

# Timber Contracting & Appraisals

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 50 A aligns State Park forestry regulations with those of Oregon Department of Forestry. Currently, State Parks must follow a competitive bid process for all timber harvests over \$15,000 in appraised value. The bill increases the limit to \$25,000 in appraised value, matching the current requirements for ODF.

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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. Requiring a competitive bid process for low value timber projects hinders the department's ability to complete small forest restoration projects. Often, logging companies interested in competitive bidding do not find small, low value projects economical. Increasing this cap will allow OPRD to hire small, local logging companies to work on restoration projects in their backyard.

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. SB 50A would ensure OPRD requirements match ODF forestry requirements and help to ensure our forest restoration projects continue.

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