

State-private timberland exchanges on agenda

Approval of a proposed land exchange in Clatsop County between the Department of Forestry and Longview Fibre Company will be on the agenda at the Oregon Board of Forestry's regular meeting Friday, April 25 at 8 a.m.

Staff will also provide an up-

date on a land exchange underway in Washington, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia Counties and seek board approval to proceed to the next step in that process. The exchange involves Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Longview Fibre and the Depart-

ment of Forestry.

State Forests Program staff will outline procedures for land acquisitions and exchanges involving state-owned forestlands, and present rule concepts on fish passage and riparian, or streamside, areas. They will also update the board with current research findings on fish passage and riparian protection.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, and the period from 1:10 to 1:40 p.m. has been set aside to receive comments on forestry-related items not included in the meeting agenda. Members of the public wishing to comment on a specific agenda item will have opportunity to address the board during the time the item is scheduled.

The meeting will be at the Cornerstone Plaza, 2809 Market St. NE, in Salem. The Cornerstone Plaza is located near the intersection of Market St. and Park Ave. NE, a few blocks west of Interstate 5.

Accommodations for people with disabilities, and special materials, services or assistance can be arranged by calling (503) 945-7200, text telephone (503) 945-7213 (in Salem) at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Regional forestry panel to review draft rules for water protection

The Northwest Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee, appointed by the Board of Forestry to review proposed forest practice rules, will meet on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the Oregon Department of Forestry District Office, 801 Gales Creek Road, Forest Grove, OR. The meeting is open to the public.

ODF staff will review and seek regional comments on draft water protection rules. The draft rules are based on recommendations provided by two citizen advisory groups, the Forest Practice Advisory Committee and the Eastside Riparian Functions Advisory Committee, as well as rule concepts that are anticipated to be approved by the Board of Forestry on April 25. Examples of these rule concepts include using the same stream prescriptions for large and medium-sized non-fish bearing streams as currently required for fish bearing streams of equivalent size, and creating a viable incentive for landowners to place large wood in streams where it provides the greatest benefits to salmonids.

The Northwest Oregon Re-

gional Forest Practice Committee consists of nine members who assist and advise the Board of Forestry in developing forest practice rules that are appropriate for forest conditions in Oregon.

The meeting will include time for members of the public to comment on agenda items. For more information, contact Gregg Cline, Forest Practices Director, at (503) 945-7482.

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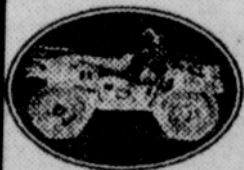
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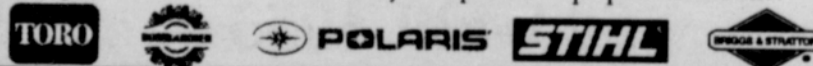


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