2004 Northwest Forest Plan Accomplishments

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

BLM manages 2.4 million acres of land in western Oregon, lands 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 2004 the BLM in western Oregon offered 140 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 other management treatment such as browse protection or vegetation control to ensure healthy forests in the future.

The BLM is also working to implement an enhanced thinning program on BLM-managed lands. This thinning is done to improve growth and reduce wildfire risks. Additionally, thinning is done in response to scientific studies that indicate timely thinning can accelerate and enhance the development of old growth characteristics in younger forests.

Jobs-In-The-Woods

In FY 2004, the BLM utilized $5.3 million in Congressional funding to accomplish 77 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.

One project was completed using the Wyden Authority to support and perform watershed restoration projects on private lands. The Jobs-in-the-Woods program plays a vital role in the Northwest Economic Adjustment initiative.

FY 2004 Northwest Forest Plan Accomplishments Numbers

2004 O&C Appropriated Dollars

Forest Management $24,823,000

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 $24,756,000

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) $35,660,000

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 $10,777,000

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 $1,137,000

Maintain viability of resource management plans (RMP) through plan monitoring, incorporation of new data and amendments to the RMPs.

Data System Operation and Management $2,175,000

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 $293,000

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 $5,736,000

Hire displaced timber workers, provide training, and assist communities while accomplishing watershed restoration.

Total $105,358,000

Fiscal Year 2004 Westside Oregon BLM Timber Sale Data (Numbers in Million Board Feet or MMBF)*

BLM District	Total Volume Offered*	Total Volume Harvested*
Lakeview	4.0	4.7
Salem	31.9	24.3
Eugene	29.7	30.1
Roseburg	24.4	13.0
Medford	27.4	22.8
Coos Bay	22.6	15.3
TOTALS	**140.0**	**110.2**

BLM Tree Planting in Fiscal Year 2004

BLM District	Acres Planted	Seedlings Planted
Lakeview	0	0
Salem	512	239,600
Eugene	10	4,700
Roseburg	159	77,600
Medford	14,096	5,892,000
Coos Bay	101	49,200
Oregon Total	**14,878**	**6,263,100**

Northwest Forest Plan Range in Oregon and Washington

LEGEND

- Northwest Forest Plan Boundary
- State Boundary
- BLM District Boundary
- BLM Administered Land
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Other Federal
- Non Federal

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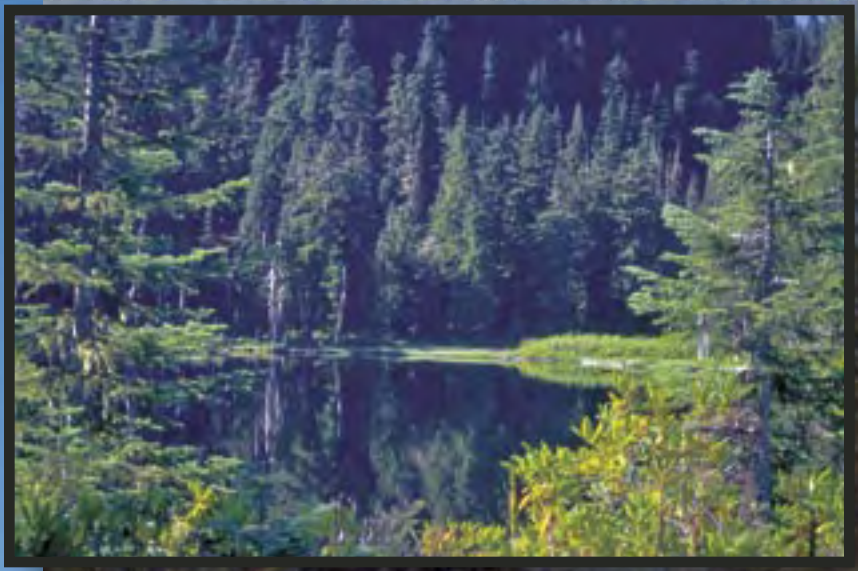

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