

EVOLVING LAWS

protect water and fish habitat

Oregon's forest practice regulations have evolved in response to public concerns and scientific research. This timeline details the changes to the rules outlined in the Oregon Forest Practices Act, with a focus on the requirements placed on private forest landowners to protect streams and fish habitat. Although this timeline focuses on changes to these particular state regulations, there are many more laws regarding wildlife habitat, timber harvest and other forest operations.

Active forest management, especially logging and the use of herbicides to protect newly planted tree seedlings, can impact water quality, as well as fish and wildlife habitat. Regular updates to Oregon's forest protection rules and management practices help reduce those impacts.



Oregon Forest Resources Institute

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