

Visual Resources

Classification of lands in the Coos Bay District are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Acres</u>
VRM Class I	600
VRM Class II	6,600
VRM Class III	14,700
VRM Class IV	303,930

BLM lands in the District were monitored to meet the following visual quality objectives:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Objectives</u>
VRM Class I	Preserve the existing character of landscapes
VRM Class II	Retain the existing character of landscapes
VRM Class III	Partially retain the existing character of landscapes
VRM Class IV	Allow major modifications of existing character of landscapes

District VRM specialists analyzed all surface disturbing actions within VRM Class II or III areas during the year. There were several projects involving the upgrade of seven developed recreation sites, that were designed in order to retain or partially retain the existing character of the landscape.

Rural Interface Areas

No projects conducted in FY 2000 were within the Rural Interface Areas as identified in the RMP.

Socioeconomic Conditions

The District provides employment opportunities for local companies, contractors, and individuals in the implementation of the RMP and NFP. Timber sales, silvicultural treatment projects such as thinning, planting trees, repair of storm damaged roads, the collection of Special Forest Products including ferns, mushrooms, and firewood, and the recreational use of public lands all provide employment opportunities.

The Coos Bay District, in coordination with other federal, state and local governments, participates in the NFP Jobs-in-the-Woods/Watershed Restoration program. The program provides on-the-job training opportunities for workers displaced from forestry related work. The workers are hired to work on crews restoring fish and forestry habitat. In addition to hiring crews, part of the money is used to hire local area contractors to do restoration work on public lands and approximately \$241,000 were used for restoration activities on private and state lands

under authorization from the “Wyden Amendment”. Table 5 (page 13) displays the projects located on the District in FY 2000.

Several strategies and programs have been developed, through coordination with state and local government, to support local economies and enhance local communities. Below is a summary of several of these projects.

- Watershed Associations: Twelve local watershed associations on the south coast are operating on willing (private) landowners properties. These associations were formed to restore the health of coastal watersheds and provide jobs to local citizens and displaced timber workers. BLM provides technical assistance to these associations, as well as contributing funding through JITW or in coordination with other government programs or private foundations.
- Oregon Coastal Environment Awareness Network (OCEAN): BLM continues to be involved with OCEAN. This past year BLM helped with maintaining partnerships, natural resource educational calendars, and program development.
- Coos County Tourism Development: BLM played a significant role in coordinating the Tourism Strategic and Implementation Plan for Coos County and is currently involved in implementing several strategies that were recommended through the planning process. The most noteworthy is the Coos County Regional Trails Partnership.

The District also maintains recreation facilities (such as campgrounds, hiking trails, boat ramps and wildlife viewing facilities) that enhance the quality of life in the area and attract tourist expenditures in local communities.

Table 14 displays the summary of Socio-Economic Activities and Allocations for the Coos Bay District.

Table 14. Coos Bay RMP, Summary of Socio-Economic Activities and Allocations

Program Element	Fiscal Year 96	Fiscal Year 97	Fiscal Year 98	Fiscal Year 99	Fiscal Year 2000
District budget	\$13,576,000 \$1,000,000 ¹	\$14,377,000 \$1,092,000 ²	\$13,102,000 \$698,000 ³	\$14,288,000	\$16,185,300
Timber sale collections, O&C lands ⁴	\$7,514,103	\$8,777,514	\$3,661,050	\$7,659,559	\$4,905,687
Timber sale collections, CBWR lands ⁴	\$2,691,012	\$3,817,918	\$3,119,637	\$4,534,667	\$2,160,060
Timber sale collections, PD lands ⁴	\$1,019,334	\$3,952,825	\$1,374,631	\$513,210	\$410,596
Payments to Coos and Curry Counties (O&C/CWBR) ⁵	(Coos) \$4,819,791 (Curry) \$2,665,930 (Total) \$7,485,721	(Coos) \$4,636,761 (Curry) \$2,564,692 (Total) \$7,201,453	(Coos) \$3,982,022 (Curry) \$2,463,454 (Total) \$6,445,476	(Coos) \$3,818,377 (Curry) \$2,362,217 (Total) \$6,180,594	(Coos) \$5,915,712 (Curry) \$2,260,979 (Total) \$8,176,691
Payments to Coos and Curry Counties (PILT) ⁵	(Coos) \$39,581 (Curry) \$72,098 (Total) \$111,679	(Coos) \$6,537 (Curry) \$56,801 (Total) \$63,338	(Coos) \$9,102 (Curry) \$65,158 (Total) \$74,260	(Coos) \$4,438 (Curry) \$52,592 (Total) \$57,030	(Coos) \$7,127 (Curry) \$62,305 (Total) \$69,432
Value of forest development contracts	\$2,329,000	\$2,108,626	\$1,436,360	\$1,470,000	\$1,009,000
Value of timber sales, oral auctions (_#) and negotiated sales (_#)	\$9,996,710 (10 auctions) \$240,784 (27 negotiated)	\$11,763,814 (10 auctions) \$3,322,658 (27 negotiated)	\$14,734,146 (9 auctions) \$228,719 (8 negotiated)	\$105,795.70 (1 auction) \$89,894 (8 negotiated)	\$10,082 \$42,788 (9 negotiated)
Jobs-in-the-Woods funds in contracts	\$1,340,042	\$1,273,329	\$1,276,300	\$728,000	\$935,300
Timber Sale/Recreation Pipeline Restoration Funds			\$544,917	\$1,435,000	\$1,244,500
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts			\$84,050	\$115,800	\$107,515
Challenge cost share project contributions	\$44,000	\$68,000	\$37,000	\$66,100	\$170,900
Value-in-kind or Volunteer Efforts	\$260,100	\$238,400	\$469,600	\$249,600	\$111,600
Value of land sales	0	0	0	\$10,050	\$45,100

¹ Included a special FY 96 appropriation for flood damage.

² Included a special FY 97 appropriation for flood damage and carry over funds from the FY 96 flood appropriation.

³ Included carry over funds from the FY 96 flood appropriation and the FY 97 flood appropriation.

⁴ Funds collected as timber is harvested.

⁵ To simplify reporting information and to avoid duplicating reporting, all payments to Coos and Curry counties have been reported by the Coos Bay District. Payments to Douglas and Lane counties have been reported by the Roseburg and Eugene Districts respectively.

Acronyms in table:

O&C = Oregon and California Railroad lands

PD = Public Domain lands

CWBR = Coos Bay Wagon Road lands

PILT = Payments In Lieu of Taxes

Employment Trends

The southern Oregon coast showed mixed results during 1999. Curry County experienced strong growth in overall employment, while Coos County added only 10 jobs. Curry County showed strong growth in the trade and services sectors, while the construction sector lost jobs. Coos County showed strength in the construction and services sectors, while the trade sector lost jobs. The manufacturing sectors in both counties showed overall declines because of decreases in lumber and wood products employment, the dominant industry.

Statewide lumber and wood products employment has continued the downward trend which began in 1989, decreasing by 1,700 jobs between 1998 and 1999. Total lumber and wood products employment in 1999 averaged 57,300 jobs within Oregon. Coos and Curry Counties mirrored the statewide trend, losing 150 and 10 jobs respectively, between 1998 and 1999. Tables 15, 16, and 17 provide detailed information on employment by industry for Oregon, Coos County, and Curry County. Data for 2000 is scheduled for release in March 2001 by the Oregon Employment Department.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes, O&C Payments, and Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR) Payments were made in FY 2000 as directed in current legislation. The specific amounts paid to the counties under each revenue sharing program in FY 2000 are displayed in Table 14.

New legislation (P.L. 106-393, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000) was signed October 30, 2000, that extends "safety-net" payments through FY 2006. The law establishes a new formula for calculating payments which is based on selecting the highest three years in the eligibility period (1986-1999). The law also allows for annual increases in the payment based on Consumer Price Index information. O&C and CBWR Payments in FY 2001 will be based on this new legislation.

During April 2000, the Bureau of Census completed its decadal census. It is anticipated that this data will be released beginning April of 2001 and continuing through 2003. Significant opportunities exist to compare the 2000 data to the 1990 data and to examine trends. Where census data was used in developing the District Resource Management Plan, opportunities will exist to update information.

Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898 of February 11, 1994, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations" directs all federal agencies to "...make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing ...disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities."

New projects with possible effects on minority populations and/or low-income populations will incorporate an analysis of Environmental Justice impacts to ensure any disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects are identified, and reduced to acceptable levels if possible.

Table 15. Resident Labor Force, Employment by Industry, Oregon

	1970	1980	Average 1984-88 Baseline	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	864,500	1,295,000	1,362,400	1,491,000	1,508,000	154,200	1,596,000	1,640,000	1,656,200	1,719,700	1,727,600	1,763,700	1,760,500
Unemployment	61,700	107,000	104,800	82,000	90,000	116,000	116,000	89,000	80,300	101,600	100,600	98,600	100,400
Total Wage and Salary Employment	709,200	1,044,600	1,068,680	1,251,900	1,250,800	1,274,200	1,308,400	1,362,900	1,418,400	1,476,600	1,524,400	1,551,800	1,572,400
Total Manufacturing	172,300	215,100	203,240	220,300	211,700	209,000	211,700	221,300	229,300	235,800	243,600	246,100	240,800
Lumber & Wood Products (& Paper)	76,200	79,900	75,060	73,200	65,800	63,800	62,700	63,300	61,300	59,800	60,200	59,000	57,300
Other Manufacturing	96,100	135,200	128,180	147,100	145,900	145,200	149,000	158,000	168,000	176,000	183,400	187,100	183,500
Total Non-Manufacturing	536,900	829,500	865,440	1,031,600	1,039,000	1,065,200	1,096,700	1,141,600	1,189,100	1,238,900	1,282,800	1,305,700	1,331,600
Construction & Mining	30,800	48,800	35,800	54,000	53,000	52,000	55,700	62,900	70,400	79,400	83,300	83,400	84,700
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	48,700	60,500	58,040	64,500	65,200	65,700	66,800	68,900	71,300	73,500	74,900	76,200	77,700
Trade	162,000	255,600	269,680	313,100	314,300	318,700	328,900	344,100	357,000	365,900	377,500	383,400	387,900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	36,000	70,000	69,360	80,300	83,200	86,000	84,600	87,800	87,200	91,000	94,800	95,200	95,400
Services & Miscellaneous	112,700	191,400	231,180	296,200	296,900	311,800	328,300	343,200	362,900	382,600	402,800	412,100	425,400
Government	146,700	203,200	201,360	223,500	226,400	231,000	232,600	234,700	240,200	246,600	249,500	255,300	260,500

Table 16: Resident Labor Force, Employment by Industry, Coos County

	1970	1980	Average 1984-88 Baseline	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	22,050	29,410	27,492	27,290	27,180	27,120	28,030	27,870	27,460	28,290	27,600	27,560	26,790
Unemployment	1,860	4,060	3,078	2,440	2,470	2,950	3,040	2,400	2,020	2,610	2,670	2,770	2,340
Total Wage and Salary Emp.	17,390	20,880	18,878	19,560	19,380	19,520	20,040	20,410	20,640	21,180	21,120	20,910	20,920
Total Manufacturing	6,580	5,130	4,510	3,680	3,240	3,200	3,210	3,090	3,020	2,980	2,970	2,680	2,550
Lumber & Wood Products	5,440	3,930	3,236	2,370	1,880	1,850	1,850	1,820	1,800	1,780	1,800	1,530	1,380
Other Manufacturing	1,140	1,200	1,274	1,310	1,360	1,350	1,360	1,270	1,220	1,200	1,170	1,150	1,170
Total Non-Manufacturing	10,810	15,750	14,372	15,880	16,140	16,330	16,830	17,320	17,610	18,200	18,150	18,230	18,370
Const. & Mining	460	710	476	690	720	710	670	720	790	790	840	810	850
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	1,560	1,740	1,382	1,430	1,450	1,390	1,410	1,400	1,430	1,490	1,410	1,320	1,300
Trade	2,890	4,350	4,316	4,890	5,000	5,040	5,330	5,330	5,330	5,320	5,230	5,080	4,930
Finance, Ins. & Real Est.	740	940	786	810	830	860	940	990	870	890	890	880	910
Services & Misc.	2,190	3,090	3,132	3,390	3,370	3,480	3,620	4,010	4,090	4,330	4,410	4,500	4,690
Government	2,970	4,920	4,280	4,680	4,750	4,850	4,850	4,870	5,110	5,390	5,370	5,650	5,680

Table 17: Resident Labor Force, Employment by Industry, Curry County

	1970	1980	Average 1984-88 Baseline	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	5,310	7,130	8,250	9,760	9,740	8,050	8,160	8,370	8,210	8,570	8,400	8,450	8,360
Unemployment	370	900	746	570	590	730	740	650	620	820	790	740	610
Total Wage and Salary Emp.	3,580	4,670	4,676	5,690	5,650	5,490	5,580	5,830	5,860	6,020	6,060	6,120	6,260
Total Manufacturing	1,470	1,130	1,100	1,020	970	860	870	860	830	850	890	900	890
Lumber & Wood Products	1,310	890	960	730	680	650	640	630	630	630	650	640	630
Other Manufacturing	160	240	140	290	290	210	230	230	200	220	240	260	250
Total Non-Manufacturing	2,110	3,540	3,574	4,670	4,680	4,640	4,720	4,970	5,030	5,170	5,170	5,230	5,370
Const. & Mining	100	200	222	310	340	290	320	350	350	350	360	400	380
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	190	190	180	250	230	230	240	240	250	260	250	260	260
Trade	550	1,030	1,140	1,530	1,540	1,520	1,530	1,730	1,750	1,800	1,790	1,780	1,830
Finance, Ins. & Real Est.	130	220	226	290	280	290	320	330	340	330	330	310	320
Services & Misc.	280	590	754	950	980	1,000	1,040	1,050	1,090	1,110	1,130	1,200	1,300
Government	860	1,310	1,054	1,340	1,310	1,300	1,280	1,270	1,260	1,310	1,300	1,280	1,290