

## Agenda Item Summary

**BACKGROUND**

The Division 008 rules address specific regulations governing Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands. Forage removal from Department lands is used as a tool (grazing, haying, share cropping) to beneficially condition vegetation for wildlife use. Under current rule, this is regulated by the issuance of a permit. These are not an annual permit, but are usually for a short grazing, haying season or crop year. Under certain circumstances, when a permit is not renewed, the permit holder has a statutory right to a contested case hearing. Since these management practices are not conducted on an annual basis and they are used as a tool, like mowing and burning, by our wildlife area managers, a more appropriate term to use is agreement rather than permit. The term "Agreement" more accurately reflects the limited scope and time period for these activities.

The Coquille Valley Wildlife Area has been in existence since February 2013, but no specific rules have been in place. With public access now in place, there needs to be specific rules governing the uses on the wildlife area.

The Klamath Wildlife Area has seen an increase in vandalism related to use on the area after dark. To address this, the area will be closed to all public access between 10 pm and 4 am.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

No formal public review process was undertaken for this action.

**ISSUE 1**

**AMEND RULES PERTAINING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE LANDS**

**ANALYSIS**

- These proposed rules will:
- Change the term "Permit" to "Agreement" as it relates to forage removal from Department lands.
  - Adopt specific rules governing use on the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area.
  - Put a time use restriction on the Klamath Wildlife Area to address vandalism.

**OPTIONS**

- Option 1. Adopt proposed rules as written
- Option 2. Amend proposed rules
- Option 3. Deny proposed rules

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1. Adopt proposed rules as written

<b>DRAFT MOTION</b>	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008 as proposed by staff.
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Upon Filing