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To: District Managers: Lakeview, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Coos Bay

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Districts Collecting Maintenance Costs Information for the Road DD: 05/30/2007
Maintenance Fee Calculation 09/30 Annually

Program Area: Oregon and California Act of 1937 (O&C) Engineering and Road Maintenance

Purpose: Policy guidance is provided to ensure consistency for road maintenance and fee collection involving Permittee and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Timber Sale on BLM-controlled roads in western Oregon.

Policy/Action: Authorization to haul forest products over BLM-controlled roads is provided through reciprocal right-of-way agreements and permits under Section 502 of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the maintenance of roads within and near the public lands and perform that work, in part, by cooperative financing with other public agencies and with private agencies and persons in proportion to their use. FLPMA authorizes the BLM to recover expenses for the maintenance of BLM roads through the development and collection of a pro rata maintenance fee.

Maintenance costs will be entered into the Road Maintenance Fee (RMF) database each year from FY 2006 forward. BLM will recover costs for the following maintenance as identified by the Department of the Interior in 2008 Budget Guidance - Attachment G as follows: Corrective Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance, Recurring Maintenance, Component Renewal, Emergency Maintenance, and Deferred Maintenance.

Majority of the maintenance cost will be collected from the Maintenance Organization (MO) database and transferred into RMF by the Oregon State Office staff. Any maintenance (i.e., Title

2, deferred maintenance) performed by contract other than MO, or designated as MO special project, will be entered on the attached form and submitted to Don Weckner by September 30 each year. For FY 2006, this information is due May 30, 2007. When filling the form, it is critical to identify the active haul road with its share of the maintenance cost of the project.

Costs that will not be used in the calculation of RMFs are Timber sale allowance dollars (exhibit C or exhibit D cost).

Districts' Western Oregon Transportation Team (WOTT) members will be responsible for completing the attached form and submitting it to the State Office each year.

Timeframe: Immediate upon release.

Budget Impact: No impact.

Background: The O&C RMFs are calculated using multiple years of timber volume and related road maintenance cost data in a model that calculates and replicates the cost of the damage caused by the relationship of repetitive motion of truck weight to the surface and base structure of a road. The maintenance information is collected by the MO and entered into an MO database which is transferred into the RMF. The haul volume from BLM and Permittees is entered directly by the Districts into RMF. The RMF is the data of record that the O&C RMFs are calculated from. It has been estimated that a full five years of RMF data is required to adequately calculate a new fee that represents a pro-rata.

Agreement was made between Mike Mottice, Deputy State Director, Division of Resource Planning, Use & Protection, and Robert Ragon, Executive Director, Douglas Timber Operators, on February 21, 2007, to look at alternatives that could be used to establish a simpler approach that is easier to understand than the BLM's current road maintenance fee pro-rata process. A panel of BLM and Timber Industry people is being appointed to complete this effort.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: No effect.

Coordination: Coordination occurred with the Branch of Engineering and Facilities, Oregon State Office, the BLM Western Oregon Transportation Team, and industry representatives.

Contact: Don Weckner, Civil Engineering Technician, Oregon State Office, (503) 808-6101.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Instruction Memorandum 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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Associate State Director

Authenticated by
Rita Wallberg
Records Section

Attachment

1 – [Maintenance Costs Form for the RMF](#) (1 p)

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