E–Notification System
aka FERNS

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Agenda

- Forest Practices Act and Notifications
- Notification process
- Benefits of a FERNS account
- Did you know?
- Questions
The Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) sets standards for commercial activities involving the establishment, management, or harvesting of trees on Oregon’s forestlands. The Oregon Department of Forestry is responsible for enforcing the standards. Notifications allow ODF to administer FPA and enforce rules.
E–Notification – aka FERNS

Electronic notification

- Notifying the State Forester about the forest operation
- Applying for a permit to operate power driven machinery or use fire
- Notifying the State Forester and Department of Revenue about the intent to harvest timber

Can notify via own computer or ODF kiosks
Notification Process

- FERNS allows you to tell ODF –
  - What you’re doing
  - Where you’re operating
  - Who is operating
  - When the operation will happen

- FERNS allows ODF to tell you –
  - Any protected resources or hazards
  - Requirement for Written Plan
  - Inspection results
Pesticide Specifics

- Per statute, ODF cannot waive the 15-day waiting period for the aerial application of pesticides
- Adding active ingredients, carrier, and adjuvants
  - The dropdown lists have a selection of the most commonly used
  - Active ingredient must be registered and labeled for forestry use in Oregon
  - The list is maintained and updated by Private Forests staff
Pesticide Specifics

- Option to choose active ingredient by brand name or common name
- If the chemical you plan to use is not available, contact your local ODF forester to determine if it can be added

- Disclaimers:
WARNING!

Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies!

Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use!
The Oregon Department of Forestry has reviewed the chemicals below, but does not recommend specific products or guarantee that product labels allow any specific uses.

Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503–986–4635 for more information on pesticide product uses.
Benefits of FERNS account

- FERNS keeps all your notifications organized
- See messages from ODF
Benefits of FERNS account

- Can easily view inspections

### FPA Inspections

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**Did you know?**

- Submit comment with notification
  
  **Notifier Comment**

  Only Notifier will be able to edit. Edit applies only to NOAPs in a DRAFT status

  Request waiver of 15-day waiting period

- Copy a NOAP you submitted

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**NOAP ID:** 2017-730-00010

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Electronic Submission of Notifications System

- FERNS web page: https://ferns.odf.oregon.gov/E-Notification/

- Resources to help you:
  - ODF E-Notification Website –
    - [http://www.oregon.gov/odf/privateforests/Pages/fpaNotifications.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/privateforests/Pages/fpaNotifications.aspx)
    - User Manual
  - Local ODF Offices across the state
  - ODF YouTube site –
    - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcnNT-fHssaJSYnSNvcikyg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcnNT-fHssaJSYnSNvcikyg)
Questions?
Let’s submit a (test) NOAP!

https://fernstest.odf.Oregon.gov/FernsR4Test/Login