

## Business Notes

# Comment period for annual ODF operations plans starts Feb. 14

A public comment period on Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) annual operations plans for its nine individual districts begins Feb. 14. Written comments on the plans, which identify and describe specific projects such as timber sales, road maintenance, stream enhance-

ment and trail building, will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. March 31.

The process provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions and offer comments on activities planned for state forest lands for the period from July 2003 through June 2004.

After consideration of public comments, district foresters will approve the annual operations plans.

Objectives in the annual district operations plans are based on goals and strategies in long-range forest management plans to provide economic, environmental and social benefits to Oregonians. Most of the revenue from timber sales goes to county governments, local taxing districts and the Common School Fund.

The Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan provides guidance for 616,000 acres in the following districts: Astoria (Clatsop State Forest), Tillamook (western two-thirds of the Tillamook State Forest), Forest Grove (eastern one-third of the Tillamook State Forest), Cascade (Santiam State Forest), West Oregon (scattered tracts in Benton, Polk and Lincoln counties), and Western Lane (scattered tracts in Lane County).

The Southwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan covers 18,000 acres of blocked and scattered lands in Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Jackson Counties. All districts also have 10-year district implementation plans, which project desired conditions for the forests decades into the future and show how the various management activities will be used to move basins toward those conditions.

Annual operations plans will be available Feb. 14 at each district office and Salem headquarters. Written comments providing the most useful suggestions should focus on one

or more of the following:

- Enhancing the consistency of an annual plan with the forest management plan and the district implementation plan.
- Improving the clarity of an annual plan.
- Providing new information that will affect an annual plan (such as location of a domestic water source or a cultural resource site).
- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of an annual plan or planned operation.

Comments and questions may be sent to ODF district offices or the Salem headquarters. Addresses and fax numbers for Salem and area Northwest Oregon offices follow:

State Forests Program, Oregon Department of Forestry, Attn: Jane Hope, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310. Fax: 503-945-7376.

Forest Grove District, 801 Gales Creek Road, Forest Grove, OR 97116. Fax: 503-357-4548.

Astoria District (Clatsop State Forest), 92219 Hwy 202, Astoria, OR 97103. Fax: 503-325-2756.

Tillamook District, 4907 East 3rd St., Tillamook, OR 97141. Fax: 503-842-3143.

All of the plans will be posted Feb. 14 on the ODF web site as

follows:

The annual plans will be at <[http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state\\_for\\_ests/AOP.asp](http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state_for_ests/AOP.asp)>

Ten-year plans (final drafts pending state forester approval) for districts covered by the regional plans will be at <[http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state\\_for\\_ests/IP.asp](http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state_for_ests/IP.asp)>

Regional plans will be at <[http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state\\_for\\_ests/planning.asp](http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state_for_ests/planning.asp)>

Forest management plans also may be requested from district offices or from ODF headquarters in Salem. The contact person in Salem is planning specialist Jane Hope, who may be contacted by phone (503-945-7359 or leave message at 1-800-482-6866) or by e-mail <[jane.hope@state.or.us](mailto:jane.hope@state.or.us)>

## Learn how to put the WOW in retailing at ODDA workshop

"Putting the WOW in Retail," a skill building workshop that is one of the "Tools for Downtown" workshops developed by the Oregon Downtown Development Association (ODDA), will be presented at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m.

At a time when the economy is slow and there is more competition for consumers, this workshop is designed to help retailers become more effective by learning how to WOW your customers every time they come into your store.

The workshop presenter, Cynthia McBurney, has over 25 years experience in retail management, developing and implementing buying and promotional plans, solving problems and leading retail businesses to

success. She also owns and operates Kathleen's of Dublin, an Irish and Scottish Celtic Shop in downtown Portland.

McBurney will help you learn why the WOW experience is so important, what effect it can have on sales, how it provides free word-of-mouth advertising and its role in creating customer loyalty.

This will be a regional workshop, drawing business people from other communities, but the fee for Vernonia businesses is being paid as part of a marketing grant administered by the City of Vernonia in conjunction with the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. Reservations are needed, however, and may be made through Vernonia City Hall, 503-429-5291, or by calling ODDA, 1-503-587-0574.

## New e-mail addresses for legislators

Along with the new legislative session, state senators and representatives have new e-mail addresses for communicating with their constituents.

Senate District 16 residents can e-mail Sen. Joan Dukes at: [sen.joandukes@state.or.us](mailto:sen.joandukes@state.or.us). Dukes' phone number remains (503) 986-1716.

Dukes encouraged residents of her district to use e-mail to contact her with their views on new bills or state issues.

"I think it's a great way for my constituents and me to keep in touch, because it gets delivered instantly," Dukes said. "But I appreciate hearing from them in any form, especially now that the Legislature is in session."

The new e-mail address for State Rep. Betsy Johnson is:

[rep.betsyjohnson@state.or.us](mailto:rep.betsyjohnson@state.or.us); her phone is (503) 986-1431.

The new e-mail address for State Rep. Elaine Hopson is: [rep.elainehopson@state.or.us](mailto:rep.elainehopson@state.or.us);



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