

Road Condition Assessment (RCA)



What is a Road Condition Assessment?

The purpose of the RCA is to ensure that roads used for forest practices activities and owned by Small Forestland Owners (SFOs) comply with the standards of the Forest Practices Act. Objectives of the assessment are to describe road conditions that contribute to active or potential delivery of sediment to waters of the state; document water crossing locations and determine their status of compliance; identify potential fish passage barriers, abandoned roads, and roads with a perched fill that present a significant hazard to fish-bearing streams.

Who must use the assessment?

Small forestland owners who certify as meeting the following criteria:

- Owns less than 5,000 acres of forestland in Oregon.
- Has harvested no more than an average of 2 million board feet of timber each year for the past 3 years.
- Does not expect to harvest more than an average of 2 million board feet of timber each year for the next 10 years.

When must you use the assessment?

- When submitting a notification of operation that includes the harvest of timber.
- When applying for a grant through the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) program.

Notifications that do not include the harvest of timber do not require the completion of an RCA.



Which roads must I assess?

Existing roads on the parcel where the harvest activity will take place; however, assessment of all your forest roads is encouraged.

Roads on neighboring landowners' property and skid trails should not be included.

Common Road and Stream Crossing Problems:

Dirt from the uphill side of the road keeps falling into the ditch-line before regularly scheduled maintenance or dirt from downhill side of the road keeps falling into a stream.

