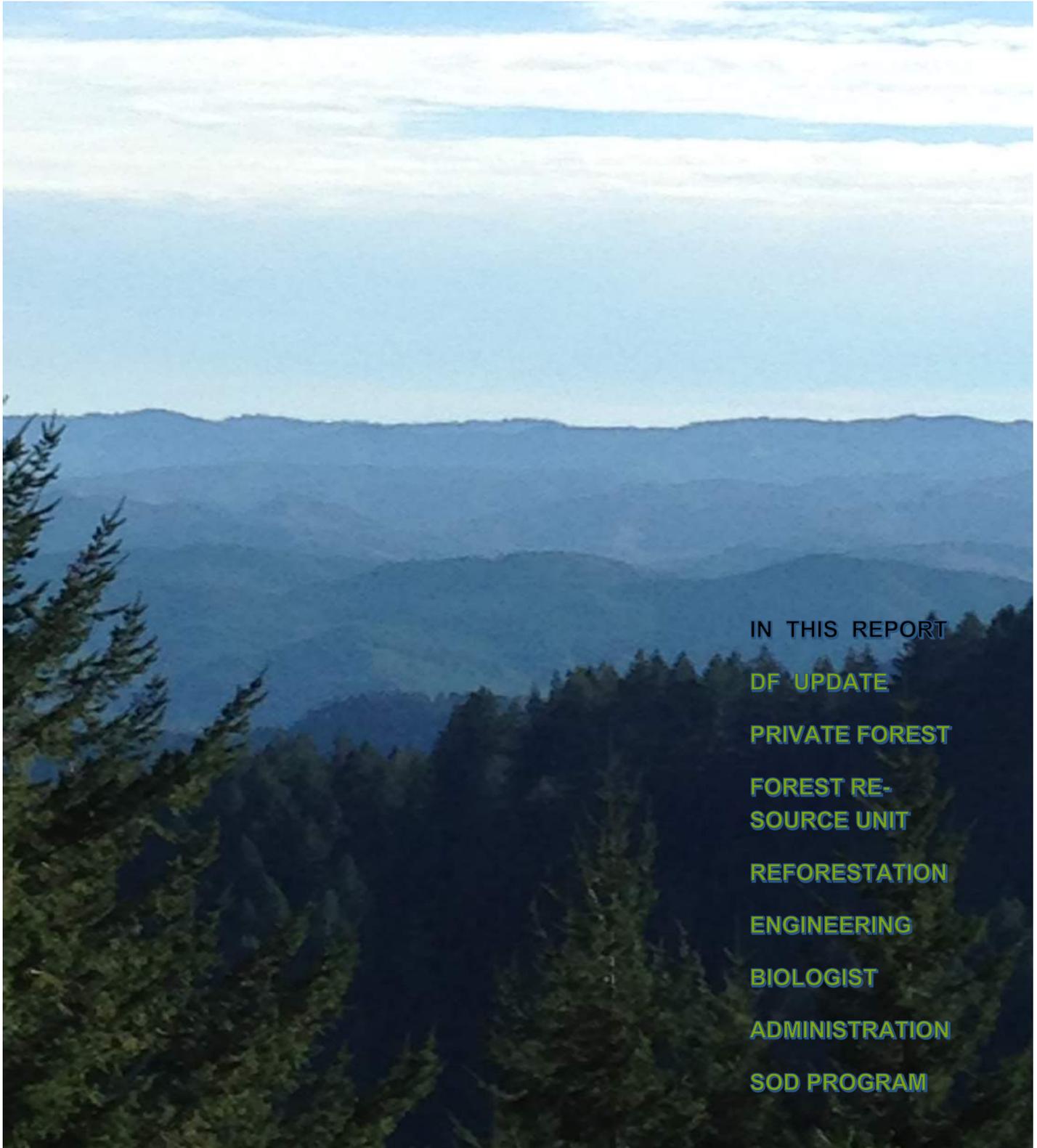




COOS DISTRICT 2014



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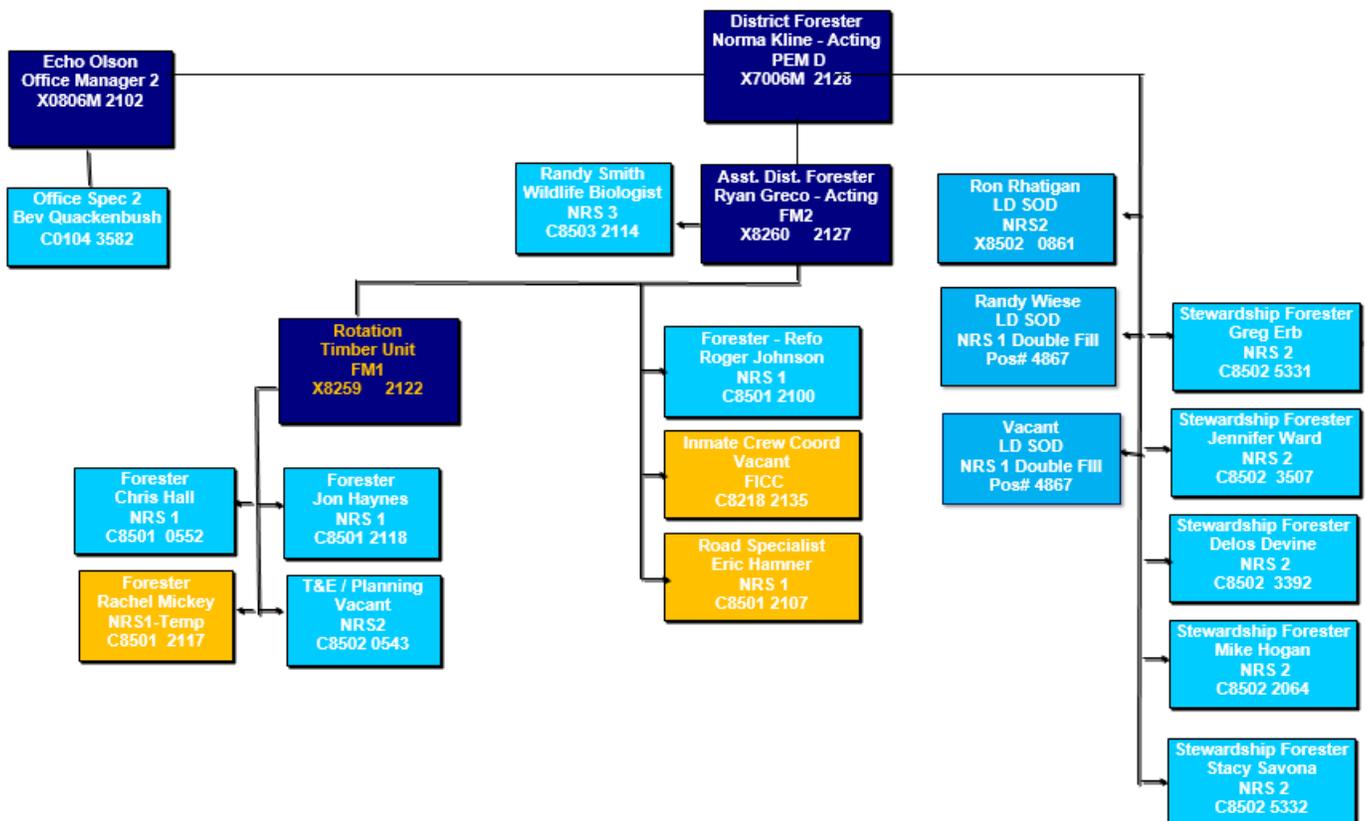
Two words sum up the past year for the Coos District – Adaptability and Resilience.

The big topics that influenced the District's work this year were the Elliott State Forest, FERNS and Fire.

- The ongoing decision process regarding the future of the Elliott State Forest has been front page news and added an unusual aspect to an always busy State Forest Team workload. The Department of State Lands will provide the Land Board with a status report and recommendations at their June 9, 2015 public meeting in Salem regarding three potential paths forward for the Elliott as directed by the State Land Board at their December 2014 meeting:
 - (1) New Management
 - (2) Continued Management by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) under a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
 - (3) Transfer of Ownership
- The Private Forest Program rolled out a brand new electronic notification program (FERNS) which the Private Forest team quickly learned, adapted their workflows and provided assistance to the public.
- Fire season started early in 2014, with an Incident Management Team deployment in early June and deployments continuing through September. The entire district pitched in on fire dispatches (a dozen employees on 20 different incidents) while leaving the skeleton staff tasked with maintaining core business functions on the home district front.

Additionally, we saw several retirements, folks moving on to other job opportunities, and several new hires. I want to thank the Coos District Staff for their dedication and ability to stay focused and accomplish our objectives.

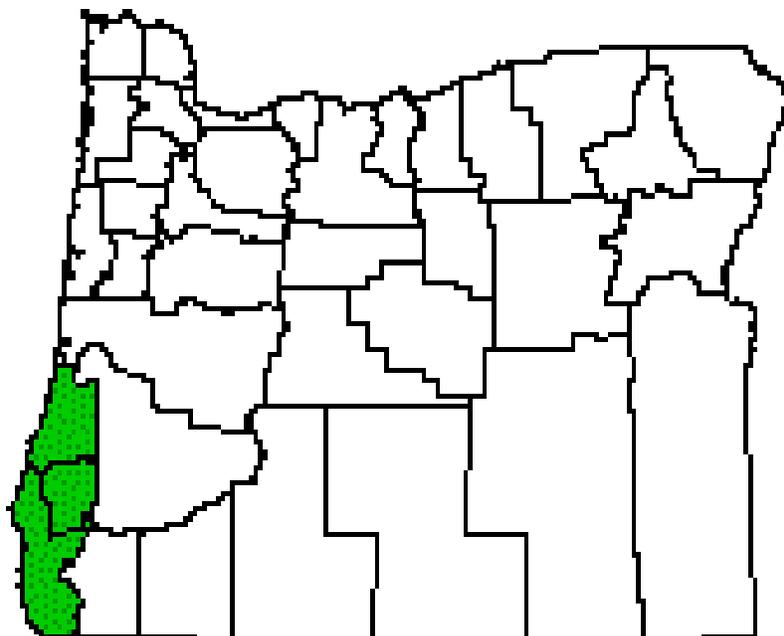
COOS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2014



ODF COOS DISTRICT

Located in the southwest corner of Oregon, Coos District for the Oregon Department of Forestry covers Coos, Curry and western portions of Douglas County

Five stewardship foresters oversee the needs of private and industrial landowners. The Elliott State Forest is managed by the Forest Resource Unit combined with engineers/ reforestation teams.



PRIVATE FOREST PROGRAM AT COOS

After 35 years of service to the landowners in Coos District, Anthony Koreiva (better known as Tuch) decided to retire.

Although retired he has not slowed down—Tuch fills his days as a consultant forester and continues to fish and hunt.



PRIVATE FOREST TEAM MEMBERS

STARTING ON LEFT: MIKE HOGAN, GREG ERB, JENNIFER WARD, BEV QUACKENBUSH, STACY SAVONA AND DELOS DEVINE.



PRIVATE FOREST UPDATES - WITH MIKE HOGAN

The Coos District administers the Private Forests Program on nearly 1.25 million acres in Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties, including administration of Oregon's Forest Practices Act, and providing assistance to family forest landowners.

The purpose of the Oregon's Forest Practices Act is to promote forest practices that are consistent with sound management and protection of trees, soil, air, water, and fish and wildlife resources while assuring the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species.

The Stewardship Foresters who administer the program continue to place their priorities on environmentally sensitive forest harvest operations, conducting pre-operation visits, reviewing operation plans and providing assistance to family forest landowners.

The Private Forests Program experienced many changes in 2014 with retirements and new hires:

Nick Morris took a Stewardship Forester position with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Yes, Oregon State Parks has Stewardship Forester positions!! Nick had been with the Coos District since 2005.

In September, the Private Forests Program welcomed two new foresters:

Jennifer Ward promoted into a Stewardship Forester position. Jennifer comes to us from the State Forests Program where she was a forest inmate crew coordinator. Jennifer graduated from Forestry Program at Southwestern Oregon Community College in 2003. Jennifer originally started with the Department in 2007 as an OS2. She made the move from office to field in 2008.

Greg Erb promoted into a Stewardship Forester position. Greg comes to us from the State Forest Program where he forester on the Elliott State Forest since 2011. Before joining the Department of Forestry, Greg worked for Roseburg Resources since 1999.



Luchsinger Creek Major Fish Culvert Replace- ment Project

**In Delos Devine's work
area on Roseburg Re-
sources property. This
culvert is large enough
to drive a Pickup
through.**

FOREST RESOURCE UNIT

2014 AOP (7/2013 – 6/2014)

Planned

629 harvest acres
23.6 MMBF
\$7.3 million net revenue

Accomplishment to date

(3/1/15):

311 acres, 10.4 MMBF prepared
\$3,958,799 net value prepared

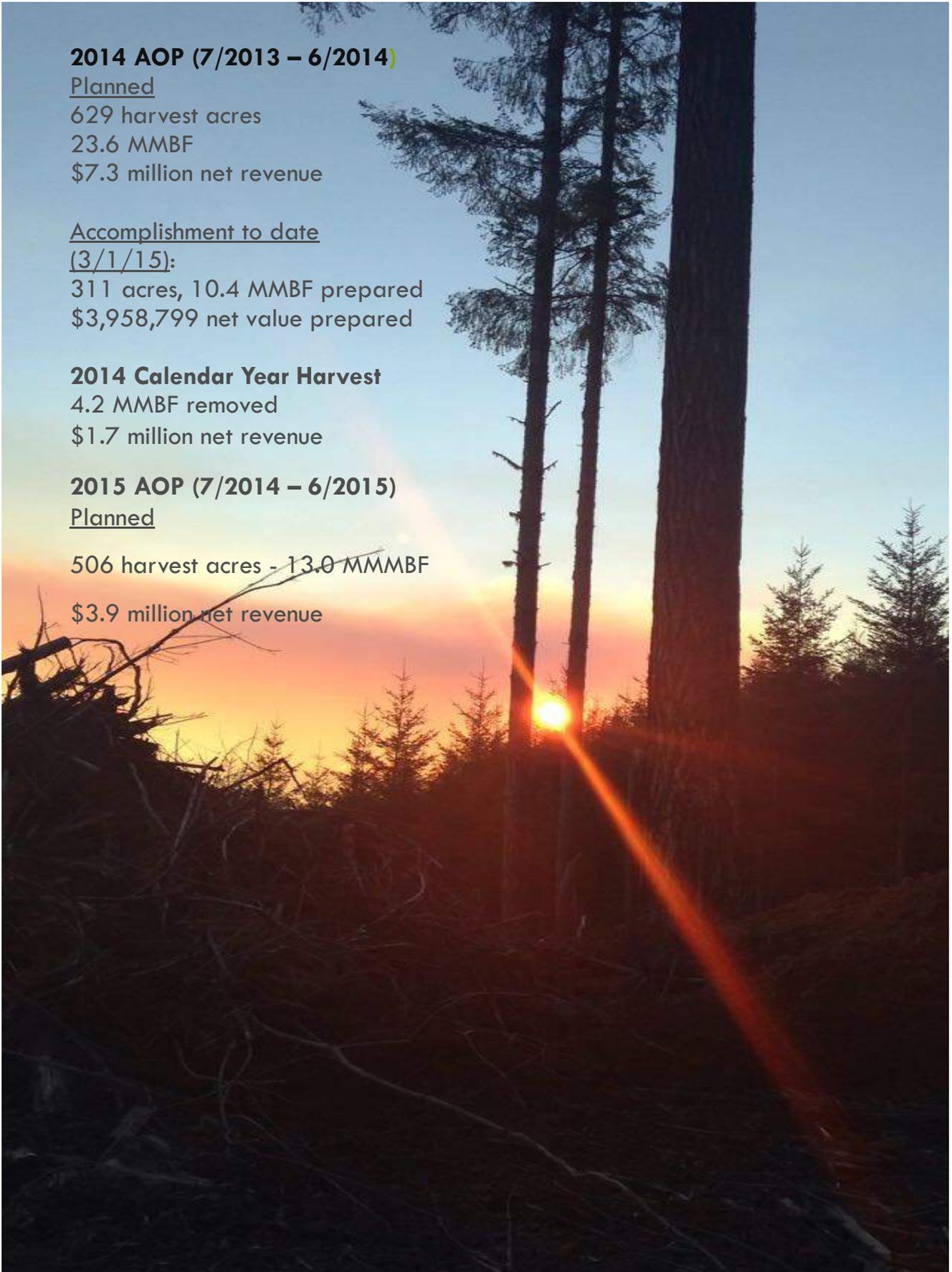
2014 Calendar Year Harvest

4.2 MMBF removed
\$1.7 million net revenue

2015 AOP (7/2014 – 6/2015)

Planned

506 harvest acres - 13.0 MMBF
\$3.9 million net revenue



FOREST RESOURCE UNIT UPDATES—WITH JON HAYNES

The Forest Resources Unit is responsible for short and long-range planning, timber sale preparation, and sale administration on the Elliott State Forest and scattered tracts on the Coos District. The Forest Resources Unit is comprised of three foresters and a Unit Forester. The foresters have a wide range of responsibilities. Each forester, in their assigned area, is responsible for scheduling harvest units, sale reconnaissance, coordinating resource protection (wildlife, fish, public safety, domestic water supplies, to name a few), assisting in public information requests, conducting stream physical habitat and flow surveys, conducting likely nesting habitat surveys, timber sale layout, timber cruise design and cruising, contract preparation and appraisals, and timber sale administration.

2014 was a year of catching up after the layoffs effective in 2013 impacted sale preparation progress. Two remaining sales from the 2013 AOP, Glenn Again and Millicoma Overlook, were prepared and sold, and 5 of the scheduled 6 sales from the 2014 AOP were prepared.

Greg Erb, Jennifer Griffith, Dax Strubb and Jon Haynes served as Acting Timber Unit Forester in 2014. Jennifer Griffith accepted a position with Oregon State University in August after having spent time on the Timber Unit, moving from Engineering earlier in the year. Dax Strubb transferred to Forest Grove ODF in November leaving the T&E Coordinator position vacant.

New hires in 2014— Rachel Mickey accepted a temporary position with the Forest Resource Unit in November. Eric Hamner was selected as 2 year limited duration Forester/Roads Specialist in November joining the state lands team.

FOREST RESOURCES TEAM

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CHRIS HALL

ERIC HAMNER

JON HAYNES

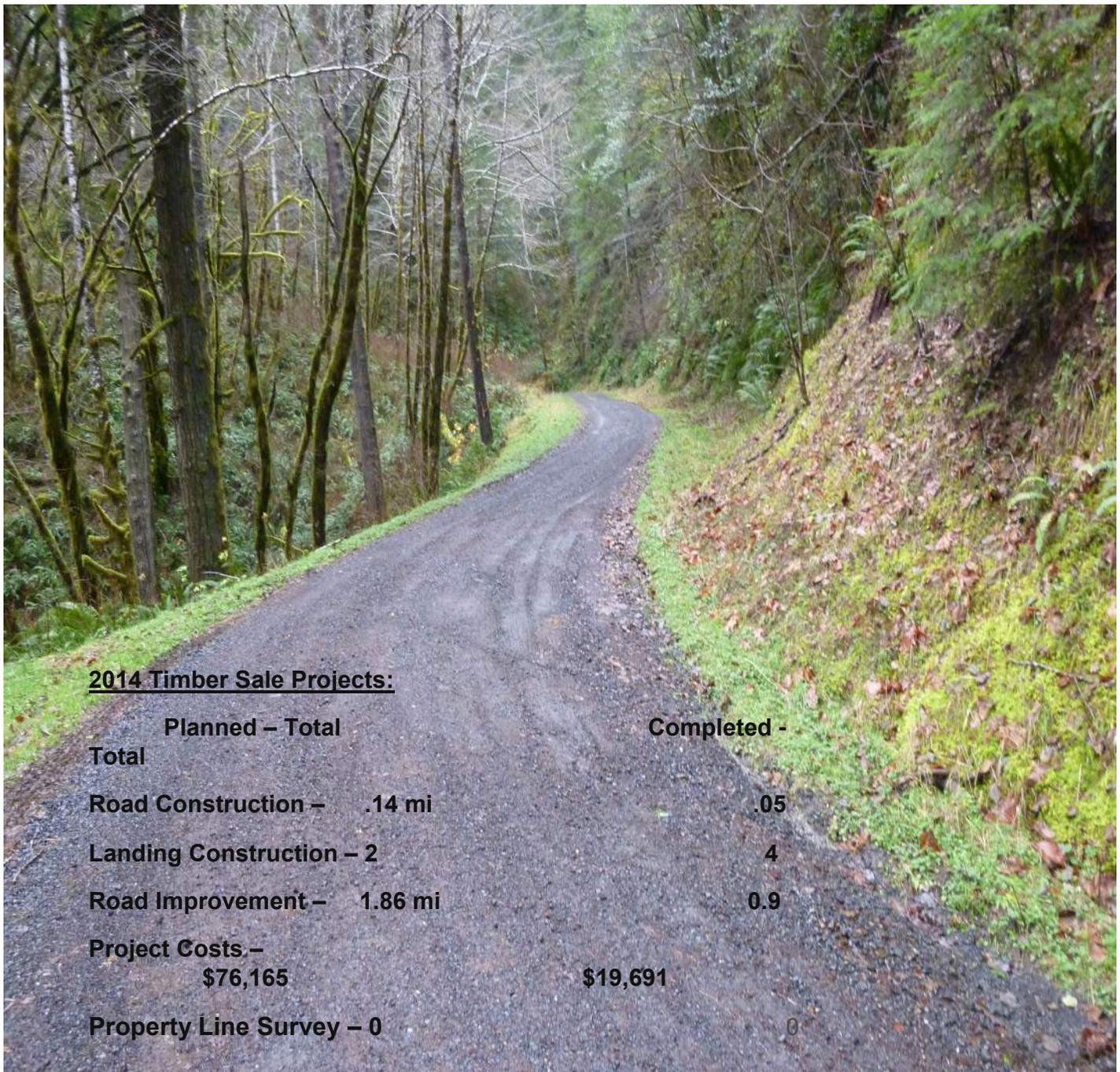
RACHEL MICKEY



REFORESTATION AND ENGINEERING

REFORESTATION/ENGINEERING - WITH ROGER JOHNSON

The Reforestation and Engineering Unit is comprised of one reforestation forester, one shared road specialist, and one Forest Inmate Crew Coordinator (FICC). The Unit continues to plan and implement reforestation projects as well as to provide support for the Timber Sale Program by planning, coordinating and administering project work involving new road construction, road improvement, and administration of the Elliott State Forest road maintenance contract. 2014 was a quiet year on the forest, with little active harvesting and associated road construction/improvement.



<u>2014 Timber Sale Projects:</u>	
Planned – Total	Completed -
Total	
Road Construction – .14 mi	.05
Landing Construction – 2	4
Road Improvement – 1.86 mi	0.9
Project Costs –	
\$76,165	\$19,691
Property Line Survey – 0	0

REFORESTATION REPORT

ESF 2014

Contract Initial Planting 173 acres

Contract inter planting 126 acres

Inmate inter-planting 16 acres

Aerial site prep 191 acres

Aerial release 90 acres

Ground applications

In unit invasives 22 acres

Roadside invasive 21 miles

Roadside veg 40 miles



JAMES MCINTOSH

RETIRED FROM THE

ENGINEERING TEAM IN

JUNE AFTER 36 YEARS

OF STATE SERVICE.

**JAMES IS SPENDING HIS
RETIREMENT TENDING TO
NEVER ENDING HOUSE
PROJECTS, LANDSCAPING
AND HIS FAVORITE,**

**“SPOILING HIS GRAND-
CHILDREN”**



Constructed log jam structure on the West Fork Millicoma River consisting of trees with rootwads and boulders. Structures were designed to add channel complexity by collecting bedload material and retaining large wood material important to coho salmon.

SOUTHERN OREGON BIOLOGIST

Biologist Report with Randy Smith

Northern spotted owl density surveys were again conducted on the Elliott State Forest in 2013. Spotted owl densities were down slightly from 2013. Successful spotted owl reproduction was observed at one site on the Elliott in 2014 with two juveniles fledged. Banded owls were detected at 80% of the spotted owl sites surveyed compared to 82% at sites surveyed in 2013.

Marbled murrelet surveys in 2014 resulted in the creation of 1 new marbled murrelet management area (MMMA) totaling 110 acres. As a result of implementation of the new Marbled Murrelet Operational Policy, several existing MMMA's were re-evaluated and boundaries/acres reconfigured resulting in a large addition to MMMA acres on the Elliott State Forest.

During the summer of 2014, three in-stream structure placement projects were conducted on the Elliott in partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Coos Watershed Association. Fifty-two structures on three streams were placed to improve over 3 miles spawning and rearing conditions primarily for coho salmon.

ADMINISTRATIVE

TEAM

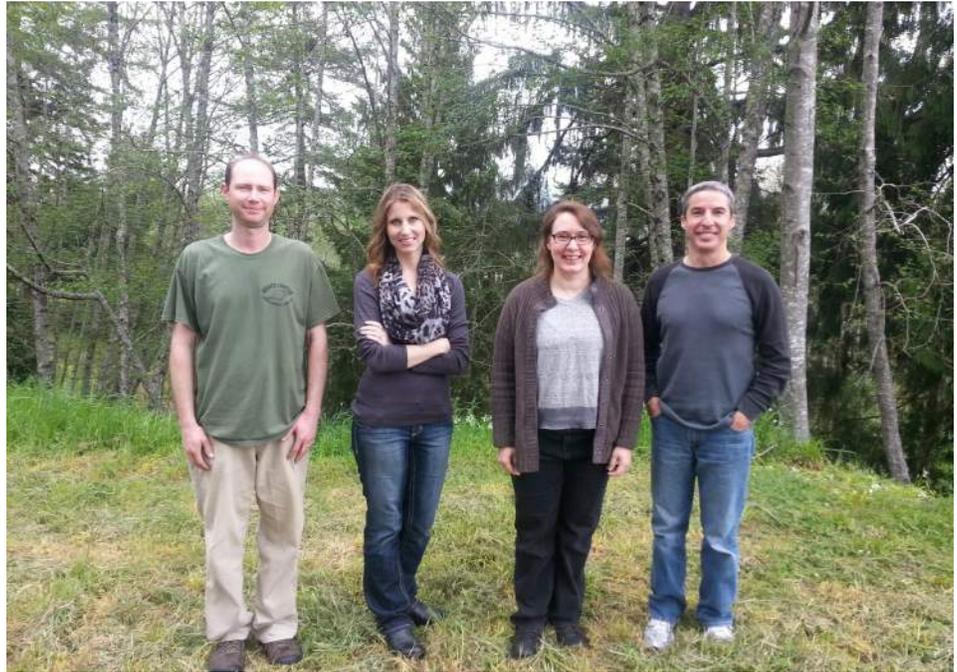
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RYAN GRECO

ECHO OLSON

NORMA KLINE

RANDY SMITH



ADMINISTRATION

In 2014, Coos District continued to adapt to reduced staffing with the retirement of long time employees and inward transitions to new positions within and outside the district.

The admin team was led by Norma Kline, District Forester assisted by Ryan Greco in his role as Acting Assistant District Forester for the year.

Coos District raised \$4,553.60 for the Governor's Food Drive during the month of February. The proceeds from payroll deductions, a month long break room bakery sale, Mexican potluck luncheon, a cribbage tournament and non-perishable food items were donated to the local food banks.

Service Awards were presented to Randy Smith for 25 years with ODF. Chris Hall received his service award for 35 years with the agency. Tony Honl, Mechanic, accepted a position with CFPA in May 2014.

The administration staff consists of Office Manager Echo Olson assisted by Office Specialist Beverly Quackenbush serving both the state and private forest teams as well as working closely with Coos Forest Protective Association in our shared work environment.

SUDDEN OAK DEATH PROGRAM

SOD UPDATES WITH FORESTER RANDY WIESE

Over the course of 2014, Sudden Oak Death has continued to move North and East. Several new sites were discovered by aerial surveys with four being of particular concern. Of the four sites, three are within a mile of the quarantine boundary and one was outside the boundary and these sites will require an expansion of the quarantine. All four of these sites were discovered by an aerial survey that was conducted in July. It was a notable survey in that 182 trees were identified for ground checks and ranged from Wilderness Retreat in the southeast up to Humbug Mtn. in the northwest. While most of the outlying trees that are checked are negative it remains a valuable tool for detection of the disease.

Eradication treatments continued over the course of the year with early work being focused in the China Creek and Bosley Butte areas. These sites are on the edge of the GIA (Generally Infested Area) and added on to work done in the previous years. Towards the end of the year, work was started on the Hunter Creek SOD site that was the most northern of the new sites found in the July aerial survey. Strategies for treating the remaining high priority sites were also formulated and scheduled for treatment in early 2015. Both the USFS and the BLM continued to treat their sites as funds allowed. The BLM work is focused along the North Fork of the Chetco River and is inside the GIA while the USFS has sites more to the east up the main stem of the Chetco River.

A project in conjunction with the Natural Resource Conservation Service was carried out in the last half of the year. Non -industrial tree farmers were contacted to determine their interest in participating in the project which focuses on promoting forest health and vigor. Assessments of the interested landowner's properties were carried out and recommended treatments including brush control, replanting a Sudden Oak Death site and pruning of plantations.

The challenges for the program remain early detection and funding for treatments. With reduced funding has come some hard choices for treatment strategies but every effort is being made to target work where it will do the most good.

**Deep Creek
Treatment Unit
Located North of
Pistol River Area**

