



Western Oregon State Forests HCP

Summary of Key Changes Between July 2024 and October 2024 Draft Final HCP

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) staff, with the support of ICF, continued to revise the public draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) into the draft final HCP in response to public comments. Prior summary of key change memos for March 2022 through June 2024 are available [here](#). Between July 2024 and October 2024 ODF continued to update the HCP for clarity and responded to public comments received during the public comment period. There are changes throughout the document in response to those comments, including requests for clarifications when information was not clear. The Draft Final HCP includes updates to tables, figures, and text throughout that resulted from a detailed crosswalk of chapters and commitments to ensure consistency. The notable changes to the HCP between July 2024 and October 2024 are as follows:

Executive Summary

- Updated to reflect changes to the HCP since release of the Public Draft in 2022.

Chapter 1 – Introduction

- Section 1.5, Document Organization; revised to reflect final list of appendices.

Chapter 2 – Environmental Setting

- Throughout chapter, minor updates to HCA and RCA boundaries within the permit area acres for accuracy.
- Section 2.5.1, Species Occurrence Data; minor updates to add detail.

Chapter 3 – Covered Activities

- Section 3.4.2, Road Management; removed Technical Notes that are no longer relevant.
- Section 3.4.4, Road Use; clarified public use of roads is not a covered activity.

Chapter 4 – Conservation Strategy

- Minor updates to habitat range and impact values in tables and figures throughout the chapter resulting from careful re-evaluation of the summary statistics derived from the habitat harvest model, as overlain with the HSI-based models and minor changes to HCA and RCA boundaries used by the HCP.
- Section 4.6.2.2 Objective 1.2; Stream Enhancement Projects updated to Stream Complexity to avoid confusion with the Stream Enhancement Conservation Action.
- Updated prior commitment vs. projection figures throughout to show habitat projected
- Figure 4-5 and 4-6; updated for clarity.
- Table 4-2. Relationship Between Biological Goal and Objectives and Conservation Actions; revised for consistency with HCP chapter language/commitments.
- Section 4.7.3.2, Process Based Restoration (PBR); new section added to permit PBR. Edits made in numerous places throughout Chapter 4 to capture this addition.



- Table 4-13 and 4-14; updated to reflect 2022 FWS guidance.

Chapter 5 – Effects Analysis

- Carried through the minor updates to habitat impact values per bullet #1 under Chapter 4 above.
- Section 5.3.1, Sources and Types of Effects; analysis expanded to address the inclusion of PBR as a covered activity.
- Section 5.5.2, Impacts of the Taking on Columbia and Cascade Torrent Salamanders; expanded discussion of dispersal effects. Two new tables and two new figures.
- Section 5.6.2, Quality and Timing of Take (OSS); harvest and thinning numbers revised. These updates carry to subsequent OSS sections.
- Section 5.7.2, Quantity and Timing of Take (NSO); harvest and thinning numbers revised. Also updated to address ingrowth and edge effect. These updates carry to subsequent NSO sections.
- Section 5.8.2, Quantity and Timing of Take (MAMU); harvest and thinning numbers revised. Also updated to address ingrowth and edge effect. These updates carry to subsequent MAMU sections.
- Section 5.9.2, Quality and Timing of Take (CM); harvest and thinning numbers revised. These updates carry to subsequent CM sections.
- Section 5.10.2, Quality and Timing of Take (RTV); harvest and thinning numbers revised. These updates carry to subsequent RTV sections.

Chapter 6 – Monitoring and Adaptive Management

- Minor textual edits for clarity and consistency.
- Revised all monitoring tables for clarity and consistency.
- Added reference to Process Based Restoration where appropriate.

Chapter 7 – Assurances

- No change

Chapter 8 – Implementation

- No change

Chapter 9 – Cost and Funding

- Updated metrics through Fiscal Year 2024.
- Updated costs to reflect 2024 values.

Chapter 10 – Alternatives to Take

- No change

Chapter 11 – References

- Updated with new references.



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Appendices

- Appendix A – Glossary
 - Revised as HCP was updated to ensure consistency.
- Appendix B – Stakeholder Engagement
 - Updated to reflect meetings through October 2024.
- Appendix C – Species Accounts
 - Updated listing status
- Appendix D – Species Considered for Coverage
 - No change
- Appendix E – Effects Analysis Details
 - No change
- Appendix F – HCA Maps
 - No change
- Appendix G – HUC 10 Stand Age Analysis
 - No change
- Appendix H – ODF Roads Manual
 - No change
- Appendix I – Unstable Slopes Evaluation
 - No change
- ~~• Appendix J – HCA Management Decisions Tree~~
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- Appendix J – Fish Passage Design Criteria
 - Updated to Appendix J due to removal of HCA Management Decisions Tree.
- Appendix K – Forest Age Structure
 - Updated to Appendix K due to removal of HCA Management Decisions Tree.
- Appendix L – Seasonal Other BMPs
 - Updated to Appendix L due to removal of HCA Management Decisions Tree.
- Appendix M – TerrainWorks Papers
 - Updated to Appendix M due to removal of HCA Management Decisions Tree.
- Appendix N – List of Prepares
 - New appendix added for this deliverable.