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Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2005-079

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To: All District Managers

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Log Grading for Timber Valuation

Program Area: Forestry, Timber Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) provides direction for log grading of timber for timber sales and other forms of disposal such as stewardship contracts.

Policy/Action: For the purposes of the lump sum and scale disposal of timber, all logs will be graded for valuation purposes using the Northwest Log Rules Eastside and Westside Log Scaling Handbook in the Official Rules for Log Scaling and Grading Bureaus developed by the Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group, dated July 1, 2003.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Log Grading Codes as outlined in the attached Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) BLM Log Grading Rules document shall be adhered to for all cruising, scaling, and appraisal of BLM advertised and negotiated timber sales, modification timber, and stewardship contracts.

Timeframe: This policy goes into effect upon issuance.

Budget Impact: None

Background: This IM is consistent with and provides support for IM No. OR-2004-073 which authorizes timber measurement and disposal based upon Eastside Scribner Rules. The attached OR/WA BLM Log Grading Rules document outlines BLM Log Grade Codes; associating them with the Log Scaling and Grading Bureau Log Grades and basic specifications for each log grade. This OR/WA BLM Log Grading Rules document is intended as a field guide supplement to the Northwest Log Rules Eastside and Westside Log Scaling Handbook.

By changing to the Northwest Log Grading rules the BLM will be in conformity with the log grading rules utilized by industry, scaling organizations, and other federal and state agencies.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: The Timber Cruising Handbook, H-5310, the Forest Products Appraisal Handbook, H-9350, and the Special Forest Products Handbook, H-5400-2.

Coordination: Coordination has occurred with the East and Westside District Cruiser/Appraisers, Eastside Forestry Leads, State Cruiser/Appraiser, State Scaler, and the State Office Timber Program Lead.

Contact: If there are questions, please contact Frank Cooper, State Scaler, at 541-683-6668 or Mike Finegan, State Cruiser/Appraiser, at 503-315-5922.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this IM 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

1 - [Oregon/Washington BLM Log Grading Rules](#) (18 pp)

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