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ODF hearings on landslide hazard rule

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) will hold public hearings this month on a proposed permanent administrative rule addressing forest operations in high landslide hazard locations.

In January, the Oregon Board of Forestry adopted a temporary rule that removed

the prior-approval requirement for forest operators harvesting timber on slopes designated as high landslide hazard locations, when public safety is not identified as a concern. The March public hearings are the initial step toward board adoption of a permanent rule to replace the temporary rule.

According to the ODF, the rule change does not alter or weaken any of the protections for protected resources or public safety contained in the forest practice rules. High landslide hazard sites on the forest have more stringent protection under the Oregon Forest Practices Act rules than other sites.

Formal testimony will be received at hearings scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, March 25, 10 a.m., State Forester's Office, Room 101, Operations Building, 2600 State St., Salem
- Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m., at Douglas Forest Protective Association office, 1758 NE Airport Rd., Roseburg.

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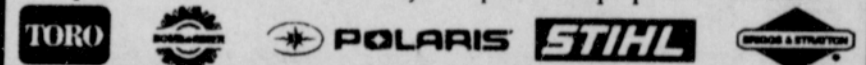
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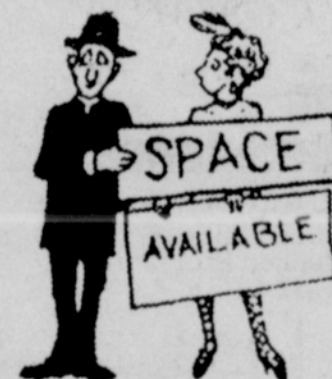
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