Accomplishments

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Oregon State Office

2003 Northwest Forest Plan Accomplishment Report

Introduction

The Northwest Forest Plan guides management of more than 22 million acres of Federal forests administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USDA Forest Service in western Oregon, Washington, and northern California. The Northwest Forest Plan is a balanced, scientifically based, long-term management plan designed to produce a predictable and sustainable supply of timber, and to protect the health of forests and wildlife. Of the 22 million acres managed under Northwest Forest Plan direction, BLM manages approximately 2.4 million

The BLM Districts in western Oregon implementing the Northwest Forest Plan are Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Medford, and the Lakeview District's Klamath Falls Resource Area. In Northern California, the BLM Field Offices implementing the Northwest Forest Plan are Alturas, Arcata, Clear Lake, and Redding.

Forestry

Of the 2.4 million acres of BLM-managed land in western Oregon that are managed under the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan, approximately, 500,000 acres (or 22 percent of the BLM western Oregon land base) are available for planned timber harvest. In Fiscal Year 2003 the BLM in western Oregon offered 162.7 million board feet (MMBF).

The BLM reforests forest lands after timber harvest and natural disturbances such as wildland fires. Each District and Field Office conducts site preparation, tree planting and fertilization ensuring healthy forests in the future.

Recent studies also show a sound scientific basis for proceeding with thinning of young dense stands in order to enhance and accelerate some of these forest stands' movement toward old-growth characteristics. This research now indicates that without thinning in certain stands, it may take up to several hundred years before these areas develop old-growth characteristics.

Jobs-in-the-Woods

In Fiscal Year 2003, the BLM utilized $5.3 million in Congressional funding to accomplish 84 watershed restoration projects, while creating jobs for displaced workers, that included:

- road renovation, stabilization and decommissioning to reduce sedimentation;
- culvert replacements for fish passage;
- wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement;
- meadow, wetlands and riparian improvement;
- thinning young timber stands for forest health and fuel hazard reduction;
- off highway vehicle trail maintenance;
- native species restoration; and
- noxious weed and invasive species treatments.

Four projects were completed using the Wyden Authority to support and perform watershed restoration projects on private lands.

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2003 O&C Appropriated Dollars

Forest Management **$23,611,000**
Design and administer timber sales; monitor ecological trends, impacts, and effectiveness of management of the ecosystem; ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations; support the research, protection, and management of habitat for wildlife species; assist development and implementation of recovery plans for threatened and endangered species; implement best management practices on watersheds.

Reforestation and Forest Development **$24,992,000**
Maintain sustainability of forest resources and timber harvest levels through successful reforestation, utilizing site preparation, tree planting, young stand maintenance and protection, genetic tree trait conservation, and growth enhancing and forest health practices; develop site specific and watershed level prescriptions using silvicultural techniques; maintain up-to-date inventories of sites available for reforestation and forest development.

Other Forest Resources Management (including Watershed Analysis, Wildlife Habitat and Fisheries Management) **$36,040,000**
Conduct watershed analysis; comply with Clean Water Act; use smoke management to comply with air quality rules; monitor Threatened and Endangered species, develop protocols for and conduct field inventories of more than 400 Survey and Manage species.

Transportation and Facilities Maintenance **$10,887,000**
Maintain 300 buildings and 104 recreation sites. Maintain 14,000 miles of roads, 353 bridges and thousands of culverts in Western Oregon (roads, trails, and airstrips).

Planning **$1,150,000**
Maintain viability of resource management plans (RMP) through plan monitoring, incorporation of new data and amendments to the RMPs.

Data System Operation and Management **$2,192,000**
Convert existing Geographic Information System (GIS) data from Map Overlay and Statistical System to commercial software; operation of the data system at each BLM Western Oregon District Office.

Construction and Acquisition **$297,000**
Access easements across private land to allow management of federal lands, and for construction of roads, bridges, buildings and other facilities.

Jobs-in-the-Woods **$5,777,000**
Hire displaced timber workers, provide training, and assist communities while accomplishing watershed restoration.

Total $104,946,000

Fiscal Year 2003 Westside Oregon BLM Timber Sale Data

BLM District	Total Volume Offered in FY03	Total Volume Harvested in FY03
Lakeview	10.7	5.0
Salem	25.6	18.5
Eugene	29.3	16.6
Roseburg	23.2	8.1
Medford	51.4	25.6
Coos Bay	22.5	10.4
Totals	**162.7**	**84.2**

BLM Tree Planting in Fiscal Year 2003

BLM District	Acres Planted	Seedlings Planted
Lakeview	22	9,100
Salem	518	196,840
Eugene	302	121,400
Roseburg	229	91,830
Medford	4,308	1,844,000
Coos Bay	241	118,640
Oregon Total	**5,620**	**2,381,810**

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