



LANDSCAPE



The proposed Coastal IFOA will ensure an accurate, adaptive and flexible approach to the protection and management of forest landscapes including streams, access roads, old growth forests and rainforests.



STREAMS

Under the proposed Coastal IFOA, mapping of streams

will be significantly more accurate, enabling Forestry Corporation NSW to better locate and protect these important features in forest landscapes.

There are proposed changes to stream exclusion zones. These include an expanded stream network, implementing a catchment approach and classification system for larger streams and consistency for the protection of smaller streams.

Exclusion zones around streams will maintain corridors of undisturbed vegetation, which provide habitat for aquatic species, sediment trapping and soil stability.



ROADS

Forest roads are dirt roads that, if not adequately

drained, can erode and lead to water pollution.

Under the proposed Coastal IFOA, roads must be stable, sediment-laden run-off must be prevented from entering waterways and drainage structures must be located where they will prevent erosion and subsequent water pollution.



OLD-GROWTH FORESTS

Areas of old growth forest are characterised by over-mature growth with relatively large old trees and a diverse canopy and forest structure. These areas are rare in the landscape and are extremely important for maintaining forest biodiversity and provide foraging, nesting or roosting opportunities for native animals.

Areas of old growth will continue to be protected under the proposed Coastal IFOA.

The integration of best practice technology such as GPS mapping, digital applications, and laser measuring will be used.



RAINFORESTS

Rainforests are some of the most diverse and significant ecosystems in NSW. They support a wide variety of flora and fauna and provide important habitat refuges.

North Coast and **South Coast** rainforests are mapped and these areas will continue to be protected from harm during harvesting activities under the proposed Coastal IFOA.



HABITAT PROTECTIONS

Ridge and Headwater habitat, large forest owl landscapes, rocky outcrops and other important habitat features will continue to be protected under the proposed Coastal IFOA.

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