

ORDER #23-01

OREGON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

DOUGLAS DISTRICT

Pursuant to ORS 477.665 and OAR 629-43-0030 (1)(a):

Effective 1/01/2023, a fire watch waiver (during closed fire season) is issued for all protected lands within the Douglas District: The forester has determined that a fire watch shall be on duty for the following periods:

- During IFPL 1 – 1 hour
- During IFPL 2 – 2 hours
- During IFPL 3 – 3 hours

A person performing fire watch service must constantly observe the operation area during any breaks in operation activity and after the power-driven machinery has been shut down for the day.

By written order, the full 3-hour watch period for all Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) may be reinstated if, in the judgment of the forester, conditions so warrant.

These fire watch periods are the minimum required by the Douglas District, pursuant to state law. Individual landowners have the authority to require longer fire watch periods than those set by the Douglas District.

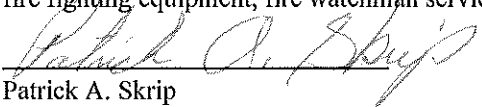
Pursuant to ORS 477.625:

Effective 1/01/2023, the District Fire Warden has waived the Permit to Operate Power Driven Machinery (PDM) requirement on certain operations within the confines of the Douglas District. The following list should help identify when a PDM is needed. It is important to note that this list is only applicable to the Douglas District.

By written order, the PDM requirement for all the listed operations may be reinstated if, in the judgment of the forester, conditions so warrant.

PDM Not Required/Waived	PDM Required
Surveyors clearing property lines	Logging operations
Ditch digging	Timber falling
Well drilling	Pre-commercial thinning
Harvesting minor forest products (cones, boughs, fern, salal, bear grass, bark)	Site Preparation / Scarification (associated with growing or harvesting of forest tree species)
Rock Quarries (NOT associated with growing or harvesting of forest tree species)	Rock Quarries (associated with growing or harvesting of forest tree species)
Routine Road Maintenance (including: spot rocking, culvert replacement, and mechanical roadside brushing)	Road construction (associated with growing or harvesting of forest tree species). Includes rocking
Use of tail blocks which are outside the harvest unit	Hand piling slash when using chainsaws
Non-commercial firewood cutting	Commercial firewood cutting
County or State highway road activities	Railroad operations
Fire trailing	Slash burning
Sawmills (portable or otherwise)	Power line construction, clearing, maintenance
Fish habitat improvement work (a notification of operation may be required if associated with a forest operation)	Utility work utilizing equipment off the roadway. (Installation of fiber optic lines, cable, gas lines, cell tower construction, etc.)
Government noxious weed eradication programs	Equipment using mechanical mowing heads for brush removal (excludes routine road maintenance)
Culturing of Christmas trees	
Campground construction & maintenance with no timber harvest	Contracted fuels reduction work
Arborist activities utilizing power equipment	
Clearing house pads with no timber harvest	
Clearing of land with no timber harvest	All other activities not listed

NOTE: The waiver of the PDM requirement does not relieve the owner or operator from fire liability or from the responsibility for complying with all other applicable fire prevention requirements, which include, but are not limited to, fire fighting equipment, fire watchman service, spark arresters, fire extinguishers and industrial fire precaution levels.


 Patrick A. Skrip
 District Fire Warden