

2014 Operators of the Year



Goals



- To recognize operators who consistently and voluntarily perform above and beyond the Oregon Forest Practices Act minimum requirements.
- To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act, its administration, and its effectiveness in protecting natural resources.

Why?

- **ORS 527.630** : [It is the]...policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species...consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources and scenic resources within visually sensitive corridors.
- *Forestry Program for Oregon's Goal D* includes protecting and improving “the physical and biological quality of the soil and water resources of Oregon's forests” through the administration of the Forest Practices Act.



HOW?

- Nomination Process
- Criteria
- Selection –
 - Foresters/ Area & Staff
 - RFPC Tours/ Application Review/ Voting
- Awards –
 - Op of Year
 - Merit
 - Commendation

Recognition

Oregon Small Woodland Owners
Association of Oregon Loggers
Oregon Logging Conference
Board of Forestry Meeting
Press Coverage
Social Media

Merit Awards

• Southwest

- **WyEast Forestry Management, LLC.** (Hood River – Coos nomination)



- **Huffman and Wright Logging Co.** (Canyonville – Douglas nomination)



Robert Howell Logging, LLC

Northwest Operator of the Year

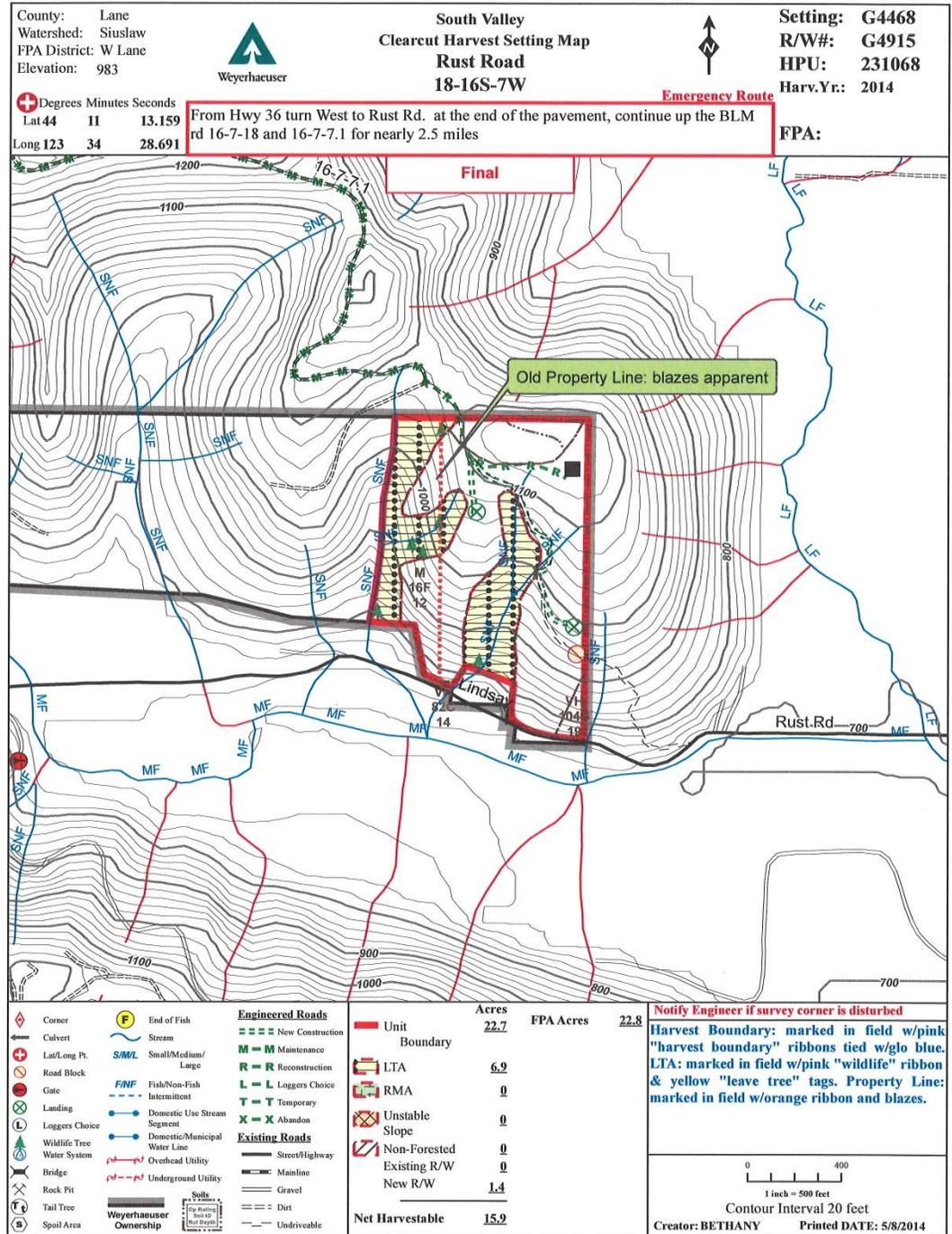


Unit Constraints:

- Two HLHL leave areas
- Two domestic water intakes
- County road
- Powerlines
- House at base of unit
- Lift trees

Other Issues:

- 3 mile dirt haul route
- Pull trees with yarder
- Working with power company
- “Concerned” neighbor
- People and dogs



West Side of Unit



Climbing and Choking Trees



Blachly-Lane Electric



Completed Unit



Completed Unit



Started: End of July
Completed: Early October

- 1 down week due to fire weather
- 1 down week due to breakdown
- Happy neighbors
- 22 yarder days for 6 acres
- 55 MBF/acre (133ccf/acre)



Well done Bob and Tracy Howell of Robert Howell Logging!

And well done to their rigging



Todd Hueckman Contracting Eastern Operator of the Year



Video Link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxqawWIutfl

Bewley Investments

Southwest Operator of the Year



Video Link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QD2QjUFRD-Q



Thank You