin Robbins
Email: jerrin.b.robins@oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Milton Moran
Phone: (541)367-2111

Landowner(s)

CTC Sales Admin
Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc
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(541) 367-2111

Notice to Landowner(s)

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Timber Owner

Timber Service Co. Forester
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(541) 367-2111

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Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Jerrin Robbins on 7/11/2022

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Jerrin Robbins on 7/11/2022

Uploaded plan for alternate practice for ground based operations on steep or erosion prone slopes within 100' of a stream & ground based operations on HLHL with no public safety exposure. Comments to plan pending review.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/21/2022

Fully implementing the attached written plan is likely to achieve the resource protection standards. This operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well required practices are applied and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/1/2022

The operation has steep or erosion-prone slopes or high landslide hazard locations. No ground-based machinery activity may occur on slopes which are steep or erosion-prone within 100' of any stream or on high landslide hazard locations, without a State Forester approved Plan for Alternate Practice.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/1/2022

Notification and written plan received.

Jerrin Robbins on 6/1/2022

Osprey site identified on notification is 1800' from operation area, no seasonal restrictions or written plans apply.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

Notices

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Unit 1 of 1: SS 410

83.8 acres Linn County(s)

T13S R2E Sec32,T14S R2E
Sec5,T13S R2E Sec31,T14S
R2E Sec6

Regulated Use Area: LN-1

Operator: Ron Staley Ron Staley Enterprises 29312 Santiam Terrace Rd. Lebanon, Oregon 97355 (541) 409-2994	Activity: Clearcut/Overstory Removal Start: 6/15/2022 End: 12/31/2022	Method(s): Cable, Ground Quantity: 2307.00 MBF
Operator: Ron Staley Ron Staley Enterprises 29312 Santiam Terrace Rd. Lebanon, Oregon 97355 (541) 409-2994	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 6/15/2022 End: 12/31/2022	Method(s): Mechanical, Burning - piles

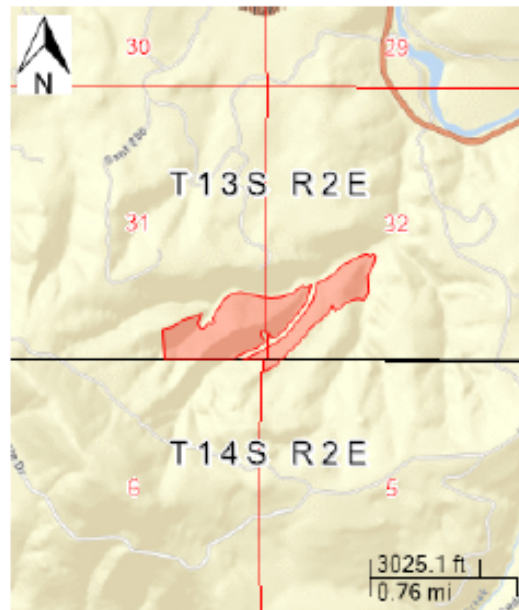
Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
South Santiam River Trib: Medium - Type F Stream	Osprey
South Santiam River Trib: Small - Type F Stream	

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your Stewardship Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: SS 410

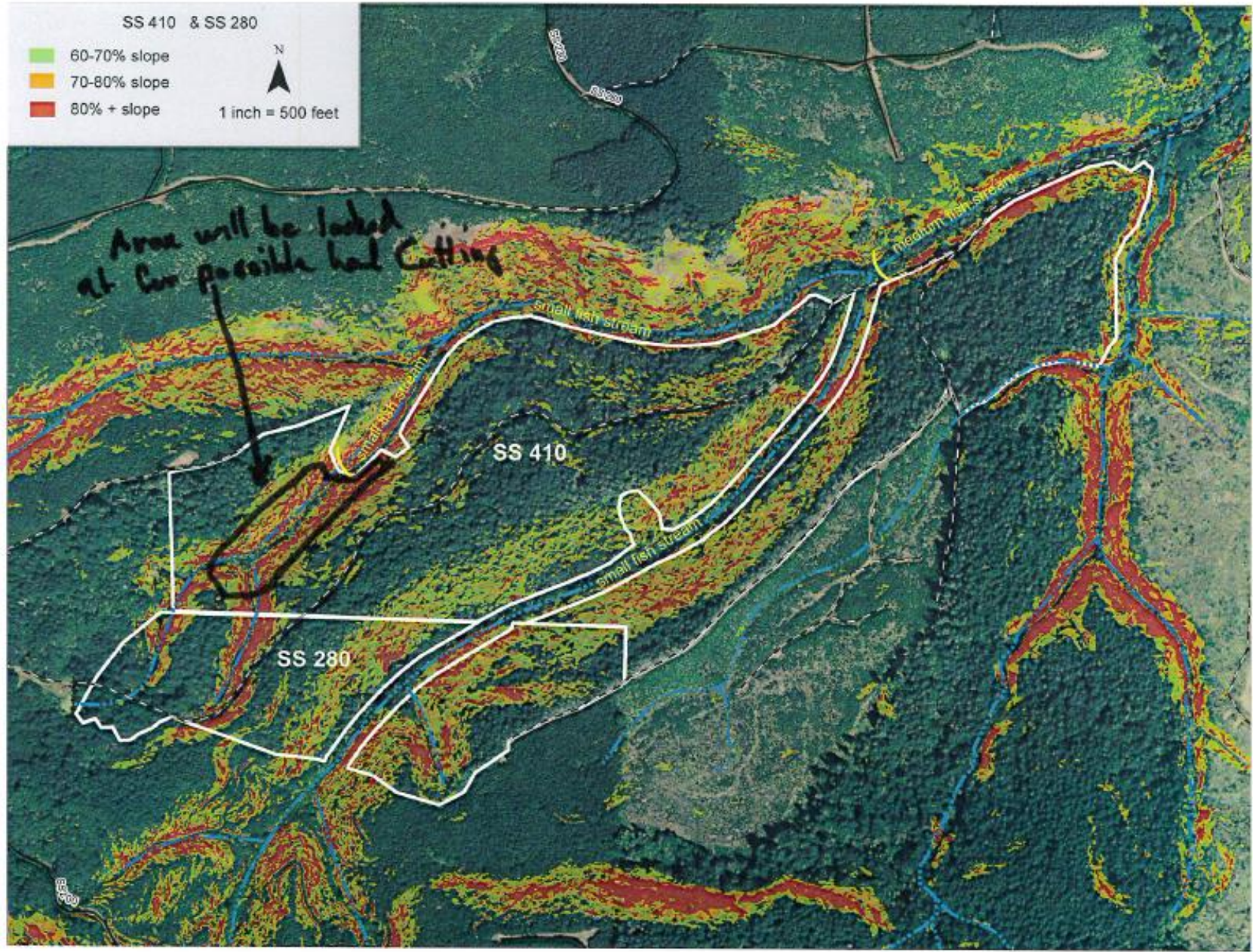


SS 410 & SS 280

- 60-70% slope
- 70-80% slope
- 80% + slope

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1 inch = 500 feet

*Area will be loaded
at low possible had cutting*





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May 19, 2022

Jerrin Robbins
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Re: Written Plan for the SS 410 Sale

Operator: Staley Enterprises

Landowner: Timber Service Company

Timber Owner: Hill Timber Limited Partnership - Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc. - Agent

Operation: Clearcut Logging

Operating Dates: Cutting to commence approximately July 1, 2022, with all logs to be removed by December 31, 2022.

Condition Requiring a Written Plan:

- A.) A small fish stream (S. Santiam tributary) runs through the middle of and borders the east side of the harvest unit. Cable logging skyline and working lines will be suspended over the RMA and aquatic area of the stream.
- B.) A medium fish stream (S. Santiam tributary) borders the north side of the harvest unit. Cable logging skyline and working lines will be suspended over the RMA and aquatic area of the stream.

See attached Written Plan Map.

Written Plan and Operational Goals: Protect streamside vegetation and the integrity of the aquatic area within and near the stream and RMA.



Operation Specifications:

- A.) A 50' RMA will be established along both sides of the small fish stream in the middle of the unit, and along the west side of the stream on the east side of the unit. There will be no trees removed from within the RMA. Any tree outside the RMA that may create any excessive or unusual damage to the integrity of the RMA will not be cut. Retention of the boundary markers adjacent to the stream shall act as an indicator of the levels of protection of the outer portion of the RMA. It will be necessary to attach cable logging skyline and other working lines to tailholds across the stream and RMA in order to achieve adequate deflection. Skyline roads shall be chosen in order to utilize openings within the RMA canopy. Care will be taken during operations to minimize damage to vegetation and trees within the RMA.
- B.) A 70' RMA will be established along the south side of the medium fish stream. There will be no trees removed from within the RMA. Any tree outside the RMA that may create any excessive or unusual damage to the integrity of the RMA will not be cut. Retention of the boundary markers adjacent to the stream shall act as an indicator of the levels of protection of the outer portion of the RMA. It will be necessary to attach cable logging skyline and other working lines to tailholds across the stream and RMA in order to achieve adequate deflection. Skyline roads shall be chosen in order to utilize openings within the RMA canopy. Care will be taken during operations to minimize damage to vegetation and trees within the RMA.

If this plan meets with your approval, please sign and return the original.

Sincerely,
CASCADE TIMBER CONSULTING, INC.

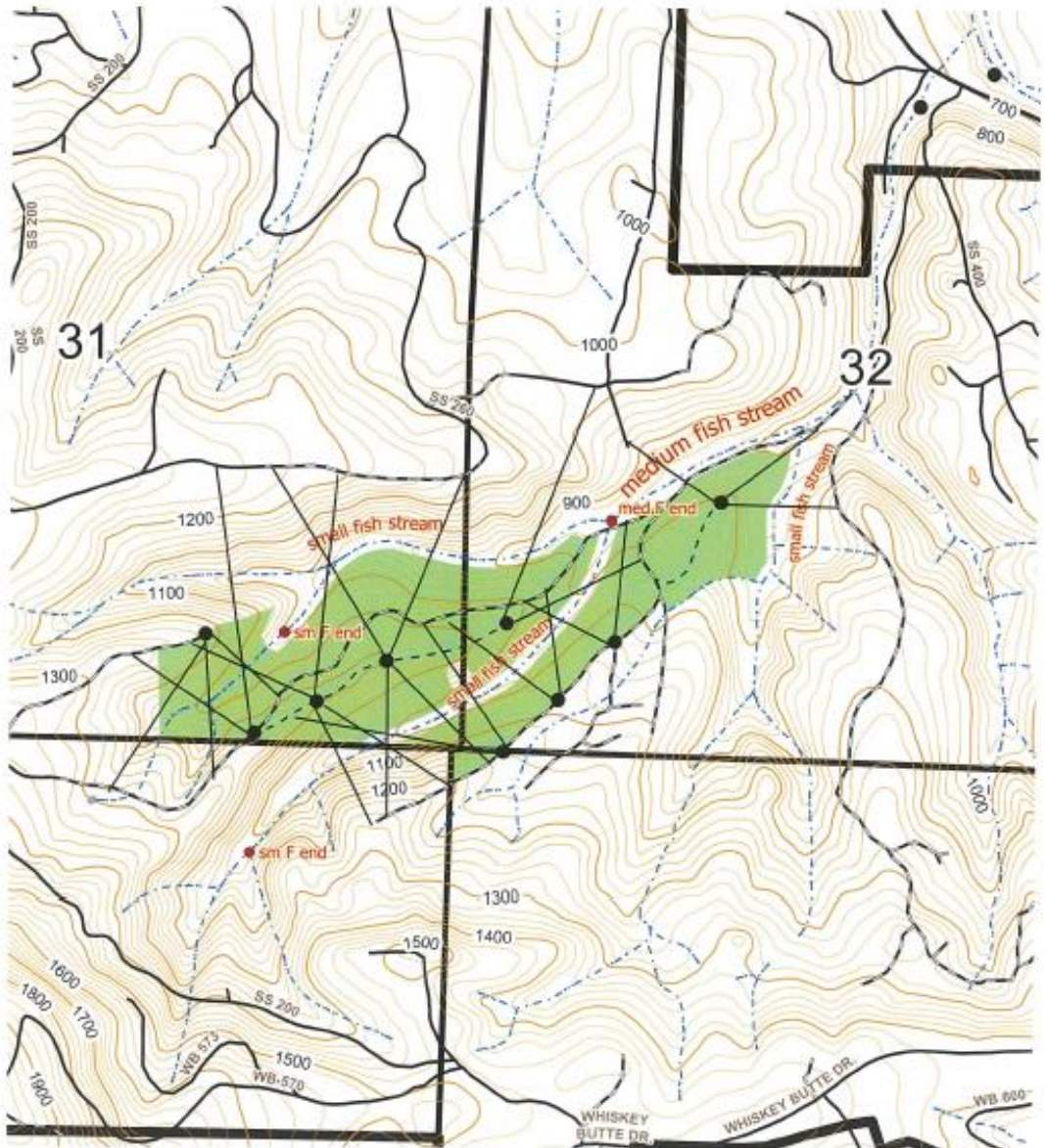
By Lindsay Golly
Lindsay Golly

Acknowledged _____, 2022

By _____
Jerrin Robbins



SS 410
Sections 31 & 32, T.13S., R.2E., W.M.
Section 5, T. 14S., R. 2E., W.M
WRITTEN PLAN MAP



COMMENTS

_____ approximate location of cable skyline corridors



1 inch = 1,000 feet

Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc.



Plan for an Alternate Practice - *Template*

- Ground-based operations on Steep or Erosion Prone Slopes within 100 feet of a stream
- Ground-based operations on HLHL with No Public Safety Exposure

A. General:

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- Notification Number: 2022-772-05562 Operation Name: SS 410
- Legal Description: T14S R2E 6

B. Slope conditions where ground-based operations will take place:

- Steep or Erosion-Prone Slopes or highly erodible materials?
 - Slopes over 60% Yes No
 - Slopes over 40%, where ODF determines there are highly erodible soils Yes No
- High Landslide Hazard Locations (HLHL)? Yes No
 - Western Oregon, (excluding competent rock outcrops) slopes over 80%, any headwall, or draw over 70%
 - Type Core Area, slopes over 75%, any headwall, or draw over 65%
 - Field identified by geotechnical specialist and ODF verified as equivalent to the above thresholds

C. Ground-based tethered operation activity:

- Tethered cutting (with cable yarding)? Yes No
- Tethered cutting and tethered yarding? Yes No

D. Detailed map showing areas of concern (geo-referenced map is preferred):

- Slope steepness displayed as slope percentage breaks.
 - General slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 70%; 70 to 80%; >80%
 - Type Core Area slope breaks: <40%; 40 to 60%; 60 to 65%; 65 to 75%; >75%
- Contours
- Wet areas and downslope streams, including small seasonal streams.
- "Exclusion zones" where tethered equipment will not operate, such as slides, headwalls.
- Tethered equipment routes and temporary roads for tethered anchor equipment.
- Other areas of concern or operational considerations.



E. Describe practices to reduce the potential for erosion to enter waters of the state on all slopes and prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL:

1. What Forest Practice Rules will be modified?
 - a. OAR 629-630-0150(5) ground-based equipment within 100 feet of a stream channel?
 - b. OAR 629-630-0500(4) ground-based equipment on HLHL?

2. How will unidentified areas of concern be addressed when discovered during the operation?

If its a spring/wet area we will keep equipment out and leave all the vegetation and small trees, hand cut any bigger trees. If we find rocky non conifer stand or unstable slopes we will just stay out of it entirely with any ground based equipment.

3. What will be done to protect stream channels and waters of the state?

Stay 30 feet away from streams with equipment. Directionally fall the trees away from stream channels. Hand cut the flatter ground next to streams that have potential to be wet. Water bar or fluff up any tracks to keep any water from running into streams

4. What will be done to prevent serious ground disturbance and drainage alterations on HLHL?

Potentially sensitive areas will be walked prior to tethering. We will limit machine passes, provide drainage and or incorporate slash to tracks to minimize erosion. If we find areas of concern such as unstable slopes we will keep equipment off that area.

5. What soil disturbance conditions would trigger the modification of the operation?

Excessive rutting, incurring seeps or springs, unstable slopes, excessive compaction, exposing subsoils, pounding or puddling of soils.

Operator: Scott Emmert Scott Emmert 7-8-22
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Landowner: _____
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Approved? Yes No Date _____

Fully implementing this Plan for an Alternate Practice will likely achieve the FPA resource protection standards. The operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well this approved Plan for an Alternate Practice is implemented and how well required resource protection is achieved.

Comments: This alternate practise form is being presented so we can Tether cut and possible Tether Yard on HLHL slopes over 75% and work up to the stream RMA or 30 feet from the water. Which ever applies



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