

ADDENDUM TO JULY 2008
FOREST PRACTICE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
AND FOREST PRACTICES ACT

The July 2008 publication of the Oregon Forest Practice Rules and Forest Practices Act included on page 26 the provisions of temporary rule-making that amended OAR 629-623-0400 and suspended 629-623-0500 (Shallow, Rapidly Moving Landslides and Public Safety). Permanent rules have yet to be adopted, so the temporary rule changes expired January 13, 2009, and the rule has reverted to the original language below.

Rule book users should attach a copy to page 26.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2009:

Shallow, Rapidly Moving Landslides and Public Safety

629-623-0400

Restriction of Timber Harvesting - Substantial Downslope Public Safety Risk

- (1) Operators shall not remove trees from high landslide hazard locations with substantial downslope public safety risk unless a geotechnical report demonstrates to the State Forester that any landslides that might occur will not be directly related to forest practices because of very deep soil or other site-specific conditions. Removal of dead or diseased trees or trees from sites that have already failed is allowed if the operator demonstrates to the State Forester that the operation results in no increased overall downslope public safety risk.
- (2) Operators shall leave a sufficient number and arrangement of trees adjacent to high landslide hazard locations to reduce the likelihood of trees retained in these locations blowing down.

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629-623-0500

Timber Harvesting - Intermediate Downslope Public Safety Risk

- (1) The purpose of this rule is to manage canopy closure on high landslide hazard locations with intermediate downslope public safety risk.
- (2) For harvesting operations that remove all or most of the largest trees, operators shall ensure that no more than half the area of high landslide hazard locations on a single ownership within the drainage or hillslope directly above the affected structure or road are in a 0 to 9 year-old age class or with reduced canopy closure in other age classes;
- (3) For thinning or partial cutting operations, operators shall retain a vigorous stand that allows rapid canopy closure.
- (4) Landowners shall use reforestation and stand management practices that result in rapid canopy closure.
- (5) For timber harvesting operations, landowners shall describe in the written plan required by OAR 629-623-0700 how they will manage the high landslide hazard locations on their ownership within the affected drainage or hillslope with intermediate downslope public safety risk.