



## Gilchrist

Gilchrist Timber Co built the original mill in Gilchrist, Oregon in 1938

In 1999 a \$25 million dollar new small log mill was built with USFS input on future log size and supply. We are the only mill remaining in central OR.

Mill presently owned by Interfor Pacific. Present sawlog usage approximately 90 MMBF / yr We have federal timber sale contracts on six national forests in R6.

Sixty -five percent of sawlogs consumed at Gilchrist are from Federal Land.

In 2006 Gilchrist payroll was \$3.3 million; 109 full time employees. Payments to plant site contractors was \$4.2 million. Payments to contract loggers was \$9.1 million.

Deschutes National Forest	Target 61.2 MMBF	2006 16 MMBF sawlogs
Timber Sale Program		2007 26 MMBF sawlogs
Accountability?		

Collaboration vs Best Science? Do we compromise professional management of our national forests by accomodating special interest groups? How much do we give up to avoid litigation? Sales are still appealed.

Harvest more volume per acre. Harvest up to the 21" diameter limit.(although the timber stand should dictate the silviculturalist harvest prescription not a diameter limit.)

Larger project areas

More funding needed for eastside forests to complete their projects. Spend funds on commercial thinning fuel treatment projects instead of fire suppression.

USFS resource objectives can be met only if there is a healthy forest products industry. Prineville-loss of forest products industry/ contractors/ small operators who used to do fuels reduction, thinnings, trail construction, etc  
Bend and Redmond =loss of contractors also

These are not national parks.

Manage our national forests for all resources. Use the best science available.

Much more resource management should be done on the eastside national forests. We could generate needed revenue to the counties. Keep the existing infrastructure in place. Critical to having economical healthy communities in Central/Eastern Oregon.

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