HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2756

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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provisi	ons; amen	ding ORS	93.710,	321.152,	321.367,	321.550,	390.235,	477.001,	477.120,	477.580,	477.615,
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527.67	0, 527.674,	527.676,	527.680,	527.683,	527.685,	527.690,	527.700,	527.710,	527.722,	527.736,	527.740,
527.74	5, 527.750	, 527.755	, 527.760	and 52	7.992; ap	propriati	ng mone	y; and de	eclaring a	an emerg	ency".

Delete lines 4 through 32 and delete page 2 and insert:

- "SECTION 1. (1) The Forest Practices Act Administration Division is established within the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. The institute shall allocate for purposes of administering the division not more than 15 percent of any moneys appropriated or authorized to be expended to carry out the powers, duties and functions of the division. The institute shall allocate any other moneys appropriated or authorized to be expended for purposes of the division to fund contracts described in this section.
- "(2) The division shall, as directed by the institute, issue requests for proposals and enter into contracts with qualified private parties to provide services to the institute related to the administration of the division's powers, duties and functions under ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992. The services shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:
 - "(a) Processing forest operation notices under ORS 527.670.
- "(b) Conducting preoperation and post-operation visits to sites of forest operations that are subject to ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992 as necessary and appropriate.
- "(c) Providing monitoring to ensure compliance with reforestation requirements, requirements for free to grow stands as defined by the State Board of Forestry and other requirements imposed under ORS 527.610 to 527.770.
- "(d) Surveying areas with high levels of actual or potential landslide hazards as necessary and appropriate under State Board of Forestry rules described in ORS 527.630 and 527.710 (10) and providing related advice to affected landowners.
- "(e) Working with landowners and operators to mitigate unsatisfactory forestland conditions.
- "(f) Acting as agents of the division to issue citations on behalf of the State Board of Forestry for violations of ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992 or rules adopted under ORS 527.610 to 527.770.
- "(g) Providing information to the Department of Revenue regarding timber harvested as provided under ORS 527.610 to 527.770.
- "(h) Achieving efficiencies and reduced costs by working with auditors and other persons designated by landowners for the purposes of ensuring compliance with third-party certification systems.

"(i) Performing fire inspections during fire season on industrial private forestlands.

"SECTION 2. ORS 93.710 is amended to read:

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"93.710. (1) Any instrument creating a license, easement, profit a prendre, or a leasehold interest or oil, gas or other mineral interest or estate in real property or an interest in real property created by a land sale contract, or memorandum of such instrument or contract, which is executed by the person from whom the interest is intended to pass, and acknowledged or proved in the manner provided for the acknowledgment or proof of other conveyances, may be indexed and recorded in the records of deeds of real property in the county where such real property is located. Any instrument creating a mortgage or trust deed, or a memorandum thereof, or assignment for security purposes relating to any of the interests or estates in real property referred to in this subsection, which is executed by the person from whom the mortgage, trust deed, or assignment for security purposes is intended to be given, and acknowledged or proved in the manner provided for the acknowledgment or proof of other conveyances, may be indexed and recorded in the records of mortgages of real property in the county where such real property is located. Such recordation, whether the instrument be recorded prior to or subsequent to May 29, 1963, constitutes notice to third persons of the rights of the parties under the instrument irrespective of whether the party granted such interest or estate is in possession of the real property. Any such instrument when so acknowledged or proved, or certified in the manner prescribed by law by any of the authorized officers, may be read in evidence without further proof thereof.

"(2) Any notice under ORS 527.710 or order under ORS 527.680 [by the State Forester] requiring the reforestation of specific lands may be indexed and recorded in the records of deeds of real property in the county where such real property is located. Such recordation constitutes notice to third persons of the rights and obligations of the parties to the notice or order. Any such notice or order when properly prepared in the manner prescribed by law by any of the authorized officers may be read in evidence without further proof thereof.

- "(3)(a) As used in this section, 'memorandum' means an instrument that:
- "(A) Contains the date of the instrument being memorialized;
 - "(B) Contains the names and addresses of the parties;
- "(C) Contains a legal description of the real property involved and the nature of the interest created which is signed by the person from whom the interest is intended to pass; and
- "(D) Is acknowledged or proved in the manner provided for the acknowledgment or proof of deeds.
 - "(b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection, a memorandum of a mortgage or trust deed shall contain:
 - "(A) The legend 'Memorandum of Mortgage' or 'Memorandum of Trust Deed' either in capital letters or underscored above the body of the memorandum;
 - "(B) A description of any collateral encumbered by the mortgage or trust deed, other than the real property, that can be perfected by filing in the real property records of the county in which the collateral is situated;
- "(C) A description in general terms of the obligation or obligations secured and a statement of the term or maturity date, if any, of the obligation or obligations;
- "(D) A statement by the mortgagee or beneficiary that a complete copy of the mortgage or trust deed is available upon written request to the mortgagee or beneficiary; and
- "(E) If the mortgage or trust deed constitutes a line of credit instrument as defined in ORS 86.155, the information required to appear on the front page of the instrument under ORS 86.155

(1)(b).

"(c) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection, a memorandum of an instrument conveying or contracting to convey fee title to any real estate shall state on its face the true and actual consideration paid for such transfer as provided in ORS 93.030.

"SECTION 3. ORS 321.152 is amended to read:

- "321.152. (1) Subject to ORS 321.145 (2), moneys remaining in the Department of Revenue's suspense account referred to in ORS 321.145 on February 10, May 10, August 10 and November 10 of each year shall be transferred to the various appropriation accounts described in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section.
- "(2) That part of the moneys derived from taxes levied by ORS 321.015 (1) shall be transferred to the Forest Research and Experiment Account described in ORS 321.185.
- "(3) That part of the moneys derived from taxes levied by ORS 321.015 (3)(a) shall be transferred to the State Forestry Department Account referred to in ORS 526.060. Notwithstanding ORS 291.238, the moneys transferred to the State Forestry Department Account under this section are appropriated continuously for and shall be used by the State Forester, under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Forestry, for the purposes of [administering] the Oregon Forest Practices Act and the forest practices monitoring program.
- "(4) That part of the moneys derived from taxes levied by ORS 321.015 (3)(b) shall be transferred to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute Fund created under ORS 526.675. Moneys transferred to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute Fund under this subsection are continuously appropriated to the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute for carrying out the purposes described in section 1 of this 2011 Act.
- "[(4)] (5) That part of the moneys derived from taxes levied by ORS 321.015 (2) shall be transferred to the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund described in ORS 477.750.

"SECTION 4. ORS 321.367 is amended to read:

- "321.367. (1) The [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute shall identify all of the forestlands that fail to meet the minimum stocking required under ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and that are therefore underproductive as described under ORS 526.455.
- "(2) If at any time the division or the State Forester has reason to believe that forestland is not being managed as forestland, the [State Forester] division shall review the owner's management plan, if any, and inspect the property. Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the [State Forester] division shall advise the owner as prescribed in subsection (3) of this section if the [State Forester] division determines the land is not being managed in accordance with a plan that provides for:
 - "(a) Regeneration of all suitable nonstocked land;
 - "(b) Maintenance of a free-to-grow condition;
- 38 "(c) Protection from fire, insects, disease, animal damage, undesirable vegetative competition; 39 and
 - "(d) Final harvest.
 - "(3)(a) The [State Forester] division shall advise the owner that the land is not being managed in accordance with a plan that meets the criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section and that a plan for the land that does meet the criteria must be developed and activated within one year after the date of the advisement.
 - "(b) The division may assist the owner in developing and implementing means for miti-

gating the unsatisfactory conditions on the land. At the request of the owner, the State Forester shall assign a forester or provide a listing of foresters to assist the owner in developing and implementing an appropriate management plan for the land.

- "(c) As soon as practicable after the time indicated in the advisement has expired, the [State Forester] division shall view the land to determine if the land is being managed in accordance with a plan that meets the criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If, upon inspection, the [State Forester] division finds that the land is not being so managed, the [State Forester] division shall notify the owner, the State Forester and the county assessor.
- "(4) The county assessor, upon receipt of the notice from the [State Forester] division, shall cease to treat that land as forestland under ORS 321.257 to 321.390 and shall value the land as prescribed under ORS 308.146 and 308.232.
- "(5) If at the time that the [State Forester] division views the land under subsection (3)(c) of this section, it is determined that a change in ownership has occurred, the [State Forester] division shall notify the new owner as required under subsection (3) of this section in the manner of the original notification.
- "(6) When the owner of land disqualified from forestland assessment provides satisfactory information to the [State Forester] division of subsequent action taken to correct the deficiency resulting in the disqualification of land, or provides an acceptable management plan to correct such deficiency, the [State Forester] division shall so indicate to the county assessor. The assessor shall then assess the land under ORS 321.257 to 321.390, if the land is otherwise qualified for such assessment.
 - "(7) The State Forester shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
 - "SECTION 5. ORS 321.550 is amended to read:
- "321.550. [(1) No person shall harvest or cause to be harvested any timber from land in Oregon without first having notified the State Forester in writing with a copy to the Department of Revenue on forms prepared by the State Forester and the department of intent to harvest pursuant to ORS 321.005 to 321.185, 321.560 to 321.600 and 321.700 to 321.754.]
- "(1) A person may not harvest or cause to be harvested any timber from land in Oregon without first having given written notice to the following entities, in a form prescribed by the State Forester and the Department of Revenue, of intent to harvest pursuant to ORS 321.005 to 321.185, 321.560 to 321.600 and 321.700 to 321.754:
- "(a)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the State Forester; or "(B) If the harvest operation is subject to ORS 527.610 to 527.770, the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.
 - "(b) The department.

- "(c) The State Board of Forestry.
- "(2) The notification shall specify where and when the harvest will take place and the nature of the harvest and shall include maps and other data as required by [the] State Forester rules and by the department. The department shall establish by rule procedures to assure the receipt of the tax returns sent out or a report of nonharvest from the person. The department shall conduct field and office audits to ascertain the correctness of any timber tax return.
- "(3)(a) If a person fails to file a written notice as required in subsection (1) of this section with respect to any harvest over 5,000 board feet, the department shall notify the person. If, after the person has been notified, the person fails to file a written notice as required in subsection (1) of this section with respect to any subsequent harvest over 5,000 board feet, there shall be added to the amount of the timber tax required to be shown on the return as a result of the subsequent harvest

a delinquency penalty of \$250 for each violation occurring within a calendar year. The department shall collect the penalty in the same manner as taxes are collected.

- "(b) No penalty shall be imposed under this subsection if a penalty for failure to file the notice [with the State Forester] has been imposed under ORS 527.992.
- "(c) The delinquency penalty shall first be added to the small tract forestland timber severance tax imposed under ORS 321.700 to 321.754, if applicable to the harvest. If the small tract forestland timber severance tax is not applicable, the delinquency penalty shall be added to the forest products harvest tax imposed under ORS 321.005 to 321.185.

"SECTION 6. ORS 390.235 is amended to read:

"390.235. (1)(a) A person may not excavate or alter an archaeological site on public lands, make an exploratory excavation on public lands to determine the presence of an archaeological site or remove from public lands any material of an archaeological, historical, prehistorical or anthropological nature without first obtaining a permit issued by the State Parks and Recreation Department.

- "(b) If a person who obtains a permit under this section intends to curate or arrange for alternate curation of an archaeological object that is uncovered during an archaeological investigation, the person must submit evidence to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology and the appropriate Indian tribe have approved the applicant's curatorial facilities.
- "(c) No permit shall be effective without the approval of the state agency or local governing body charged with management of the public land on which the excavation is to be made, and without the approval of the appropriate Indian tribe.
- "(d) The State Parks and Recreation Director, with the advice of the Oregon Indian tribes and Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services, shall adopt rules governing the issuance of permits.
- "(e) Disputes under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection shall be resolved in accordance with ORS 390.240.
 - "(f) Before issuing a permit, the State Parks and Recreation Director shall consult with:
 - "(A) The landowning or land managing agency; and
- "(B) If the archaeological site in question is associated with a prehistoric or historic native Indian culture:
 - "(i) The Commission on Indian Services; and
 - "(ii) The most appropriate Indian tribe.
- "(2) The State Parks and Recreation Department may issue a permit under subsection (1) of this section under the following circumstances:
- "(a) To a person conducting an excavation, examination or gathering of such material for the benefit of a recognized scientific or educational institution with a view to promoting the knowledge of archaeology or anthropology;
 - "(b) To a qualified archaeologist to salvage such material from unavoidable destruction; or
- "(c) To a qualified archaeologist sponsored by a recognized institution of higher learning, private firm or an Indian tribe as defined in ORS 97.740.
 - "(3) Any archaeological materials, with the exception of Indian human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony, recovered by a person granted a permit under subsection (2) of this section shall be under the stewardship of the State of Oregon to be curated by the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology unless:

- "(a) The Oregon State Museum of Anthropology with the approval from the appropriate Indian tribe approves the alternate curatorial facilities selected by the permittee;
 - "(b) The materials are made available for nondestructive research by scholars; and
- "(c)(A) The material is retained by a recognized scientific, educational or Indian tribal institution for whose benefit a permit was issued under subsection (2)(a) of this section;
 - "(B) The State Board of Higher Education with the concurrence of the appropriate Indian tribe grants approval for material to be curated by an educational facility other than the institution that collected the material pursuant to a permit issued under subsection (2)(a) of this section; or
- "(C) The sponsoring institution or firm under subsection (2)(c) of this section furnishes the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology with a complete catalog of the material within six months after the material is collected.
- "(4) The Oregon State Museum of Anthropology shall have the authority to transfer permanent possessory rights in subject material to an appropriate Indian tribe.
- "(5) Except for sites containing human remains, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony as defined in ORS 358.905, or objects associated with a prehistoric Indian tribal culture, the permit required by subsection (1) of this section or by ORS 358.920 shall not be required for forestry operations on private lands for which notice has been filed with the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute under ORS 527.670.
- "(6) As used in this section: 20

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- "(a) 'Private firm' means any legal entity that:
- 22 "(A) Has as a member of its staff a qualified archaeologist; or
 - "(B) Contracts with a qualified archaeologist who acts as a consultant to the entity and provides the entity with archaeological expertise.
 - "(b) 'Qualified archaeologist' means a person who has the following qualifications:
 - "(A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree;
 - "(B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and
 - "(C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.
 - "(7) Violation of the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section is a Class B misdemeanor.
 - "SECTION 7. ORS 477.001 is amended to read:
 - "477.001. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - "(1) 'Additional fire hazard' means a hazard that has been determined to exist by the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute pursuant to ORS 477.580.
 - "(2) 'Board' means the State Board of Forestry.
- 40 "(3) 'Campfire' means any open fire used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes that is hand built and that is not associated with any debris disposal activities.
 - "(4) 'Department' means the State Forestry Department.
 - "(5) 'District' means a forest protection district organized under ORS 477.225.
- 44 "(6) 'Every reasonable effort' means the use of the reasonably available personnel and equipment 45 under the supervision and control of an owner or operator, which are needed and effective to fight

- the fire in the judgment of the forester and which can be brought to bear on the fire in a timely fashion.
 - "(7) 'Fire season' means a period designated pursuant to ORS 477.505.
- 4 "(8) 'Fiscal year' means the period beginning on July 1 of any year and ending on June 30 of the next year.
 - "(9) 'Forestland' means any woodland, brushland, timberland, grazing land or clearing that, during any time of the year, contains enough forest growth, slashing or vegetation to constitute, in the judgment of the forester, a fire hazard, regardless of how the land is zoned or taxed. As used in this subsection, 'clearing' means any grassland, improved area, lake, meadow, mechanically or manually cleared area, road, rocky area, stream or other similar forestland opening that is surrounded by or contiguous to forestland and that has been included in areas classified as forestland under ORS 526.305 to 526.370.
 - "(10) 'Forest patrol assessment' means the costs levied and assessed under ORS 477.270.
 - "(11) 'Forest protective association' or 'association' means an association, group or agency composed of owners of forestlands, organized for the purpose of protecting such forestlands from fire
 - "(12) 'Forest resource' means the various types of vegetation normally growing on Oregon's forestland, the associated harvested products and the associated residue, including but not limited to brush, grass, logs, saplings, seedlings, trees and slashing.
 - "(13) 'Forester' means the State Forester or authorized representative.
 - "(14) 'Governing body' of a county means the county court or board of county commissioners.
- 22 "(15) 'Grazing land' is defined by ORS 477.205.

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- "(16) 'Open fire' means any outdoor fire that occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney.
- "(17) 'Operation' means any industrial activity, any development or any improvement on forestland inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district, including but not limited to the harvesting of forest tree species, the clearing of land, the use of power-driven machinery and the use of fire, excluding, however, the culture and harvesting of agricultural crops.
- "(18) 'Operation area' means the area on which an operation is being conducted and the area on which operation activity may have resulted in the ignition of a fire.
- "(19) 'Operation in progress' means that time when workers are on an operation area for the purpose of an operation, including the period of time when fire watches are required to be on the operation area pursuant to ORS 477.665.
- "(20) 'Operator' means any person who, either personally or through employees, agents, representatives or contractors, is carrying on or has carried on any operation.
- "(21) 'Owner' means an individual, a combination of individuals, a partnership, a corporation, the State of Oregon or a political subdivision thereof, or an association of any nature that holds an ownership interest in land.
 - "(22) 'Political subdivision' includes, but is not limited to, counties, cities and special districts.
- 41 "(23) 'Rangeland' is defined by ORS 477.315.
- 42 "(24) 'Routine road maintenance' is defined by ORS 477.625.
- 43 "(25) 'Side' means any single unit of a logging operation employing power-driven machinery.
- 44 "(26) 'Slashing' means the forest debris or refuse on any forestland resulting from the cutting, 45 killing, pruning, severing or removal of brush, trees or other forest growth.

- "(27) 'State Forester' means the person appointed State Forester pursuant to ORS 526.031 or the person serving in the position on an interim or delegated basis.
- "(28) 'Summit of the Cascade Mountains' is considered to be a line beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the State of Oregon and the western boundary of Wasco County; thence southerly along the western boundaries of Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes and Klamath Counties to the southern boundary of the State of Oregon.
 - "(29) 'Timberland' is defined by ORS 477.205.

- "(30) 'Warden' means a fire warden appointed under ORS 477.355.
 - "SECTION 8. ORS 477.120 is amended to read:
 - "477.120. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the owner or operator of forestland is not subject to the obligations or penalties of ORS 164.335 and 477.740 or 477.064, 477.066 and 477.068 if:
 - "(a) Forest patrol assessments are regularly paid for the forestland;
 - "(b) Such forestland is protected pursuant to membership in a forest protective association in accordance with ORS 477.210, which association has undertaken the control and suppression of fires on such land as provided in the contract; or
- "(c) Such forestland is protected pursuant to cooperative agreement or contract under ORS 477.406.
- "(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to such owner or operator if the owner or operator:
- "(a) Is willful, malicious or negligent in the origin or subsequent spread of a fire on such forestland;
- "(b) Has caused or permitted an operation to exist on such forestland and a fire originates thereon as a result of the operation;
- "(c) Has failed to give notice to the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute pursuant to ORS 527.670 (6), has failed to obtain a permit for the use of fire in any form or power-driven machinery pursuant to ORS 477.625 or has failed within the time prescribed in any order or notice issued by the State Forester or the division to reduce, abate, or offset any hazard determined by the State Forester to exist pursuant to ORS 477.062 or determined by the division to exist pursuant to 477.580 and a fire originates on or spreads to the area on which such hazard exists and for which no release has been granted pursuant to ORS 477.580 (3) or (4); or
- "(d) Has caused or allowed any burning, including burning regulated by ORS 477.013 or 477.515, whether or not a permit has been obtained and a fire results from or is caused by such burning.
- "(3) Unless subsection (2)(a) or (c) of this section applies, the owner or operator shall not be obligated to pay that portion of the actual costs provided in ORS 477.068 which are the ordinary costs of the regular personnel and equipment of the forest protection district wherein the forestland is located.
- "(4) If subsection (2)(b) or (d) of this section applies and subsection (2)(a) and (c) of this section do not apply, the owner or operator shall not be liable to the **State** Forester for fire suppression costs in excess of \$300,000.
- "(5) The provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section do not apply to the owner or operator if the owner or operator fails to make every reasonable effort.
- "(6) For the purpose of subsection (2)(b) of this section, if a fire originates while an operation is in progress, there is a presumption, under ORS 40.120, that the fire originated as a result of the

operation.

"SECTION 9. ORS 477.580 is amended to read:

"477.580. (1) Following the issuance of a permit by the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute pursuant to ORS 477.625, and after slashing has been created in an operation area inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district, the [forester] division may make a determination if such slashing and debris exists on the operation area in sufficient quantity and arrangement as to constitute an additional fire hazard that endangers life, forest resources or property, and if such area is in need of additional work or protection to reduce, abate or offset the additional fire hazard. Whenever practical, the [forester] division shall make the determination referred to in this subsection during the administration and enforcement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

- "(2) If the [forester] division determines that an additional fire hazard exists on the operation area sufficient to endanger life, forest resources or property, and that such area is in need of additional work or protection to reduce, abate or offset the additional fire hazard, the [forester] division shall so notify the State Forester and the landowner and operator or their representatives in writing of such determination. Pursuant to rules promulgated by the State Forester, the notice to the landowner or operator shall contain provisions for offsetting the additional fire hazard by burning, improvements, extra protection or other means. The notice shall also specify a reasonable time for completion of the provisions contained therein.
- "(3) When the [forester] division finds that the provisions set forth in subsection (2) of this section have been complied with or that the additional hazard has been, in the opinion of the [forester] division, sufficiently reduced by other means to offset the hazard, the division shall notify the State Forester. Upon receiving notice from the division, the State Forester shall immediately issue to the operator or landowner a release from all obligations imposed by ORS 477.120 (2)(c) due to the hazard determined under this section.
- "(4) If the [forester determines] division determines under this section that an additional fire hazard exists, the State Forester shall, at the request of the owner or operator, with the approval of the owner, grant a release upon payment by the owner or operator of such sum of money as the State Forester finds necessary to provide additional protection or means necessary to reduce or offset the additional hazard created by such slashing and other debris. In no event may this sum exceed the lesser of:
 - "(a) \$6 for each 1,000 board feet of timber harvested in an operation;
- "(b) The **State** Forester's estimated cost of reducing or providing other means to offset the additional hazard; or
 - "(c) \$10 for each acre in a stand improvement operation where no timber is harvested.
- "(5) Moneys received under subsection (4) of this section shall be placed in the State Treasury, credited to the State Forestry Department Account and used exclusively for the purposes of forest protection within the district.
- "(6) Any owner of forestland may make written request to the [forester] division for the owner to assume all obligations for the disposal or reduction of any additional fire hazard determined [to exist thereon] under this section to exist on the forestland. If the [forester then] division determines that the owner can comply with such obligation, the division shall notify the State Forester. Upon receiving the notice from the division, the State Forester shall immediately issue to all other persons involved a written release of such obligations.
 - "(7) Any order or determination made by the [forester] division pursuant to this section is final

unless modified or vacated in an appeal to the State Board of Forestry taken within 30 days after issuance of the order.

"SECTION 10. ORS 477.615 is amended to read:

"477.615. (1) During a fire season inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district, when, in the judgment of the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, an operation is of sufficient size or so planned and operated as to justify additional protection from fire, the owner or operator, when so directed by the [forester] division in writing, shall provide, within such time as is specified in the writing, additional water supply and equipment for use in fire suppression that is in conformity with rules promulgated by the State Forester.

- "(2) All such equipment shall be kept in constant readiness for instant use in fighting forest fires. However, nothing in this section prohibits the use of the equipment by the operator for sprinkling roads or other uses within the operation area.
- "(3) Rules promulgated under this section shall prescribe such water supply and equipment as reasonably are necessary to provide immediate and effective suppression of fires on forestland and may provide for the use of alternate methods and equipment.

"SECTION 11. ORS 477.625 is amended to read:

- "477.625. (1) Every person conducting an operation inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district that uses fire in any form or power-driven machinery shall first obtain from the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute a written permit.[, which shall require] The permit must include requirements that the holder of the permit:
- "(a) Take reasonable precautions that in the judgment of the [forester] division are necessary in the use of fire and power-driven machinery to prevent the spread of fire on or from an operation area.
- "(b) Designate a representative authorized to act on all matters having to do with fire control.[, which representatives shall] **The representative must** be available at all times by direct means of communication with the **State** Forester.
- "(c) If operating west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, close down any part or all of the operation during any period of time when notified that, in the judgment of the **State** Forester, conditions exist as described in ORS 477.670.
- "(2) Routine road maintenance is excepted from the requirement to obtain a permit to operate power-driven machinery under this section. As used in this subsection 'routine road maintenance' means grading, cleaning ditches, culvert cleaning, spot rocking or mechanical brushing along the roadside to maintain visibility.
- "(3)(a) The [forester] division may waive the requirement to obtain a written permit under this section when in the judgment of the [forester] division the operation will not constitute a fire hazard sufficient to justify the requirement.
- "(b) Waiver of the requirement to obtain a written permit under this section does not relieve the owner and operator of the responsibility for complying with other applicable duties, requirements or penalties of this chapter.

"SECTION 12. ORS 477.630 is amended to read:

- "477.630. (1) Each permit issued under ORS 477.625 shall include:
- "(a) The legal description of the area upon which any operation is to be conducted, or an alternate description of the area permitted by the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration

Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute;

- "(b) The name and address of the operator and owner; and
- "(c) Any other information considered by the [forester] division to be necessary for the administration of the rules promulgated by the State Forester under this chapter.
- "(2) The information required in subsection (1) of this section shall be provided by the operator or owner, prior to issuance of the permit by the [forester] division.

"SECTION 13. ORS 477.635 is amended to read:

"477.635. The [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute may issue the permits required in ORS 477.625 and suspend or revoke such permits because of violation of the **permit** terms [thereof] or noncompliance with this chapter. The [forester] division shall refuse to issue a permit to any person for the conduct of an operation when, in the judgment of the [forester] division, an excessive amount of forest debris in and around the operation area results in an extreme fire hazard that endangers life, forest resources or property.

"SECTION 14. ORS 477.650 is amended to read:

- "477.650. (1) During a fire season every person operating a stationary internal combustion engine inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district shall provide at each engine on an operation area a water supply, and equipment for its use in fire suppression, in conformity with rules promulgated by the State Forester. These rules shall prescribe such water supply and equipment as reasonably are necessary to prevent the spread of fire and may provide for the use of alternate methods and equipment.
- "(2) When a person has equipped one engine as required by subsection (1) of this section, any additional engines operated by the person within 150 feet of the equipped engine shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.
- "(3) For the purposes of this section, an internal combustion engine shall be considered stationary if it is operated for a period of more than two days exclusively at one location in an operation area.
- "(4) The [forester in writing may waive] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, after consultation with the State Forester, may issue a written waiver of any requirement of this section [when] if an operation will not constitute a fire hazard sufficient to justify the requirement.

"SECTION 15. ORS 477.660 is amended to read:

"477.660. During a fire season when in the judgment of the [forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute any operation inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district has a fire hazard requiring additional protection, the operator shall provide such other facilities or services as the [forester] division by written notice may direct.

"SECTION 16. ORS 477.665 is amended to read:

- "477.665. (1) During a fire season inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district, every operator using power-driven machinery in an operation area shall provide fire watch service on the operation area. The fire watch service shall consist of not less than one competent person, who shall be constantly on duty at times prescribed by rules promulgated by the State Forester. These rules shall require fire watch service at such times and at such places as the spread of fire on or from the operation area to forestland reasonably may be expected.
- "(2) The [forester may modify or waive, in writing,] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, after consultation with the State Forester,

may issue a written modification or waiver of any requirement of this section [as to any operation whenever] for an operation if the fire hazard is not sufficient to justify the requirement.

"SECTION 17. ORS 477.670 is amended to read:

"477.670. During a fire season inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district situated west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, if the forestland in such district, or any part thereof, is susceptible in the judgment of the **State** Forester to damage by fire, the **State** Forester shall issue notice to that effect. Thereafter the use of fire in any form by any person in any operation area or the use of power-driven machinery for any operation, is unlawful unless approved by the **Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute after consultation with the State** Forester. Approval shall be granted by the division only when in the judgment of the **State** Forester the activity will not constitute a fire hazard sufficient to justify the requirement.

"SECTION 18. ORS 526.041 is amended to read:

"526.041. The **State** Forester, under the general supervision of the State Board of Forestry, shall:

- "(1) In compliance with ORS chapter 183, promulgate rules consistent with law for the enforcement of the state forest laws relating directly to the protection of forestland and the conservation of forest resources.
- "(2) Appoint and instruct fire wardens as provided in ORS chapter 477.
- 20 "(3) Direct the improvement and protection of forestland owned by the State of Oregon.
 - "(4) Collect data relative to forest conditions.
 - "(5) Take action authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest, brush and grass fires.
 - "(6) Enforce all laws pertaining to forestland and prosecute violations of such laws.
 - "(7) Cooperate with **the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute,** landowners, political subdivisions, private associations and agencies and others in forest protection.
 - "(8) [Advise and] Encourage reforestation.
 - "(9) Publish such information on forestry as the **State** Forester determines to be in the public interest.
 - "(10) Enter into contracts and cooperative agreements pertaining to experiments and research in forestry.
 - "(11) Sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any real property heretofore or hereafter acquired by the board for administrative purposes and no longer needed.
 - "(12) Coordinate any activities of the State Forestry Department related to a watershed enhancement project approved by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board under ORS 541.375 with activities of other cooperating state and federal agencies participating in the project.
 - "(13) Prescribe uniform state standards for certification of wildland fire training courses and educational programs.

"SECTION 19. ORS 526.060 is amended to read:

"526.060. (1) Except as provided in ORS 526.121, 530.147 and 530.280, all assessments, federal apportionments or contributions, and other moneys received by the **State** Forester or State Board of Forestry, shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the State Forestry Department Account, which is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the State Forestry Department Account are continuously appropriated, and shall be used by the **State** Forester, under the supervision and direction of the board, for the purposes authorized by law.

- "(2) The forester shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the State Forestry Department Account. The record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the source from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or program against which each withdrawal is charged. [All moneys in the account received pursuant to ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and 527.992 shall be used only for carrying out the duties, functions and powers of the State Forestry Department in administering ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and 527.992.]
- "(3) The Urban and Community Forestry Subaccount is established as a subaccount of the State Forestry Department Account. Moneys in the Urban and Community Forestry Subaccount are continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be used for urban and community forest activities described in ORS 469.634 and 469.652.
- "(4) The State Forest Enhancement Donation Subaccount is established as a subaccount to the State Forestry Department Account. Moneys in the State Forest Enhancement Donation Subaccount are continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be used for the purposes described in ORS 526.065.
- "(5) The State Forest Nursery Subaccount is established as a subaccount to the State Forestry Department Account. Moneys in the State Forest Nursery Subaccount are continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be used for the purposes described in ORS 526.235.
- "(6) The State Forest Tree Seed Bank Subaccount is established as a subaccount to the State Forestry Department Account. Moneys in the State Forest Tree Seed Bank Subaccount are continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be used for the purposes described in ORS 526.470.
- "(7) The State Forest Tree Seed Orchard Subaccount is established as a subaccount to the State Forestry Department Account. Moneys in the State Forest Tree Seed Orchard Subaccount are continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be used for the purposes described in ORS 526.472.
- "(8) Notwithstanding ORS 291.238, the moneys credited to the subaccounts established under subsections (5), (6) and (7) of this section shall be continuously available on a revolving basis.

"SECTION 20. ORS 526.490 is amended to read:

- "526.490. (1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage the afforestation of idle land for the purpose of establishing commercial forests if such afforestation is consistent with landowner objectives. The purpose of this section is to provide an incentive for afforestation by providing assurance that the State of Oregon will not prohibit the harvesting of trees planted on such lands within the first crop rotation.
 - "(2) As used in this section:

- "(a) 'Free to grow' means a stand of well-distributed trees that has a high probability of remaining or becoming vigorous, healthy and dominant over undesired competing vegetation.
 - "(b) 'Parcel' has the meaning given that term in ORS 92.010.
- "(3) Notwithstanding ORS 527.676, 527.710 or 527.755 or any rules promulgated thereunder, and except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person who, after September 9, 1995, plants or causes to be planted a stand of timber that is intended to become a merchantable stand of timber as defined in ORS 321.005 on a parcel owned by the person, or a portion of such parcel not less than five contiguous acres, shall not be prohibited from harvesting the planted timber provided that:
- "(a) Prior to the time of planting, the parcel or portion thereof has not been subject to any forest practice as defined in ORS 527.620 since July 1, 1972; and
 - "(b) Prior to the time of planting, the stocking of forest tree species on the subject parcel or

portion thereof is less than 25 square feet of basal area per acre.

"(4) The provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall not apply to any land or timber located within 20 feet of any large or medium stream, or any small stream that is a fish-bearing or domestic use stream, as defined by the State Board of Forestry.

"(5)(a) If, within two to five years of planting under subsection (3) of this section, the person notifies the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, the [State Forester] division shall inspect the timber and shall issue a certificate to the owner indicating that a free to grow stand of timber has been established under subsection (3) of this section and identifying the location of the timber. Upon request of the owner and payment of any applicable fee, the county clerk in the county wherein the parcel is located shall record the certificate as specified under ORS 205.130.

- "(b) A person who notifies the [State Forester] division and requests certification shall provide an accurate plat of the parcel or portion planted under subsection (3) of this section to the [State Forester] division as well as photographs that accurately depict the condition of the land prior to planting.
- "(c) The State Forester may, by rule, establish a fee or schedule of fees adequate to cover such necessary expenses incurred by the [State Forester] division in conducting inspection and certification activities. Fees may be charged to the person requesting certification.
- "(6)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all forest practices conducted on the planted parcel or portion thereof shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 (1) and 527.992.
- "(b) No parcel or portion of such parcel shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (3) and (5) of this section more than once.

"SECTION 21. ORS 526.770 is amended to read:

"526.770. (1) No harvest or removal of forest products on forestland covered by a contract between the forest landowner and the Forest Resource Trust shall occur without the landowner or the timber owner first notifying the State Forester in writing, on forms prepared by the State Forester, of intent to harvest or remove forest products. [Notice shall be made in the same manner as notice provided under ORS 527.670 (6).] The State Forester shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for giving notice under this section. To the extent practicable, the State Forester shall pattern the notice procedure on the notice procedure described in ORS 527.670 (6).

"(2) The notification shall specify where and when the harvest or removal of forest products will take place, the nature of the harvest or removal of forest products and where and to whom the forest products will be sold or delivered and shall include maps or other information as required by the State Forester. Upon receipt of notification pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the State Forester shall notify the landowner, and any person to whom the forest products will be sold or delivered, of the repayment obligation specified in any contract between the forest landowner and the State Forester. The landowner shall make payment to the State Forester. Such payment shall be deposited in the Forest Resource Trust Fund. If payment is not made within 60 days of harvest or removal of forest products, the lien shall be delinquent and may be foreclosed in the manner described in ORS 526.755.

"SECTION 22. ORS 527.630 is amended to read:

"527.630. (1) Forests make a vital contribution to Oregon by providing jobs, products, tax base and other social and economic benefits, by helping to maintain forest tree species, soil, air and water resources and by providing a habitat for wildlife and aquatic life. Therefore, it is declared to be the

public policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that ensure 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 as provided in ORS 527.755 and to ensure the continuous benefits of those resources for future generations of Oregonians.

- "(2) It is recognized that operations on forestland are already subject to other laws and to regulations of other agencies which deal primarily with consequences of such operations rather than the manner in which operations are conducted. It is further recognized that it is essential to avoid uncertainty and confusion in enforcement and implementation of such laws and regulations and in planning and carrying out operations on forestlands.
- "(3) To encourage forest practices implementing the policy of ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and 527.990 and 527.992, it is declared to be in the public interest to vest in the State Board of Forestry exclusive authority to develop [and enforce] statewide and regional rules pursuant to ORS 527.710 and to coordinate with other state agencies and local governments which are concerned with the forest environment. It is further declared to be in the public interest to vest the enforcement of those rules with regard to forest practices described under ORS 527.610 to 527.770 in the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.
- "(4) The board may adopt [and enforce] rules addressing scenic considerations only in accordance with ORS 527.755.
- "(5) The board shall adopt [and enforce] forest practice rules to reduce the risk of serious bodily injury or death from a rapidly moving landslide only in accordance with ORS 527.710 (10). As used in this subsection, 'rapidly moving landslide' has the meaning given in ORS 195.250.
- "(6) The State of Oregon should provide a stable regulatory environment to encourage investment in private forestlands.
 - "SECTION 23. ORS 527.670 is amended to read:

- "527.670. (1) The State Board of Forestry shall designate the types of operations for which notice shall be required under this section.
 - "(2) The board shall determine by rule what types of operations require a written plan.
- "(3) The board's determination under subsection (2) of this section shall require a written plan for operations:
- "(a) Within one hundred feet of a stream determined by the State Forester to be used by fish or for domestic use, unless the board, by rule, provides that a written plan is not required because the proposed operation will be conducted according to a general vegetation retention prescription described in administrative rule, or unless the operation will be conducted pursuant to a stewardship agreement entered into under ORS 541.423; or
- "(b) Within three hundred feet of a resource site inventoried pursuant to ORS 527.710 (3)(a) unless the operation will be conducted pursuant to a stewardship agreement entered into under ORS 541.423 and is consistent with the purposes and policies of any relevant Safe Harbor Agreements or Candidate Conservation Agreements entered into between the State of Oregon and agencies of the United States Government, pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and federal regulations.
- "(4) The distances set forth in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section are solely for the purpose of defining an area within which a hearing may be requested under ORS 527.700 and not the area to be protected by the board's rules adopted pursuant to ORS 527.710 (3)(c).

"(5) For the purpose of determining the distances set forth in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section 'site' means the specific resource site and not any additional buffer area.

- "(6) An operator, timber owner or landowner, before commencing an operation, shall notify the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. The notification shall be on forms [provided] prescribed by the State Forester and provided by the division and shall include the name and address of the operator, timber owner and landowner, the legal description of the operating area, and any other information considered by the State Forester to be necessary for the administration of the rules promulgated by the board pursuant to ORS 527.710. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the [State Forester] division shall send a copy of the notice to whichever of the operator, timber owner or landowner did not submit the notification. The [State Forester] division shall send a copy of notices involving chemical applications to persons within 10 miles of the chemical application who hold downstream surface water rights pursuant to ORS chapter 537, if such a person has requested that notification in writing. The board shall adopt rules specifying the information to be contained in the notice. All information filed with the [State Forester] division pertaining to chemical applications shall be public record.
- "(7) An operator, timber owner or landowner, whichever filed the original notification, shall notify the [State Forester] division of any subsequent change in the information contained in the notification.
- "(8) Within three working days of receipt of a notice or a written plan filed under subsection (6) or (7) of this section, the [State Forester] division shall send a copy of the notice or written plan to any person who requested of the [State Forester] division in writing that the person be sent copies of notice and written plan and who has paid any applicable fee established [by the State Forester] for such service. The [State Forester] Oregon Forest Resources Institute may establish a fee for [sending] the division to send copies of notices and written plans under this subsection not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs. In addition, the [State Forester] division shall send a copy of the notification to the Department of Revenue and the county assessor for the county in which the operation is located, at times and in a manner determined through written cooperative agreement by the parties involved.
- "(9) Persons may submit written comments pertaining to the operation to the [State Forester] division within 14 calendar days of the date the notice or written plan was filed with the [State Forester] division under subsection (2), (6) or (7) of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the [State Forester] division may waive any waiting period for operations not requiring a written plan under subsection (3) of this section, except those operations involving aerial application of chemicals.
- "(10) If an operator, timber owner or landowner is required to submit a written plan of operations to the [State Forester under] division under determinations described in subsection (3) of this section:
- "(a) The [State Forester] division shall review a written plan and may provide comments to the person who submitted the written plan;
- "(b) The [State Forester] division may not provide any comments concerning the written plan earlier than 14 calendar days following the date that the written plan was filed with the [State Forester] division nor later than 21 calendar days following the date that the written plan was filed; and
- "(c) Provided that notice has been provided as required by subsection (6) of this section, the operation may commence on the date that the [State Forester] division provides comments or, if no

comments are provided within the time period established in paragraph (b) of this subsection, at any time after 21 calendar days following the date that the written plan was filed.

"(11)(a) Comments provided by the [State Forester, or by the board under ORS 527.700 (6),] division to the person who submitted the written plan are for the sole purpose of providing advice to the operator, timber owner or landowner regarding whether the operation described in the written plan is likely to comply with ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and rules adopted thereunder. Comments provided by the [State Forester or the board] division do not constitute an approval of the written plan or operation.

- "(b) If the [State Forester or the board] division does not comment on a written plan, the failure to comment does not mean that an operation carried out in conformance with the written plan complies with ORS 527.610 to 527.770 or rules adopted thereunder nor does the failure to comment constitute a rejection of the written plan or operation.
- "(c) [In the event that the State Forester or board] If the division determines that an enforcement action may be appropriate concerning the compliance of a particular operation with ORS 527.610 to 527.770 or rules adopted thereunder, the [State Forester or board] division shall consider, but [are] is not bound by, comments that the [State Forester] division provided under this section [or comments that the board provided under ORS 527.700].
- "(12) When the operation is required to have a written plan under subsection (3) of this section and comments have been timely filed under subsection (9) of this section pertaining to the operation requiring a written plan, the [State Forester] division shall:
- "(a) Send a copy of the [State Forester's] division's review and comments, if any, to persons who submitted timely written comments under subsection (9) of this section pertaining to the operation; and
- "(b) Send to the operator, timber owner and landowner a copy of all timely comments submitted under subsection (9) of this section.

"SECTION 24. ORS 527.674 is amended to read:

"527.674. The State Board of Forestry may not adopt or enforce a rule under ORS 527.610 to 527.770 that [requires that the board or the State Forester approve written plans as a required precedent] makes the approval of written plans by the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute a prerequisite to conducting a forest practice or operation.

"SECTION 25. ORS 527.676 is amended to read:

- "527.676. (1) In order to contribute to the overall maintenance of wildlife, nutrient cycling, moisture retention and other resource benefits of retained wood, when a harvest type 2 unit exceeding 25 acres or harvest type 3 unit exceeding 25 acres occurs the operator shall leave on average, per acre harvested, at least:
- "(a) Two snags or two green trees at least 30 feet in height and 11 inches DBH or larger, at least 50 percent of which are conifers; and
- "(b) Two downed logs or downed trees, at least 50 percent of which are conifers, that each comprise at least 10 cubic feet gross volume and are no less than six feet long. One downed conifer or suitable hardwood log of at least 20 cubic feet gross volume and no less than six feet long may count as two logs.
- "(2) In meeting the requirements of this section, the operator has the sole discretion to determine the location and distribution of wildlife leave trees, including the ability to leave snags, trees and logs in one or more clusters rather than distributed throughout the unit and, if specifically

permitted [by the] under State Board of Forestry [by rule] rules, to meet the wildlife leave tree requirements by counting snags, trees or logs otherwise required to be left in riparian management areas or resource sites listed in ORS 527.710, subject to:

"(a) Safety and fire hazard regulations;

- "(b) Rules or other requirements relating to wildlife leave trees established by the State Board of Forestry or the State Forester; and
 - "(c) All other requirements pertaining to forest operations.
- "(3) To assist an operator in meeting the requirements of this section, the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute:
- "(a) Shall consult with the operator concerning the selection of wildlife leave trees when the [State Forester] division believes that retaining certain trees or groups of trees would provide increased benefits to wildlife.
- "(b) May approve alternate plans submitted by the operator to meet the provisions of this section, including but not limited to waiving:
- "(A) The requirement that at least 50 percent of wildlife leave trees be conifers, upon a showing that a site is being intensively managed for hardwood production; and
- "(B) In whole or in part, the requirements of this section for one operation if an alternate plan provides for an equal or greater number of wildlife leave trees in another harvest type 2 or harvest type 3 operation, that the [State Forester] division determines would achieve better overall benefits for wildlife.
- "(c) May require, for operations adjacent to a fish-bearing or domestic use stream, in addition to trees otherwise required to be left in riparian management areas, up to 25 percent of the green trees required to be retained under this section to be left in or adjacent to the riparian management area of the stream.
- "[(d)] (4) The State Board of Forestry may require by rule, [for] that operations adjacent to a small, nonfish-bearing stream subject to rapidly moving landslides as defined in ORS 195.250, [that] leave available green trees and snags [be left] in or adjacent to the stream. If an operation is subject to a rule described in this subsection, the operator must leave available green trees and snags [under this paragraph] within an area that is 50 feet on each side of the stream and no more than 500 feet upstream from a riparian management area of a fish-bearing stream.
- "[(4)] (5) When a harvest type 2 or harvest type 3 unit occurs adjacent to a prior harvest type 2 or harvest type 3 unit, resulting in a combined total contiguous acreage of harvest type 2 or harvest type 3 under single ownership exceeding 25 acres, the wildlife leave tree and downed log requirements of subsection (1) of this section apply to the combined total contiguous acreage.

"SECTION 26. ORS 527.680 is amended to read:

"527.680. (1) [Whenever the State Forester] If the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute determines that an operator has committed a violation that is punishable under ORS 527.990 (1), the [State Forester may] division may act on behalf of the State Board of Forestry to issue and serve a citation upon the operator or authorized representative. The [State Forester] division shall cause a copy of the citation to be mailed or delivered to the timber owner and landowner. [Whenever the State Forester] If the division determines that the landowner has failed to comply with the reforestation rules under ORS 527.710, the [State Forester may] division may act on behalf of the board to issue and serve a citation upon the landowner or authorized representative. Each citation issued under this section shall specify the nature of the violation charged and any damage or unsatisfactory condition that has occurred as the

result of such violation.

- "(2) [Whenever] If a citation is served pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the [State Forester] division, on behalf of the board:
- "(a) Shall issue and serve upon the landowner or operator or authorized representative an order directing that the landowner or operator cease further violation. If the order is served upon an operator, the [State Forester] division shall cause a copy of such order to be mailed or delivered to the timber owner and landowner; and
- "(b) May issue and serve an order upon the landowner or operator and shall cause a copy of such order to be mailed or delivered to the timber owner and landowner, directing the landowner or operator, where practical and economically feasible, to make reasonable efforts to repair the damage or correct the unsatisfactory condition specified in the citation within a period specified by the [State Forester] division.
- "(3) [In the event] If the order issued under subsection (2)(a) of this section has not been complied with, and the violation specified in such order is resulting in continuing damage, the [State Forester] division by temporary order, may direct the landowner or operator to cease any further activity in that portion of the operation that is resulting in such damage. Such temporary order shall be in effect until the date of the expiration of the period as prescribed in subsection (4) of this section or until the date that the violation ceases, whichever date occurs first.
- "(4) A temporary order issued under subsection (3) of this section shall be served upon the landowner or operator or authorized representative, and the [State Forester] division shall cause a copy of such temporary order to be mailed or delivered to the operator, timber owner and landowner. If requested by the operator, timber owner or landowner, the [State] board [of Forestry], following the appeal procedures of ORS 527.700, must hold a hearing on the temporary order within five working days after the receipt by the board of the request. A temporary order issued and served pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall remain in effect not more than five working days after such hearing unless the order is sooner affirmed, modified or revoked by the board.
- "(5) If a landowner or operator fails to comply with a final order issued under subsection (2)(b) of this section within the time specified in the order, or if the landowner or operator fails to comply with a **board** final order imposing civil penalties for violation of any provision of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, the [State Forester] division may issue an order that prohibits the affected landowner or operator from conducting any new operations on any forestland in this state until the landowner or operator has complied with the order to correct an unsatisfactory condition, make repair or pay the civil penalty, as the case may be, to the satisfaction of the [State Forester.] division.
- "(6) The division shall provide a copy of any citation or order issued under this section to the State Forester.

"SECTION 27. ORS 527.683 is amended to read:

- "527.683. (1) No civil penalty prescribed in ORS 527.992 shall be imposed until the person incurring the penalty has received notice in writing from the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute specifying the violation. Such notice is in addition to the notice required in ORS 183.745.
- "(2) The citation issued pursuant to ORS 527.680 (1) and the order issued pursuant to ORS 527.680 (2)(b) shall each constitute the notice required by subsection (1) of this section.

"SECTION 28. ORS 527.685 is amended to read:

"527.685. (1) The State Board of Forestry shall by rule establish the amount of civil penalty that [may be imposed] the Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Re-

- sources Institute, acting on behalf of the board, may impose for a particular type of violation.
- Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, no civil penalty shall exceed \$5,000 per violation.
- 4 "(2) In imposing a penalty authorized by this section, the [State Forester] division may consider the following factors:
 - "(a) The past history of the person incurring a penalty in taking all feasible steps or procedures necessary or appropriate to correct any violation.
- 8 "(b) Any prior violations of statutes, rules, orders and permits pertaining to the Oregon Forest 9 Practices Act.
 - "(c) The gravity and magnitude of the violation.
 - "(d) Whether the violation was repeated or continuous.
 - "(e) Whether the cause of the violation was an unavoidable accident, negligence or an intentional act.
 - "(f) The size and type of ownership of the operation.
 - "(g) Any relevant rule of the board.

- "(h) The violator's cooperativeness and efforts to correct the violation.
- "(3) The penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or mitigated upon such terms and conditions as the board determines to be proper and consistent with the public benefit. Upon the request of the person incurring the penalty, the board shall consider evidence of the economic and financial condition of the person in determining whether a penalty shall be remitted or mitigated.
- "(4) The board, by rule, may delegate to the [State Forester] division upon such conditions as [deemed] the board deems necessary, all or part of the authority of the board provided in subsection (3) of this section to [assess,] remit or mitigate civil penalties.
- "(5) For a violation of ORS 527.745, or rules for reforestation adopted pursuant to ORS 527.745, the [State Forester] division may impose a civil penalty in an amount equal to the estimated cost of reforesting lands pursuant to ORS 527.690.
 - "SECTION 29. ORS 527.690 is amended to read:
- "527.690. (1) [In the event] If an order issued pursuant to ORS 527.680 (2)(b) directs the repair of damage or correction of an unsatisfactory condition, including compliance with reforestation requirements, and if the operator or landowner does not comply with the order within the period specified in such order and the order has not been appealed to the State Board of Forestry within 30 days, the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute based upon a determination by the [forester] division, after consultation with the State Forester, of what action will best carry out the purposes of ORS 527.630 shall:
- "(a) Maintain an action, in the name of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the violation occurred for an order requiring the landowner or operator to comply with the terms of the [forester's] division's order or to restrain violations [thereof] of the order; or
- "(b) Estimate the cost to repair the damage or the unsatisfactory condition as directed by the order and shall notify the operator, timber owner and landowner in writing of the amount of the estimate. Upon agreement of the operator, timber owner or the landowner to pay the cost, the State Forester may proceed to repair the damage or the unsatisfactory condition. [In the event] If approval of the expenditure is not obtained within 30 days after notification to the operator, timber owner and landowner under this section, the [State Forester] division shall present to the State Forester and the board the alleged violation, the estimate of the expenditure to repair the damage or un-

satisfactory condition and the justification for the expenditure.

"(2) The board shall review the matter presented to it pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and shall determine whether to authorize the State Forester to proceed to repair the damage or correct the unsatisfactory condition and the amount authorized for expenditure. The board shall afford the operator, timber owner or landowner the opportunity to appear before the board for the purpose of presenting facts pertaining to the alleged violation and the proposed expenditure.

"(3) If the board authorizes the State Forester to repair the damage or correct the unsatisfactory condition, the State Forester shall proceed, either with forces of the State Forester or by contract, to repair the damage or correct the unsatisfactory condition. The State Forester shall keep a complete account of direct expenditures incurred, and upon completion of the work, shall prepare an itemized statement [thereof and] of the expenditures. The division shall deliver a copy to the operator, timber owner and landowner. [In no event shall] The expenditures may not exceed the amount authorized by subsection (2) of this section. An itemized statement of the direct expenditures incurred by the State Forester, certified by the State Forester, shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of such expenditures in any proceeding authorized by this section. If the State Forester's action to repair the damage or correct the unsatisfactory condition arose from an operation for which a bond, cash deposit or other security was required under ORS 527.760, the State Forester shall retain any applicable portion of a cash deposit and the surety on the bond or holder of the other security deposit shall pay the amount of the bond or other security deposit to the State Forester upon demand. If the amount specified in the demand is not paid within 30 days following the demand, the Attorney General, upon request by the State Forester, shall institute proceedings to recover the amount specified in the demand.

"(4) The expenditures in cases covered by this section, including cases where the amount collected on a bond, deposit or other security was not sufficient to cover authorized expenditures, shall constitute a general lien upon the real and personal property of the operator, timber owner and landowner within the county in which the damage occurred. A written notice of the lien, containing a statement of the demand, the description of the property upon which the expenditures were made and the name of the parties against whom the lien attaches, shall be certified under oath by the State Forester and filed in the office of the county clerk of the county or counties in which the expenditures were made within six months after the date of delivery of the itemized statement referred to in subsection (3) of this section, and may be foreclosed in the manner provided in ORS chapter 88.

"(5) All moneys recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Forestry Department Account.

"SECTION 30. ORS 527.700 is amended to read:

"527.700. (1) Any operator, timber owner or landowner affected by any finding or order of the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute issued under ORS 527.610 to 527.770 and 527.992 may request a hearing within 30 days after issuance of the order. The hearing shall be commenced within 14 days after receipt of the request for hearing and a final order shall be issued within 28 days of the request for the hearing unless all parties agree to an extension of the time limit.

"(2) The State Board of Forestry may delegate to the administrative law judge the authority to issue final orders on matters under this section. Hearings provided under this section shall be conducted as contested case hearings under ORS 183.413 to 183.470. The board may establish such rules as it deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this section. Appeals from final hearing orders

under this section shall be provided in ORS 183.482, except that the comments of the board or [the State Forester] division concerning a written plan are not reviewable orders under ORS 183.480.

- "(3) Any person adversely affected or aggrieved by an operation described in subsection (4) of this section may file a written request to the board for a hearing if the person submitted written comments pertaining to the operation within the time limits established under ORS 527.670 (9).
- "(4) A request for hearing may be filed under subsection (3) of this section only if a written plan was required pursuant to ORS 527.670 (3).
- "(5) A request for hearing filed under subsection (3) of this section shall be filed within 14 calendar days of the date the [State Forester] division completed review of the written plan and issued any comments. Copies of the complete request shall be served, within the 14-day period, on the operator, timber owner and landowner. The request shall include:
 - "(a) A copy of the written plan on which the person is requesting a hearing;

- "(b) A copy of the comments pertaining to the operation that were filed by the person requesting the hearing;
- "(c) A statement that shows the person is adversely affected or aggrieved by the operation and has an interest which is addressed by the Oregon Forest Practices Act or rules adopted thereunder; and
- "(d) A statement of facts that establishes that the operation is of the type described in ORS 527.670 (3).
- "(6) If the board finds that the person making the request meets the requirement of subsection (5)(c) of this section, the board shall set the matter for hearing within 21 calendar days after receipt of the request for hearing. The operator, timber owner and landowner shall be allowable parties to the hearing. The person requesting the hearing may raise, in the hearing, only those issues that the person raised in written comments filed under ORS 527.670 (9) relating to conformity with the rules of the board. The board shall issue its own comments, which may affirm, modify or rescind comments of the [State Forester] division, if any, on the written plan within 45 days after the request for hearing was filed, unless all parties agree to an extension of the time limit. The comments of the board or of the [State Forester] division concerning a written plan are not reviewable orders under ORS 183.480.
- "(7) The board may award reasonable attorney fees and expenses to each of the prevailing parties against any other party who the board finds presented a position without probable cause to believe the position was well-founded, or made a request primarily for a purpose other than to secure appropriate action by the board.
- "(8)(a) Upon the written request of a person requesting a hearing under subsection (3) of this section, a stay of the operation subject to the hearing may be granted upon a showing that:
- "(A) Commencement or continuation of the operation will constitute a violation of the rules of the board:
 - "(B) The person requesting the stay will suffer irreparable injury if the stay is not granted; and
 - "(C) The requirements of subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this section are met.
 - "(b) If the board grants the stay, it shall require the person requesting the stay to give an undertaking which may be in the amount of the damages potentially resulting from the stay, but in any event shall not be less than \$15,000. The board may impose other reasonable requirements pertaining to the grant of the stay. The board shall limit the effect of the stay to the specific geographic area or elements of the operation for which the person requesting the stay has demonstrated a violation of the rules and irreparable injury under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

- "(c) If the board determines in its comments that the written plan pertaining to the operation for which the stay was granted is likely to result in compliance with ORS 527.610 to 527.770 or the rules of the board, the board may award reasonable attorney fees and actual damages in favor of each of the prevailing parties, to the extent incurred by each, against the person requesting the stay.
- "(9) If the board rescinds or modifies the comments on the written plan as submitted by the [State Forester] division pertaining to any operation, the board may award reasonable attorney fees and costs against the state in favor of each of the prevailing parties.
- "(10) As used in this section, 'person' means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization of any character.

"SECTION 31. ORS 527.710 is amended to read:

- "527.710. (1) In carrying out the purposes of ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 (1) and 527.992, the State Board of Forestry shall adopt, in accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, rules to be administered by the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute establishing standards for forest practices in each region or subregion.
- "(2) The rules shall ensure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species. Consistent with ORS 527.630, the rules shall provide for the overall maintenance of the following resources:
- "(a) Air quality;

- "(b) Water resources, including but not limited to sources of domestic drinking water;
- "(c) Soil productivity; and
- "(d) Fish and wildlife.
 - "(3)(a) In addition to its rulemaking responsibilities under subsection (2) of this section, the board shall collect and analyze the best available information and establish inventories of the following resource sites needing protection:
 - "(A) Threatened and endangered fish and wildlife species identified on lists that are adopted, by rule, by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission or are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended;
 - "(B) Sensitive bird nesting, roosting and watering sites;
 - "(C) Biological sites that are ecologically and scientifically significant; and
 - "(D) Significant wetlands.
 - "(b) The board shall determine whether forest practices would conflict with resource sites in the inventories required by paragraph (a) of this subsection. If the board determines that one or more forest practices would conflict with resource sites in the inventory, the board shall consider the consequences of the conflicting uses and determine appropriate levels of protection.
 - "(c) Based upon the analysis required by paragraph (b) of this subsection, and consistent with the policies of ORS 527.630, the board shall adopt rules appropriate to protect resource sites in the inventories required by paragraph (a) of this subsection.
 - "(4) Before adopting rules under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall consult with other agencies of this state or any of its political subdivisions that have functions with respect to the purposes specified in ORS 527.630 or programs affected by forest operations. Agencies and programs subject to consultation under this subsection include, but are not limited to:
 - "(a) Air and water pollution programs administered by the Department of Environmental Quality under ORS chapters 468A and 468B and ORS 477.013 and 477.515 to 477.532;

"(b) Mining operation programs administered by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries under ORS 516.010 to 516.130 and ORS chapter 517;

- "(c) Game fish and wildlife, commercial fishing, licensing, wildlife and bird refuge and fish habitat improvement tax incentive programs administered by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife under ORS 272.060, 315.134 and ORS chapters 496, 498, 501, 506 and 509;
- "(d) Park land, Willamette River Greenway, scenic waterway and recreation trail programs administered by the State Parks and Recreation Department under ORS 358.480 to 358.545, 390.310 to 390.368, 390.805 to 390.925, 390.950 to 390.989 and 390.121;
- "(e) The programs administered by the Columbia River Gorge Commission under Public Law 99-663 and ORS 196.110 and 196.150;
- "(f) Removal and fill, conservation and conservation tax incentive programs administered by the State Land Board and the Department of State Lands under ORS 196.800 to 196.900 and 273.553 to 273.591;
- "(g) Federal Safe Drinking Water Act programs administered by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 448.273 to 448.990;
 - "(h) Conservation and conservation tax incentive programs administered by the Natural Heritage Advisory Council under ORS 273.553 to 273.591;
- "(i) Open space land tax incentive programs administered by cities and counties under ORS 308A.300 to 308A.330;
- "(j) Water resources programs administered by the Water Resources Department under ORS 536.220 to 536.540; and
- "(k) Pesticide control programs administered by the State Department of Agriculture under ORS chapter 634.
- "(5) In carrying out the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, the board shall consider and accommodate the rules and programs of other agencies to the extent deemed by the board to be appropriate and consistent with the purposes of ORS 527.630.
- "(6) The board shall adopt rules to meet the purposes of another agency's regulatory program where it is the intent of the board to [administer] give effect to the other agency's program on forestland and where the other agency concurs by rule. An operation performed in compliance with the board's rules shall be deemed to comply with the other agency's program.
- "(7)(a) The board may enter into cooperative agreements or contracts necessary in carrying out the purposes specified in ORS 527.630.
- "(b) The State Forestry Department shall enter into agreements with appropriate state agencies for joint monitoring of the effectiveness of forest practice rules in protecting forest resources and water quality.
- "(8) If, based upon the study completed pursuant to section 15 (2)(f), chapter 919, Oregon Laws 1991, the board determines that additional rules are necessary to protect forest resources pursuant to ORS 527.630, the board shall adopt forest practice rules that reduce to the degree practicable the adverse impacts of cumulative effects of forest practices on air and water quality, soil productivity, fish and wildlife resources and watersheds. Such rules shall include a process for determining areas where adverse impacts from cumulative effects have occurred or are likely to occur, and may require that a written plan be submitted for harvests in such areas.
- "(9)(a) The State Forester, in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall identify streams for which restoration of habitat would be environmentally beneficial. The State Forester shall select as a priority those streams where restoration efforts will provide the greatest

benefits to fish and wildlife, and to streambank and streambed stability.

- "(b) For those streams identified [in] by the State Forester under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the [State Forester] division shall encourage landowners to enter into cooperative agreements with appropriate state agencies for conduct of restoration activities.
- "(c) The board, in consultation with appropriate state agencies, shall study and identify methods for restoring or enhancing fish and wildlife populations through restoration and rehabilitation of sites beneficial to fish and wildlife.
 - "(d) The board shall adopt rules to implement the findings of this subsection.
- "(10) In addition to its responsibilities under subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the board shall adopt rules to reduce the risk of serious bodily injury or death caused by a rapidly moving landslide directly related to forest practices. The rules shall consider the exposure of the public to these safety risks and shall include appropriate practices designed to reduce the occurrence, timing or effects of rapidly moving landslides. As used in this subsection, 'rapidly moving landslide' has the meaning given that term in ORS 195.250.

"SECTION 32. ORS 527.722 is amended to read:

- "527.722. (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of ORS chapters 195, 196, 197, 215 and 227, and except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section, no unit of local government shall adopt any rules, regulations or ordinances or take any other actions that prohibit, limit, regulate, subject to approval or in any other way affect forest practices on forestlands located outside of an acknowledged urban growth boundary.
- "(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits local governments from adopting and applying a comprehensive plan or land use regulation to forestland to allow, prohibit or regulate:
 - "(a) Forest practices on lands located within an acknowledged urban growth boundary;
- "(b) Forest practices on lands located outside of an acknowledged urban growth boundary, and within the city limits as they exist on July 1, 1991, of a city with a population of 100,000 or more, for which an acknowledged exception to an agriculture or forestland goal has been taken;
- "(c) The establishment or alteration of structures other than temporary on-site structures which are auxiliary to and used during the term of a particular forest operation;
 - "(d) The siting or alteration of dwellings;
- "(e) Physical alterations of the land, including but not limited to those made for purposes of exploration, mining, commercial gravel extraction and processing, landfills, dams, reservoirs, road construction or recreational facilities, when such uses are not auxiliary to forest practices; or
 - "(f) Partitions and subdivisions of the land.
- "(3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall prohibit a local government from enforcing the provisions of ORS 455.310 to 455.715 and the rules adopted thereunder.
 - "(4) Counties may prohibit, but in no other manner regulate, forest practices on forestlands:
 - "(a) Located outside an acknowledged urban growth boundary; and
 - "(b) For which an acknowledged exception to an agricultural or forest land goal has been taken.
- "(5) To ensure that all forest operations in this state are regulated to achieve protection of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources, in addition to all other forestlands, the Oregon Forest Practices Act applies to forest operations inside any urban growth boundary except in areas where a local government has adopted land use regulations for forest practices. For purposes of this subsection, 'land use regulations for forest practices' means local government regulations that are adopted for the specific purpose of directing how forest operations and practices may be conducted.

45 These local regulations shall:

- "(a) Protect soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources;
- 2 "(b) Be acknowledged as in compliance with land use planning goals;
- 3 "(c) Be developed through a public process;

- "(d) Be developed for the specific purpose of regulating forest practices; and
- 5 "(e) Be developed in coordination with the State Forestry Department and with notice to the 6 Department of Land Conservation and Development.
 - "(6) To coordinate with local governments in the protection of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources, the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute shall provide local governments with a copy of the notice or written plan for a forest operation within any urban growth boundary. Local governments may review and comment on an individual forest operation and inform the landowner or operator of all other regulations that apply but that do not pertain to activities regulated under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.
 - "(7) The existence or adoption by local governments of a comprehensive plan policy or land use regulation regulating forest practices consistent with subsections (1) to (5) of this section shall relieve the [State Forester] division of responsibility to administer the Oregon Forest Practices Act within the affected area.
 - "(8) The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall provide the [State Forester] division copies of notices submitted pursuant to ORS 197.615, whenever such notices concern the adoption, amendment or repeal of a comprehensive land use regulation allowing, prohibiting or regulating forest practices.
 - "SECTION 33. ORS 527.736 is amended to read:
 - "527.736. (1) The standards established in ORS 527.740 to 527.750 shall be administered by the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute as standards applying to all operations in the state, including those on forestland owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof. Pursuant to ORS 527.710 the State Board of Forestry shall adopt, repeal or amend forest practice rules as necessary to be consistent with and to implement the standards established in ORS 527.740 to 527.750. Except as provided in ORS 527.714, nothing in ORS 468B.100 to 468B.110, 477.562, 527.620, 527.670, 527.690, 527.710, 527.715, 527.722, 527.724 and 527.736 to 527.770 shall affect the powers and duties of the board to adopt, or of the State Forester or the division as applicable to administer, all other regulations pertaining to forest practices under [applicable] state law.
 - "(2) Nothing in ORS 527.740 to 527.750 is intended to apply to cutting of trees that is for growth enhancement treatments, as defined by the State Forester, such as thinning or precommercial thinning approved by the division.
 - "(3) The State Board of Forestry may modify or waive the limitations and requirements of ORS 527.676, 527.740, 527.750 and 527.755 for the purposes of a bona fide research project conducted by:
 - "(a) A federal agency;
 - "(b) Agencies of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112;
 - "(c) An educational institution; or
- 41 "(d) A private landowner.
- "(4) The State Board of Forestry may agree as a term of a stewardship agreement entered into under ORS 541.423 to modify or waive the limitations and requirements of ORS 527.676, 527.740, 527.750 and 527.755.
 - "(5) The State Board of Forestry may modify or waive the limitations and requirements of ORS

- 527.676, 527.740, 527.750 and 527.755 for the purpose of an operation for the planting, growing, managing or harvesting of hardwood timber, including but not limited to hybrid cottonwood, if:
- "(a) The timber is grown on land that has been prepared by intensive cultivation methods and is cleared of competing vegetation for at least three years after planting;
- "(b) The timber is harvested on a rotation cycle of more than 12 years and less than 20 years after planting; and
- "(c) The timber is subject to intensive agricultural practices, including but not limited to fertilization, cultivation, irrigation, insect control and disease control.

"SECTION 34. ORS 527.740 is amended to read:

- "527.740. (1) No harvest type 3 unit within a single ownership shall exceed 120 acres in size, except as provided in ORS 527.750.
- "(2) No harvest type 3 unit shall be allowed within 300 feet of the perimeter of a prior harvest type 3 unit within a single ownership if the combined acreage of the harvest type 3 areas subject to regulation under the Oregon Forest Practices Act would exceed 120 acres in size, unless the prior harvest type 3 unit has been reforested as required by all applicable regulations and:
 - "(a) At least the minimum tree stocking required by rule is established per acre; and either
 - "(b) The resultant stand of trees has attained an average height of at least four feet; or
- "(c) At least 48 months have elapsed since the stand was created and it is 'free to grow' as defined by the State Board of Forestry.
- "(3) Any acreage attributable to riparian areas or to resource sites listed in ORS 527.710 (3) that is located within a harvest unit shall not be counted in calculating the size of a harvest type 3 unit.
- "(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply when the land is being converted to managed conifers or managed hardwoods from brush or hardwood stands that contain less than 80 square feet of basal area per acre of trees 11 inches DBH or greater or when the harvest type 3 results from disasters such as fire, insect infestation, disease, windstorm or other occurrence that the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute determines was beyond the landowner's control and has substantially impaired productivity or safety on the unit or jeopardizes nearby forestland. The prior approval of the [State Forester] division shall be required for such conversion or harvest type 3 operations that exceed 120 acres in size.
- "(5) The provisions of this section do not apply to any operation where the operator demonstrates to the [State Forester] division that:
- "(a) The trees are subject to a cutting right created by written contract prior to October 1, 1990, which provides that the trees must be paid for regardless of whether the trees are cut, or subject to a cutting right created by reservation in a deed prior to October 1, 1990; and
- "(b) If the provisions of this section were applied, the cutting right would expire before all the trees subject to the cutting right could reasonably be harvested.

"SECTION 35. ORS 527.745 is amended to read:

- "527.745. (1) The State Board of Forestry shall adopt standards for the reforestation of harvest type 1 and harvest type 3. Unless the board makes the findings for alternate standards under subsection (2) of this section, the standards for the reforestation of harvest type 1 and harvest type 3 shall include the following:
- "(a) Reforestation, including site preparation, shall commence within 12 months after the completion of harvest and shall be completed by the end of the second planting season after the completion of harvest. By the end of the fifth growing season after planting or seeding, at least 200

healthy conifer or suitable hardwood seedlings or lesser number as permitted by the board by rule, shall be established per acre, well-distributed over the area, which are 'free to grow' as defined by the board.

- "(b) Landowners may submit plans for alternate practices that do not conform to the standards established under paragraph (a) of this subsection or the alternate standards adopted under subsection (2) of this section, including but not limited to variances in the time in which reforestation is to be commenced or completed or plans to reforest sites by natural reforestation. Such alternate plans may be approved if the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute determines that the plan will achieve equivalent or better regeneration results for the particular conditions of the site, or the plan carries out an authorized research project conducted by a public agency or educational institution.
- "(2) The board, by rule, may establish alternate standards for the reforestation of harvest type 1 and harvest type 3, in lieu of the standards established in subsection (1) of this section, but in no case can the board require the establishment of more than 200 healthy conifer or suitable hardwood seedlings per acre. Such alternate standards may be adopted upon finding that the alternate standards will better assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes, consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources based on one or more of the following findings:
- "(a) Alternate standards are warranted based on scientific data concerning biologically effective regeneration;
- "(b) Different standards are warranted for particular geographic areas of the state due to variations in climate, elevation, geology or other physical factors; or
- "(c) Different standards are warranted for different tree species, including hardwoods, and for different growing site conditions.
- "(3) Pursuant to ORS 527.710, the board may adopt definitions, procedures and further regulations to implement the standards established under subsection (1) of this section, without making the findings required in subsection (2) of this section, if those procedures or regulations are consistent with the standards established in subsection (1) of this section.
- "(4) The board shall encourage planting of disease and insect resistant species in sites infested with root pathogens or where planting of susceptible species would significantly facilitate the spread of a disease or insect pest and there are immune or more tolerant commercial species available which are adapted to the site.
- "(5) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section, in order to remove potential disincentives to the conversion of underproducing stands, as defined by the board, or the salvage of stands that have been severely damaged by wildfire, insects, disease or other factors beyond the landowner's control, the [State Forester] division may suspend the reforestation requirements for specific harvest type 1 or harvest type 3 units in order to take advantage of the Forest Resource Trust provisions, or other cost-share programs administered by the State Forester or where the State Forester is the primary technical adviser. Such suspension may occur only on an individual case basis, in writing, based on a determination by the [State Forester] division that the cost of harvest preparation, harvest, severance and applicable income taxes, logging, site preparation, reforestation and any other measures necessary to establish a free to grow forest stand will likely exceed the gross revenues of the harvest. The board shall adopt rules implementing this subsection establishing the criteria for and duration of the suspension of the reforestation requirements.

"SECTION 36. ORS 527.750 is amended to read:

"527.750. (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of ORS 527.740, a harvest type 3 unit within a single ownership that exceeds 120 acres but does not exceed 240 acres may be approved by the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute if all the requirements of this section and any additional requirements established by the State Board of Forestry are met. Proposed harvest type 3 units that are within 300 feet of the perimeter of a prior harvest type 3 unit, and that would result in a total combined harvest type 3 area under a single ownership exceeding 120 acres but not exceeding 240 acres, may be approved by the [State Forester] division if the additional requirements are met for the combined area. No harvest type 3 unit within a single ownership shall exceed 240 contiguous acres. No harvest type 3 unit shall be allowed within 300 feet of the perimeter of a prior harvest type 3 unit within a single ownership if the combined acreage of the areas subject to regulation under the Oregon Forest Practices Act would exceed 240 acres, unless:

- "(a) The prior harvest type 3 unit has been reforested by all applicable regulations;
- "(b) At least the minimum tree stocking required by rule is established per acre; and
- "(c)(A) The resultant stand of trees has attained an average height of at least four feet; or
- "(B) At least 48 months have elapsed since the stand was created and it is 'free to grow' as defined by the board.
- "(2) The requirements of this section are in addition to all other requirements of the Oregon Forest Practices Act and the rules adopted thereunder. The requirements of this section shall be applied in lieu of such other requirements only to the extent the requirements of this section are more stringent. Nothing in this section shall apply to operations conducted under ORS 527.740 (4) or (5).
- "(3) The board shall require that a plan for an alternate practice be submitted prior to approval of a harvest type 3 operation under this section. The board may establish by rule any additional standards applying to operations under this section.
- "(4) The [State Forester] division shall approve the harvest type 3 operation if the proposed operation would provide better overall results in meeting the requirements and objectives of the Oregon Forest Practices Act.
- "(5) The board shall specify by rule the information to be submitted for approval of harvest type 3 operations under this section, including evidence of past satisfactory compliance with the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

"SECTION 37. ORS 527.755 is amended to read:

- "527.755. (1) The following highways are hereby designated as scenic highways for purposes of the Oregon Forest Practices Act:
 - "(a) Interstate Highways 5, 84, 205, 405; and

- "(b) State Highways 6, 7, 20, 18/22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 58, 62, 66, 82, 97, 101, 126, 138, 140, 199, 230, 234 and 395.
 - "(2) The purpose of designating scenic highways is to provide a limited mechanism that maintains roadside trees for the enjoyment of the motoring public while traveling through forestland, consistent with ORS 527.630, safety and other practical considerations.
 - "(3) The State Board of Forestry, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall establish procedures and regulations as necessary to implement the requirements of subsections (4), (5) and (6) of this section, consistent with subsection (2) of this section, including provisions for alternate plans. Alternate plans that modify or waive the requirements of subsection (4), (5) or (6) of this section may be approved when, in the judgment of the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act

Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, circumstances exist such as:

- "(a) Modification or waiver is necessary to maintain motorist safety, protect improvements such as dwellings and bridges, or protect forest health;
- "(b) Modification or waiver will provide additional scenic benefits to the motoring public, such as exposure of distant scenic vistas;
 - "(c) Trees that are otherwise required to be retained will not be visible to motorists;
- "(d) The operation involves a change of land use that is inconsistent with maintaining a visually sensitive corridor; or
- "(e) The retention of timber in a visually sensitive corridor will result in severe economic hardship for the owner because all or nearly all of the owner's property is within the visually sensitive corridor.
- "(4)(a) For harvest operations within a visually sensitive corridor, at least 50 healthy trees of at least 11 inches DBH, or that measure at least 40 square feet in basal area, shall be temporarily left on each acre.
- "(b) Overstory trees initially required to be left under paragraph (a) of this subsection may be removed when the reproduction understory reaches an average height of at least 10 feet and has at least the minimum number of stems per acre of free to grow seedlings or saplings required by the board for reforestation, by rule.
- "(c) Alternatively, when the adjacent stand, extending from 150 feet from the outermost edge of the roadway to 300 feet from the outermost edge of the roadway, has attained an average height of at least 10 feet and has at least the minimum number of stems per acre of free to grow seedlings or saplings required by the board for reforestation, by rule, or at least 40 square feet of basal area per acre, no trees are required to be left in the visually sensitive corridor, or trees initially required to be left under paragraph (a) of this subsection may be removed. When harvests within the visually sensitive corridor are carried out under this paragraph, the adjacent stand, extending from 150 feet from the outermost edge of the roadway to 300 feet from the outermost edge of the roadway, shall not be reduced below the minimum number of stems per acre of free to grow seedlings or saplings at least 10 feet tall required by the board for reforestation, by rule, or below 40 square feet of basal area per acre until the adjacent visually sensitive corridor has been reforested as required under subsection (6) of this section and the stand has attained an average height of at least 10 feet and has at least the minimum number of stems per acre.
- "(5) Harvest areas within a visually sensitive corridor shall be cleared of major harvest debris within 30 days of the completion of the harvest, or within 60 days of the cessation of active harvesting activity on the site, regardless of whether the harvest operation is complete.
- "(6) Notwithstanding the time limits established in ORS 527.745 (1)(a), when harvesting within a visually sensitive corridor results in a harvest type 1 or harvest type 3, reforestation shall be completed by the end of the first planting season after the completion of the harvest. All other provisions of ORS 527.745 shall also apply to harvest type 1 or harvest type 3 within visually sensitive corridors.
- "(7) Landowners and operators shall not be liable for injury or damage caused by trees left within the visually sensitive corridor for purposes of fulfilling the requirements of this section, when carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Oregon Forest Practices Act.
 - "(8) The following are exempt from this section:
 - "(a) Harvest on single ownerships less than five acres in size;

- "(b) Harvest within an urban growth boundary, as defined in ORS 195.060; and
- "(c) Harvest within zones designated for rural residential development pursuant to an exception adopted to the statewide land use planning goals under ORS 197.732.

"SECTION 38. ORS 527.760 is amended to read:

"527.760. (1) The State Board of Forestry shall review its rules governing changes in land use and adopt or amend rules as necessary to assure that only bona fide, established and continuously maintained changes from forest uses are provided an exemption from reforestation requirements. The board shall set specific time periods for the completion of land use conversions. Among other factors, the board shall condition exemptions from reforestation requirements upon:

- "(a) Demonstrating the intended change in land use is authorized under local land use and zoning ordinances, including obtaining and maintaining all necessary land use or construction permits and approvals for the intended change in land use;
- "(b) Demonstrating progress toward the change in land use within the time required for planting of trees, and substantial completion and continuous maintenance of the change in land use in a time certain;
- "(c) Allowing an exemption for only the smallest land area necessary to carry out the change in land use, and requiring that additional land area within the harvest unit remains subject to all applicable reforestation requirements; and
- "(d) Allowing an exemption only to the extent that the proposed land use is not compatible with the maintenance of forest cover.
- "(2) The board may require that, prior to commencing an operation where a change in land use is proposed, a bond, cash deposit, irrevocable letter of credit or other security be filed with the State Forester in an amount determined by the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute sufficient to cover the cost of site preparation and reforestation for the area subject to an exemption from reforestation due to a change in land use, and shall require that provisions be made for the administration and collection on such bond or security deposit in the event that the change in land use is not established or continuously maintained within a time certain.
- "(3) Nothing in this section is intended to exempt any change in land use from, nor affect the applicability and administration of, any planning, zoning or permitting requirements provided under state or local laws or regulations.

"SECTION 39. ORS 527.992 is amended to read:

- "527.992. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who fails to comply with any of the following may incur a civil penalty in the amount adopted under ORS 527.685:
 - "(a) The requirements of ORS 527.670, 527.676, 527.740, 527.750 or 527.755.
- "(b) The terms or conditions of any order of the [State Forester] Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute issued in accordance with ORS 527.680.
- "(c) Any rule or standard of the State Board of Forestry adopted or issued pursuant to ORS 527.710.
- "(d) Any term or condition of a written waiver, or prior approval granted by the [State Forester] division pursuant to the rules adopted under ORS 527.710.
- "(2) Imposition or payment of a civil penalty under this section shall not be a bar to actions alleging trespass under ORS 105.810, nor to actions under ORS 161.635 or 161.655 seeking to recover an amount based on the gain resulting from individual or corporate criminal violations.

"SECTION 40. (1) The Forest Practices Act Administration Division of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute shall enter into contracts under section 1 of this 2011 Act for the provision of services described in section 1 of this 2011 Act to commence on July 1, 2012.

- "(2) The amendments to ORS 93.710, 321.152, 321.367, 321.550, 390.235, 477.001, 477.120, 477.580, 477.615, 477.625, 477.630, 477.635, 477.650, 477.660, 477.665, 477.670, 526.041, 526.060, 526.490, 526.770, 527.630, 527.670, 527.674, 527.676, 527.680, 527.683, 527.685, 527.690, 527.700, 527.710, 527.722, 527.736, 527.740, 527.745, 527.750, 527.755, 527.760 and 527.992 by sections 2 to 39 of this 2011 Act become operative July 1, 2012.
- "(3) The amendments to ORS 93.710, 321.152, 321.367, 321.550, 390.235, 477.001, 477.120, 477.580, 477.615, 477.625, 477.630, 477.635, 477.650, 477.660, 477.665, 477.670, 526.041, 526.060, 526.490, 526.770, 527.630, 527.670, 527.674, 527.676, 527.680, 527.683, 527.685, 527.690, 527.700, 527.710, 527.722, 527.736, 527.740, 527.745, 527.750, 527.755, 527.760 and 527.992 by sections 2 to 39 of this 2011 Act apply to forest operations subject to ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992 that commence on or after July 1, 2012. Forest operations subject to ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992 that commence before July 1, 2012, are subject to regulation by the State Forester and State Board of Forestry as provided under the laws in effect at the time the operation commenced.

"SECTION 41. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.".