

Western Oregon Plan Revisions: “...Just the Facts”

-Under the plan, the annual receipts generated from BLM timber harvest are estimated to equal 85 percent of the average BLM county payments for the last 20 years. The plan will produce **\$75 million** for distribution to the counties each year and projects an increase of **1,200 timber related jobs**.

-The plan will provide a network of Late-Successional Management Areas to maintain and develop habitat for the **conservation of the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet**. This network will cover 689,000 acres or 29 percent of the BLM lands within the range of the northern spotted owl. Many of the largest blocks of the existing older forests are located within these areas.

-In addition, substantially all of the existing older and more structurally-complex forests outside the Late-Successional Management Areas will be **deferred from harvest** for the next 15 years.

-A large portion of the future timber harvest under the plan would come from **thinning**. This represents about 65 percent of the harvested acres per year. Regeneration harvests on average would occur on only 7,700 acres or about 35 percent of the harvested acres per year.

-The BLM older forests are generally **checker-boarded and scattered tracks** interspersed with private lands, as compared to the more solid blocks of land contained within the National Forest system. Where the BLM does have larger areas of older forest, most of these lands are designated as Late-Successional Management Areas, like the along the Rogue River.

-Uneven-aged forest management (selective harvest) techniques will be used on approximately 183,000 acres of southern Oregon's drier forests to **improve fire resiliency**.

-These forests are amongst the **most productive in the world** and grow more than 1.2 Billion Board Feet per year. Under the plan, BLM would offer for sale (588 Million Board Feet) each year, or less than 50 percent of what grows in one year.

-There are approximately 1.1 million acres of **mature and structurally-complex forest** today on BLM Lands. Under the plan, 100 years from now there will be 1.7 million acres of mature and structurally-complex forest (a 50 percent increase from the current level).

-The final plan **protects streams and rivers** with riparian management areas that ensure we meet water quality standards and provide habitat protections for listed fish species. The approximately 322,000 acres in the riparian management areas on average encompass 20 percent of the areas where sustained yield timber harvest will occur.

-The plan would **increase total carbon storage** from current levels.

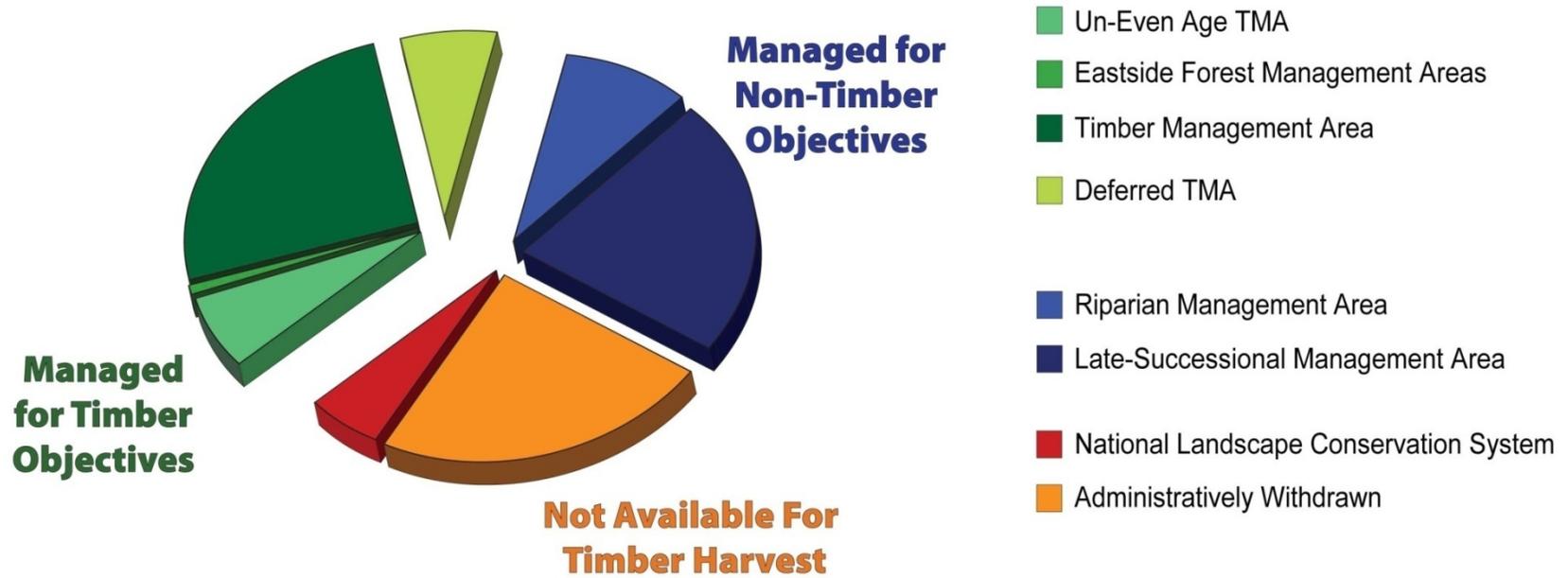
-A majority of the forested land base, 55 percent, will be **dedicated to uses other than timber production**

-For BLM lands under the Northwest Forest Plan the harvest would be 268 Million Board Feet. Under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions, **harvest levels** are 502 million, or an 87 percent increase over Northwest Forest Plan levels.

-The volume estimates for thinning treatments in the Late-Successional and Riparian Reserves under the Northwest Forest Plan is nearly identical to the **Late-Successional and Riparian Management Areas** under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions.



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Allocation	Acres	Percent
National Landscape Conservation System	148,582	6%
Administratively Withdrawn	588,309	23%
Late-Successional Management Area	566,373 ⁽¹⁾	22%
Riparian Management Area	242,339 ⁽²⁾	10%
Timber Management Area	655,175	26%
Un-Even Age Lands in the Timber Management Areas	157,370	6%
Deferred Timber Management Area	177,678	7%
Eastside Forest Management Areas	14,276	1%
Totals	2,550,102	100%

(1) Does **not** include 122,627 acres of Late-Successional Management Areas included in other designations.

(2) Does **not** include 79661 acres of Riparian Management Areas included in other designations.