

Oregon Dept. of Forestry issued the following news release to news media today.

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UPDATE: COMMUNITY MEETING SET DEC. 14 TO DISCUSS STORM
DAMAGE TO FORESTS
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County officials, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and other public entities will hold community meetings in Westport and Clatskanie Dec. 13 and 14 to share information about an ongoing assessment of weather-related damage to northwestern Oregon forests. Landslide risks will also be discussed. Local residents are invited to attend to ask questions and voice forestry-related concerns.

An ODF team was deployed to northwestern Oregon last Monday to assess storm damage to forests in Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties. Through ground and aerial surveys, the team is evaluating the extent of timber blowdown on private and state lands as well as damage to forest roads.

Department geotechnical specialists who have been inspecting forest sites where the potential for landslides exists due to saturation of the soil from the recent severe storms will be on hand at the meetings.

LOCATION UPDATE:

The Clatskanie community meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Clatskanie High School auditorium, 471 SW Bel Air Street in Clatskanie.

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