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To: District Managers: Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Standard Operating Procedures for the O&C Districts DD:12/20/2006

The Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) Steering Committee made a decision to include Best Management Practices (BMP) in the WOPR document that reflects only those practices that will affect water quality. It was determined that this would bring the list of BMPs in the document in line with the intent of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act of 1987. The Steering Committee's decision, however, will preclude those policies, practices, and guidelines having to do with soil productivity from being listed in the WOPR document.

While soil productivity, unlike water quality, is not a legal mandate per se, it is in the best interests of the districts in order to help fulfill the requirement of sustained yield in the O&C Act of 1937. In lieu of including "soil productivity BMPs" in the WOPR document, we will instead have a companion guidebook that addresses our policies, practices, and guidelines to help meet the objectives of soil productivity and sustained yield. Therefore, we request the nomination of an individual from your respective districts to be on a team to put a guidebook together by March 30, 2007. We intend on having the guidebook finished before the public comment period on the draft WOPR is completed in order to address any comments we may receive regarding this issue.

Please have your nominations for the team to Mike Mottice, OR-930 Deputy State Director, by December 20, 2006.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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