

Subscriber Function of the Oregon Department of Forestry E-Notification System

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## Oregon Department of Forestry

Promoting and Practicing
Sustainable Forestry

#### 2018 talk outline



- Overview of ODF and FPA
- Notification Requirement
- Subscriber Process
- Building Communication

### **ODF** organization



#### Mission:

To serve the people of Oregon by <u>protecting, managing, and</u> <u>promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests</u> to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

#### State Forester:

Peter Daugherty

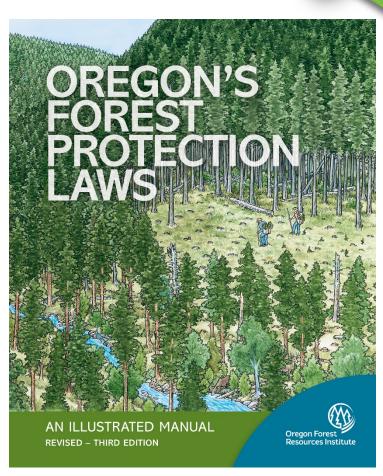
#### **Agency Divisions:**

- Wildfire Protection
- Private Forests
- State Forests



### **Oregon Forest Practices Act**

- Standards for <u>any</u>
   <u>commercial activity</u>
   <u>involving the establishment,</u>
   <u>management, or harvest of</u>
   <u>trees</u> on Oregon's
   forestlands
- Passed in 1971, updated by BOF/ODF regularly
- Applies to all non-federal forestlands



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# Vegetation management & Forest Practices Act



## Following harvest, FPA requires...

- Replanting within 2 years
- Seedlings "Free to Grow" within 6 years

## Herbicides used during...

- Site prep
- Competitive release
- Roads/rock pits





### Notification Requirement

"Notification of Operations" required at least 15 days in advance:

- Road building
- Harvest
- Pesticides\*
- Several others

To notify: Forest Activity
Electronic Reporting and
Notification System — FERNS

\*Only applies to forest management; no notifications required for herbicides applied around homes, landscaping.



#### **ODF FERNS website:**

https://ferns.odf.state.or.us/E-Notification



### Notification Requirement

## If operation is near protected resources, Statutory Written Plan is required

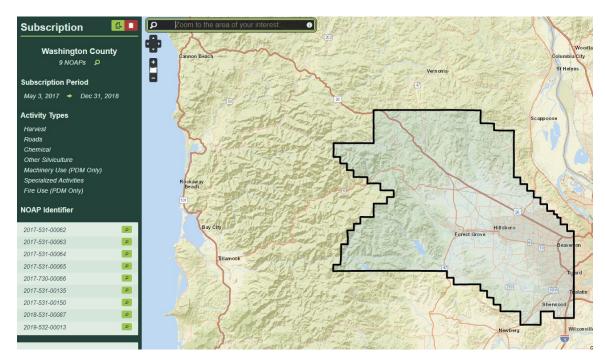
- 14-day comment period open to public/subscribers
- Forester reviews for adequate protection of resources





### **Subscribe using the E-Notification System**

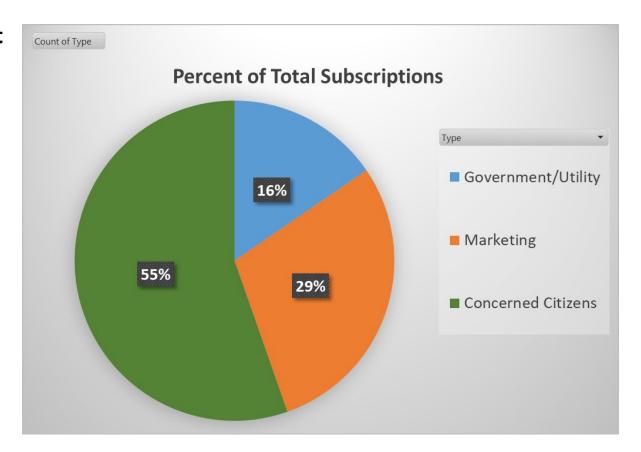
- Register same as notifying
- Choose an area of interest
- Choose activities of interest
- Receive e-mail alerts
- Submit comments on WP





#### **Subscribers Vary by Interest**

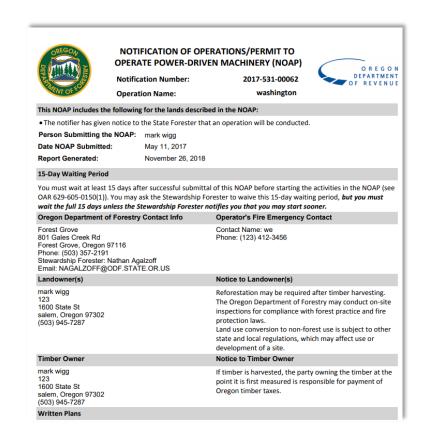
- Government/Utility
- Marketing/Sales
- Concerned Citizen
- 764 Subscriptions
- 407 Unique Subscribers





#### Subscribers Receive Automatic E-mail Alerts when -

- New notification in their subscription area
- Formal Comment on Notification
- Written Plan submitted
- Notification continued into the next year





#### **Notifiers Can view Subscribers -**

- Name, address and phone number
- Enables communication between notifier and subscribers
- Builds trust





#### **E-Notification Process**

- Notifiers Submit Notifications
- Subscribers receive notifications in their area(s) of interest and activities
- Process is free and open, leading to better communication







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