

Timber Contracting

State Park forest restoration projects are subject to regulations that increase the cost and complexity of timber harvest operations, often leading to few or no private companies bidding on these projects.

SB 49 would add State Parks to the exemption created for Oregon Dept. of Forestry.

Preserve Healthy Forest Management Practices



Managing state park lands for the long term enjoyment and education of Oregonians is a critical part our mission. Good forest stewardship is key to managing our parks.

Last year, a forest restoration project did not happen because no contractors bid on the project. Our foresters were told by logging companies that the cost and complexity of following additional reporting requirements for this project made it not worth submitting a bid. Currently, if a forest road must be constructed (even temporarily) to access a timber project then the whole project falls under reporting requirements in public contracting statutes. Logging industry contractors are not set up for these requirements. ODF is exempt from this requirement, SB 49 would provide the same exemption to OPRD and help to ensure our forest restoration projects continue.

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