

# 2015 Operators of the Year



## GOALS

- To recognize operators who consistently and voluntarily perform above 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.



## Authority

- **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 and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes as the leading use on privately owned land, 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.



## Honoring Work that Exceeds Natural Resource Protection Requirements

- Three Operators of the Year (Areas)
  1. Eastern
  2. Northwest
  3. Southern
- Merit Awards (District)
- Commendation Letters (Local Offices)

# Nominations

## Who Nominates?

- ODF Stewardship Foresters
- Logging Association Members
- Industry Members
- Communities
- Watershed Councils
- Anyone



# Criteria

- Consistency
- Difficulty
- Results
- Innovation and extra effort
- Financial risk to operator



# Selecting

## Regional Forest Practices Committees

- Tour sites
- Review written nominations and videos
- Deliberate



# Recognizing Quality

- Media
- Associated Oregon Loggers
- Oregon Logging Conference
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- Board of Forestry
- ODF outreach venues



## Merit Awards

- Melcher Logging (Sweet Home)
- J.M. Browning Logging (Astoria)

## Questions



## WyEast Timber Services Eastern Operator of the Year



[Video Link](#)

## Giustina Land & Timber Co. Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. Northwest Co-Operators of the Year



[Video Link](#)

## R&R King Logging Southern Operator of the Year



[Video link](#)

## Questions



# Thank You!

