

Oregon Department of Forestry



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Presentation Overview

- **Introduction and Context**
- **Forest Practices Act (FPA)**
 - **Purpose**
 - **Implementation**
 - **Key innovations**





PRIVATE FORESTS DIVISION

Purpose

**Keeping private forestlands
healthy, intact, and working**

Oregon Forest Practices Act

- **Cornerstone of forest resource protection on private forestlands in Oregon**
- **Enacted in 1971, nation's first comprehensive law governing forest practices**
- **Evolves over time as knowledge and practices change**



**Public Policy:
ensure the continuous
growing and harvesting of
forest tree species**

How Policy Works Act Requires:

- Scientifically supported best management practices for all aspects of forestry
- Effectiveness monitoring and rational rule-making process
- Input from regional forest practice committees
- Annual meetings with agencies that affect or are impacted by forest practices
- Uniform enforcement of rules

FPA Implementation

Protecting Natural Resources



- **Stewardship foresters in local district offices enforce Forest Practices Act on 10.7 million acres**
- **Accept notifications and review operations for protected resources**
- **Prioritized field inspections to avoid resource damage and ensure compliance**

Outcomes

- Oregon leads nation in softwood lumber and plywood production
- Oregon's forest sector provide 76,000 jobs
- 90 % percent of forested sites showed good or excellent water quality
- 98 % of Oregon's wildland forests remain as wildland forest

A green forestry harvester is shown in a dense forest, actively cutting a tree. The machine's arm is extended, and a large log is being processed. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and lush green foliage, creating a natural setting for the industrial activity.

A 21st Century Private Forests Division

- **Improved customer service**
- **Re-engineered notification and inspection processes**
- **Electronic notification system**
- **Forest Practices compliance audit**
- **Certification support**



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