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To: All District Managers
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use, and Protection
Subject: Cruiser/Appraiser Training

The Oregon State Office has approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) Cruiser/Appraiser Training to be conducted January 29 through February 1, 2007, at the Shilo Inn in Newport, Oregon. This year's training has been designed to include cruiser/appraisers, field managers, and field specialists from throughout OR/WA with emphasis on enhancing and facilitating program coordination, direction, implementation, skills, and quality. Advance notification of this training was provided to managers and key personnel in the FY 2007 Planning Target Allocations directives, which required attendance by all cruise/appraisal personnel and district forestry leads. Participation by at least one management representative from each district is encouraged.

The first day of the training (afternoon only – 1:00 p.m. kickoff) will be used to update managers and other participants on the current status and future direction of the OR/WA Forestry Program, the Cruiser/Appraiser/Scaling Program, updates from the Field User Group, and the status of new and/or updated software.

The second day is planned to address the many questions surrounding “How to Conduct Scale Sales.” The entire day will be devoted to reviewing in detail the process and procedures necessary and/or required for districts should they conduct a timber sale on a scale for payment basis. It is encouraged that all managers and forestry leads attend day 1 and day 2 of the training. As well, day 2 of this session may be of interest to other district employees.

The third day will apply primarily to cruisers/scalers. There will be a review of the Northwest Log Grading Rules, with special attention to knots, as applied to cruising and scaling logs. This day will involve discussions in the morning with a mandatory afternoon field trip to grade test trees. Attendees should be prepared with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and regular cruising gear. Good binoculars are recommended.

The fourth day will cover a Paint Committee update and video, a demonstration of the new Allegro Model CX handheld scaling software, and a Western Oregon Plan Revision update presentation by Chris Cadwell. Additionally, cruiser/appraisers will address issues of the Cruiser/Appraiser Program, discuss and define action items for follow-up, etc. This will conclude by 12:00 noon.

Refer to Attachment 1 for the Draft Agenda.

All attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Shilo Inn in Newport, Oregon (1-800-222-2244 or 541-265-7701). The Shilo Inn has informed us that the reservations will be accepted up to **January 15, 2007**. A Newport area map will distributed through each District Cruiser/Appraiser.

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.

Signed by
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1 Attachment(s)

1 - [OR/WA BLM Cruiser/Appraiser Training Draft Agenda](#) (4pp)

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