

**TITLE 155. OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 12. LAND MANAGEMENT [NEW]**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed **PERMANENT** rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 12. Land Management [NEW]

Subchapter 1. General Provisions [NEW]

155:12-1-1. Purpose [NEW]

155:12-1-2. Definitions [NEW]

Subchapter 3. Land Restoration [NEW]

155:12-3-1. Land restoration [NEW]

155:12-3-2. Eligibility [NEW]

155:12-3-3 Mine restoration objectives and priorities [NEW]

155:12-3-4. Land management project evaluation criteria [NEW]

155:12-3-5. Rights of entry [NEW]

155:12-3-6. Revegetation standards [NEW]

155:12-3-7. Off-site soil [NEW]

Subchapter 5. Unpaved Roads Program [NEW]

155:12-5-1. Purpose of unpaved roads program [NEW]

155:12-5-2. Program goals [NEW]

155:12-5-3. Application ranking criteria [NEW]

155:12-5-4. Project eligibility [NEW]

155:12-5-5. Ineligible projects [NEW]

155:12-5-6. Environmentally sensitive maintenance [NEW]

155:12-5-7. Eligible project expenses [NEW]

155:12-5-8. Funding availability [NEW]

155:12-5-9. Matching requirement [NEW]

155:12-5-10. Pre-application [NEW]

155:12-5-11. Application [NEW]

155:12-5-12. Project field data [NEW]

Subchapter 7. Logjams [NEW]

155:12-7-1. Benefits and harms [NEW]

155:12-7-2. Evidence of logjam [NEW]

155:12-7-3. Condition classifications [NEW]

155:12-7-4. Evaluation for removal [NEW]

Subchapter 9. Conservation Planning Programs [NEW]

155:12-9-1. Purpose [NEW]

155:12-9-2. NMP program perimeters [NEW]

155:12-9-3. Process [NEW]

- 155:12-9-4. District partnership [NEW]
- 155:12-9-5. Conservation planners [NEW]
- Subchapter 11. Invasive Woody Species Programs [NEW]
- 155:12-11-1. Purpose [NEW]
- 155:12-11-2. Terry Peach North Canadian Watershed Restoration Act [NEW]
- 155:12-11-3. Program expansion [NEW]
- 155:12-11-4. Cooperation [NEW]

SUMMARY:

These new rules cover new and growing programs within the Land Management division of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The programs being developed and implemented are meant to meet the needs of producers, counties, and landowners, as well as provide positive benefits to all Oklahomans. The rules cover a number of areas: damaged lands eligible for restoration including deserted hard rock mines; the purpose, goals, criteria, eligibility, and application process of counties for funding on unpaved roads; outlining the evaluation of natural logjams in Oklahoma waterways for possible removal; meeting the nutrient management and conservation planning needs of producers; and rules for implementing the Terry Peach North Canadian Watershed Restoration Act.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Conservation District Act; 27A O.S. §§3-1-101 et seq.; and more specifically 27A O.S. §3-8-103.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments through the conclusion of the public hearing on December 19, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for persons to present their views. Each person will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to speak and must sign in at the door. The public hearing has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023, in the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Building, Room 201 located on the second floor at 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rule. Business entities may submit this information in writing to the contact person before the close of the comment period on December 19, 2023.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained by visiting <https://conservation.ok.gov/about/#rules> or by requesting copies from the contact person.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement has been prepared and is available at the same location listed above for obtaining copies of the proposed rules.

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