

**Coos Forest Protective Association
District Waiver
June 22, 2020**

District Fire Watch Service Waiver Policy

ORS 477.665 (1) states that during a fire season inside or within one-eighth mile of a fire protection district, every operator using power-driven machinery in an operation area shall provide fire watch service on the operation area. The fire watch service shall consist of not less than one competent person, who shall be on duty at times prescribed by rules promulgated by the State Forester. These rules shall require fire watch service at such times and at such places as the spread of fire on or from the operation area to forestland reasonably may be expected.

(2) The forester may modify or waive, in writing, any requirements of this section as to any operation whenever the fire hazard is not sufficient to justify the requirements.

OAR 629-043-0030 (1) States that pursuant to ORS 477.655 operators shall comply with the following fire watch requirements. A person performing fire watch service must:

- (a) Constantly observe the operation area during any breaks (up to three hours) in operation activity and for three hours after the power driven machinery used by the operator has been shut down for the day;
- (b) Visually observe all portions of the operation area on which operation activity occurred during the preceding period of activity;

OAR 629-043-0030 (3) states that the forester may reduce or waive any requirement of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this rule in a written order if, in the judgment of the forester, conditions so warrant

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) will implement the following Fire Watch Service Waiver, written policy for the 2020 fire season. These requirements are those issued by CFPA and in addition, require landowner and timber owner approval before going into effect. **Without landowner and timber owner approval the fire watch service shall remain at three hours.**

Fire Watch Service Waiver Guidelines:

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 1 – A one hour fire watch shall be in effect for all operations. This waiver would not require an on-site inspection.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 2 – A one hour fire watch for road construction operations except for the following: Road construction right-of-way cutting utilizing powersaws, and all other operation types require a two hour fire watch.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 3 – A two hour fire watch would be in effect for all operations. Any request for a waiver would require an on-site inspection.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level 4 – A three hour fire watch would be in effect for all operations. Any request for a waiver would require an on-site inspection.

Any waiver issued by CFPA may be revoked at any time. All waiver request will come from the landowner to CFPA and will require an on-site visit.