

mixed conifer forest with ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, white fir, and Shasta red fir as the major species. The resource area's O&C (westside) lands are subject to a change in management emphasis greatly reducing the amount of timber sales and other activities which could adversely affect northern spotted owl habitat. In effect, this has prevented the resource area from offering most scheduled west side sales. Also, several years of drought have triggered extensive mortality of white fir, which is expected to continue.

East of Klamath Falls, the BLM-administered (eastside) lands contain 15,300 acres of commercial forest land, about 30 percent of the resource area's total. These lands are nearly all ponderosa pine, or pine mixed with western juniper. The recent listing of the Lost River and short-nosed suckers as threatened and endangered (along with the current proposal for critical habitat designation) requires that east side timber sales be evaluated for their effects on these species. Stands containing a white fir component (less than ten percent of the east side's commercial forest) are undergoing extensive mortality in the white fir. The drought has also resulted in locally heavy mortality of ponderosa pine. The east side also contains 70,000 acres of juniper woodlands.

Current forest management emphasis has been on designing timber sales as forest health treatments to reduce overstocked stands to a stocking level within site capacity. Thinning from below is used to reduce competition with large, old-growth overstory trees, as well as to restore a more natural species composition better adapted to the natural fires that formerly burned through our eastside forests.

Another management emphasis has been to continue the prescribed underburning program. This is discussed further under the "Fire/Aviation Management" section. Other silvicultural practices used in the resource area include: site preparation, reforestation, tubing, paper mulching, gopher baiting (to protect seedlings), vegetation control, surveys, and cone collection.

Approximately 1,150 acres of forest lands were harvested in FY 95 and about 2,560 acres thus far in FY 96, either by partial cut or salvage (Table 6). These activities are summarized in the following section. In addition, miscellaneous special forest products continue to be sold and include such things as firewood, mushrooms, wildlings, posts and rails, and Christmas trees. For further information contact Mel Crockett at 541-885-4115.

FY95 Plan Accomplishments

Eastside Timber Sales:

- * Eastside Salvage Timber Sale - harvesting was completed on this sale in September, 1995. Approximately 1MMBF of salvage was removed from lands on the eastside of the Klamath Falls Resource Area.

Westside Timber Sales:

- * Bald Burt Timber Sale - approximately 95% of the sale has been harvested. The remaining area will be harvested in summer of 1996.
- * Frosty One Timber Sale - this sale was prepared using the standards and guidelines stipulated in the Northwest Forest Plan and the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) and was sold in September of 1995.
- * PP&L Right/Way Timber Sale - (OR014-TS5-2) - approximately 55 MBF of timber was sold to PP&L to facilitate the construction of the new gas pipeline and to reduce fuels below the high voltage power lines. The sale was prepared using the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan and the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan.