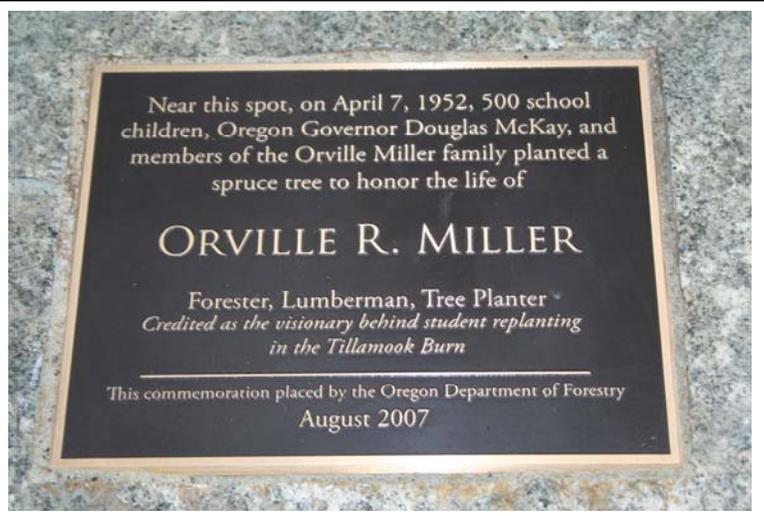


**Tillamook District Annual Report 2007
Oregon Department of Forestry**

Orville R. Miller Memorial

The Miller family posed for a picture next to the memorial site. Miller family from left to right: Susan Miller, Sarah Miller, John Miller, Patricia Miller, Rob Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Sally Miller, Kathryn Williams, Fritz Williams, and Jennifer Harris. August, 2007. ▶



The Orville R. Miller Commemoration Plaque is located on Highway 6, near mile marker 16, between Tillamook and Forest Grove. In 1952, a spruce tree was planted near the site to honor the life of Orville R. Miller. He was a forester, lumberman and tree planter.

Mr. Miller is credited as the visionary behind student replanting in the Tillamook Burn, as seen in the photo to the right. ▶

In August 2007, family members and ODF officials gathered to pay tribute to Orville Miller. A boulder was transported to the site by the Tillamook District road crew and a plaque was permanently attached to commemorate the event. Brushing around the site was finished by a Northwest Youth Corp crew.



INTRODUCTION

One of the major accomplishments in 2007 was the finalization of the district reorganization plan. The reorganization took a little work, but the overall outcome has been increased productivity and improved communication flow between the units. The collaboration between units improved and demonstrates productive use of personnel. An example of this collaboration can be seen between the reforestation and recreation units. They have off-setting seasons so by sharing personnel, each unit can accomplish their goals in limited time frames.

This year, in cooperation with other entities, LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data was obtained for approximately one third of the state-owned forest located within the district. LiDAR provides a detailed elevation model for both the bare earth and tree canopy. This data is useful in all aspects of forest management and resource protection. Plans for obtaining additional LiDAR data in 2008 will provide coverage for a majority of the remaining state-owned forest within the district.

Other 2007 accomplishments include: cruise contract development in order to gather more detailed information for making planning decisions; Wilson watershed analysis was conducted in conjunction with the Forest Gove District and incorporated recreation as part of the process, and a transportation plan for the Wilson sub-basin was developed.

For the second year in a row, our District experienced a severe storm event. Record breaking winds hit the Oregon coast in December, with a high wind recording in Bay City at 129 miles per hour. Heavy rains and flooding caused small incidents within the larger incident. Our district responded by hosting a Red Cross Service Center; hosting a division of the ODF Forest Debris and Recovery Team; and by assisting the County public works department in emergency work. Many people were without water and power for several days. Multiple residents of the County were affected by the storm and for the first time, the district experienced a taste of an “all-risk” incident. We assisted however and whenever we could. Tillamook District reported an estimated two million dollars of damage to state forest property caused by the 2007 winter storm event. In 2006 and 2007, the district has dealt and continues to deal with the increased workload of severe winter storm events, which include damage appraisals for longer-term repair projects, preparation of salvage sales and tracking of eligible costs for FEMA reimbursement.

Throughout the year employees have promoted, transferred or were newly hired, for a large turnover in personnel positions. Even so, the district continued to provide good customer service and produce quality work in an environment not so “familiar” to many. The report that follows highlights the many projects and outcomes accomplished over the past year in the district. All of the units faced significant challenges and workloads during the year.

Gratitude is expressed to each employee of the district, for the work they do every day to accomplish all the tasks completed on district, and off-district whether at fires or serving on various statewide committees. Thanks to South Fork Forest Camp who assist with multiple projects throughout the year in reforestation, recreation and protection programs. Thanks to North Cascade District, South Cascade District, and Douglas Forest Protective Association and their employees who assisted with our winter storm damage projects. And thanks to Siuslaw National Forest and our Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association partners (Astoria and Forest Grove Districts) who have assisted throughout the year when we’ve called for help.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

The NW Oregon Forest Protective Association and the Astoria, Tillamook and Forest Grove Districts work together to maintain an effective fire prevention and fire suppression system in northwest Oregon. The association is controlled by a Board of thirteen members who are, or represent, forest landowners in the protection District. The Association's objective is the achievement of effective communication with other organizations and agencies, in order to ensure wise policy decisions affecting forest protection and fire suppression.

The Association officers for the year 2007 were: Mitch Parker, President; Roger VanDyke, Vice President; and K. C. VanNatta, Secretary-Treasurer. The Tillamook District has a Budget Subcommittee that is made up of representatives of local landowners. The members of the subcommittee that reviewed the Tillamook District's proposed fiscal Fire Protection Budget were: Mitch Parker, Green Diamond Resource Company; Brit Madison, Stimson Lumber Company; Kent Mortensen, Bureau of Land Management; and Wayne Auble, Oregon Department of Forestry.

Fire Season began on July 5, and regulated use went into effect July 9. The Protection Unit was very busy with fire prevention efforts, educating a large number of people while on patrol in forestland. The District's fire prevention efforts also included presentations to area grade school classes in the spring. Personnel took part in several summer parades as well to promote fire safety, fire prevention, and strengthen interagency cooperation.

In the District, the fire crews responded quickly to 32 fire calls, 15 of which were uncontrolled statistical fires. Mutual aid responses were requested for two of the fires. Unattended or abandoned campfires accounted for 14 of the fire calls.

Due to effective initial attack of these fires, the total acres burned were kept to 13 acres. Tillamook District's Fire Season ended early on October 1.

The District sent 30 employees to statewide and out-of-state dispatches, two of those were state fires, and six were federal fires. There were nine severity engine move-ups.

The Tillamook District provides forest fire protection to approximately 521,790 acres. The five-year average for the District is approximately 18 fires, which burn approximately 21 acres.

The Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) continued to provide fire equipment for the District and Tillamook County Fire Departments. The goal of the program is to provide equipment which will improve fire suppression effectiveness at minimal cost to these agencies.

During the spring, early summer, and fall the Department of Forestry meteorologist issues a daily set of prescribed burning instructions. These instructions are used by field foresters to plan the location and amount of burning that can be done each day. The successful coordination and cooperation between landowners, operators, and department foresters effectively keep smoke from impacting populated areas.

As a result of smoke management policies prescribed burning continues to be available for foresters to use as a tool to reforest and efficiently manage forestland in Oregon.

In the Oregon Smoke Management Program, the burning trend continues to show that fewer acres are being broadcast burned and more acres are being piled before being burned. In 2007, there were 73 units burned totaling 645 acres and 26,472 tons. There were no broadcast burns. Most of these units were landing and pile burns.

Number of Fires	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average
# of Fires	28	13	16	16	15	18
Acres Burned	24	8	2	57	13	21
Cost in Thousands	7.5	13	14	115	49	40

Cause	Number of Incidents											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arson	█											
Debris	█											
Equipment	█											
Juvenile	█											
Lightning												
Misc.	█											
Railroad												
Recreation	█											
Smoking	█											
	Year 2007				Five Year Average							



▲ Phil Soots puts out an abandoned camp fire at Crab Harbor. July, 2007.

Brian Cameron stops for a picture at the Cottonwood Fire in northeast Oregon. August, 2007. ▼



FOREST PRACTICES

The District's Stewardship Forester, Danny Cotton, administered the Forest Practices Act. The Program objective is to assure practical forest practices that conserve and protect soil productivity, air and water quality, and fish and wildlife resources.

Danny worked with forest operators and landowners in planning forest operations, making recommendations on the implementation of their plans, and ensuring the operations were in compliance with the Forest Practices rules.

In 2007, there were a total of 320 new Notifications of Operations and 60 renewals in 622 units. For the majority of the operations he was able to meet with the operators on site before they started. Pre-operation inspections allowed both parties to mutually determine the necessary resource protection measures.

There were approximately 79 operations that included 163 units or project areas, requiring written comments prior to starting. There were nine operations requiring written plans for alternate practice. The majority of these operations require protection for fish bearing streams, but the Stewardship Forester also protects significant wetlands, estuaries, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, blue herons, osprey and spotted owls. Seven complaint investigations were also conducted.

Danny completed follow-up inspections, 27 free-to-grow inspections, and 70 reforestation checks. This achieved the District goals of insuring excellent compliance with the Forest Practices rules and minimal need for law enforcement action.

When forest operators take extra measures to exceed Oregon's requirements to protect forest resources—often at considerable personal sacrifice—they are nominated and recognized for their efforts. In 2007, Duley Road Construction and Northwest Forestry Resources

Incorporated received Letters of Commendation recognizing outstanding work on operations that demonstrated their concern for the environment.



▲ Cable logging operation - November, 2007.

STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT

State Forest lands are managed to provide healthy, productive and sustainable forest ecosystems that, over time and across the landscape, provide a full range of social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon.

The Tillamook District manages 245,551 acres of Board of Forestry Lands, 5,035 acres of Common School Lands owned by the State Land Board and 1,743 acres of land owned by Tillamook County for a total of 252,329 acres. These lands are managed by the planning unit, contracts unit, reforestation unit, engineering unit and a recreation unit.

The planning and contracts units are responsible for overall land management, including planning, administration and timber harvest operations. The reforestation unit is responsible for stand establishment and maintenance of young stands. The engineering unit performs right-of-way and property line surveys, plans and administers road construction and improvement projects. The recreation unit is responsible for planning

and maintaining trails and campgrounds in the forest.

Two-thirds of the revenues from Board of Forestry Lands are distributed to the counties in which the lands are situated for distribution to local taxing districts. The State retains one-third to cover land management costs. Revenues from Common School Lands go into the State Common School Fund.

In December a severe wind and rain storm hit the north Oregon coast. Record breaking winds were recorded up to 129 miles per hour.

On December 8th, the President declared a major disaster existed in the State of Oregon, and for a second year in a row, ordered recovery efforts in Tillamook County. Other counties included in the declaration were Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Yamhill. For the first time, an ODF Incident Management Team was appointed by the Governor to assist in the storm recovery efforts. The district continues to repair damage from the '06 storm event and is in the process of determining damages from the '07 storm.



◀ Foresters Gary Baker, Keith Mills, Bob Teran, Jim Neuman and Rick Thoreson discuss options for future use of a legacy road. May, 2007.

Silby-Arch timber sale, September, 2007. ▶



Product Sales by Fiscal Year

Forest Products	Number	Estimated Volume	Appraised Project Value	Estimated Revenues
Advertised timber sales	18	63,000 MBF	\$3,200,000	\$8,200,00
Clear Cut Acres	2658			
Partial Cut Acres	2834			
Negotiated and informal bid sales for right-of-way timber windthrow, cedar & other salvage.	20	2,575 MBF		\$142,770
Sales of moss, fern, beargrass, salal, alder poles & miscellaneous.	80			\$16,000
Firewood sales	12	310 cords		\$8,711
Wood Cutting Permits	632	1,264 cords		\$6,320

The district contracts with the Tillamook County Sheriff for deputies to patrol the forest. This contract is 60% funded by Oregon Parks ATV Fund and 40% by department funds. The deputies have been successful in reducing vandalism and illegal dumping and improving compliance with Oregon's ATV laws. The deputies also check special forest products harvesters and enforce the stay limit for campers on State Forest land.



Public Recreation

Registered campers	7,520
Campground revenue	\$37,250
Hiking trail construction	1 mile
OHV trail construction	1/2 mile
Non-motorized trail maintenance	18 miles
OHV trail maintenance	22 miles

◀ *Newly constructed parking area, kiosk and bathroom at the Foot Bridge Trail Head. October, 2007.*

Volunteers have worked several hours this past year assisting with many activities including trash clean-up, fish habitat improvement, trail construction and maintenance, and acting as campground hosts. In 2007, a newly constructed parking area, restroom and kiosk were installed at the Foot Bridge Trail Head. This improvement has allowed recreationalist to park off the highway and enjoy a safer access to the Wilson River and trail system.

Engineering Accomplishments

Corners restored	8
Property line marked	5.25 miles
Road constructed	19.2 miles
Road improved	30.3 miles
Road vacated	1.3 miles
Bridges constructed	1
Roadside brush control	138 miles
Road maintenance	327 miles



Culvert placement on Jordan Creek Road. ▶ September, 2007.



Reforestation Accomplishments

Initial tree planting	2170 ac.
Interplanting	712 ac.
Tubing protection	620 ac.
Tube Maintenance	834 ac.
Trapping protection	2653 ac.
Pre-commercial thin	331 ac.
Aerial release	1681 ac.
Manual release	336 ac.
Aerial site-prep	1851 ac.
Manual site-prep	25 ac.
Total trees planted	1.2 million

◀ *Maintaining biodiversity during Pre-Commercial Thinning.*

2007 TILLAMOOK DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

DISTRICT FORESTER: Ross Holloway
ASSIST. DISTRICT FORESTER: Wayne Auble

ADMINISTRATION UNIT: Tina Meyers, Office Manager
Debbie Queen, Office Specialist 2
Vicki Ackley, Office Specialist 2
Jennifer Wallmark, Office Specialist 2
Angie Obrist, Forest Communication Dispatcher

PROTECTION UNIT: Eddy Wallmark, Forest Unit Supervisor 2
Kevin Hill, Forest Unit Supervisor 1
Danny Cotton, Stewardship Forester
Steve Allen, Mechanic
Forest Officers: Brian Dally, Phil Soots, Josh White
Laborers: Brian Cameron; Tucker Christensen; Chelsey Mackrill

PLANNING UNIT: Barb Moore, Forest Unit Supervisor 2
Colleen Kiser, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Kate Skinner, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Bob Teran, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Dave Wells, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Jim Neuman, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Chad Allen, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Howard Harrison, Information System Specialist 4

REFORESTATION UNIT: Joe Travers, Forest Unit Supervisor 2
Tona Mortensen, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Mark Savage, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Sam Deuel, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Rachel Snook, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Tim Bush, Forest Management Technician

CONTRACTS UNIT: Tim Lieske, Forest Unit Supervisor 2
John Pine, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Bob Thurman, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Jay Anderson, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Nick Stumpf, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Ian Yau, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Dave Luttrell, Natural Resource Specialist 1

ENGINEERING UNIT: Blake Lettenmaier, Forest Unit Supervisor 2
Gary Baker, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Cliff Foster, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Carl Walter, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Mark Main, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Troy Ramsell, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Aaron Inman, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Pat Maloney, Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2
Paul Gunder, Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2
John Benson, Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2
Seth Basting, Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2

RECREATION UNIT: Susan Nicholas, Temporary Forest Unit Supervisor 2
Clyde Zeller, Natural Resource Specialist 2
Nathan Seable, Natural Resource Specialist 1
Andrew Austill, Limited Duration Natural Resource Specialist 1
Doug Graham and Nick Reinecker, Laborer 2s
Garrett Groth, Forest Management Technician

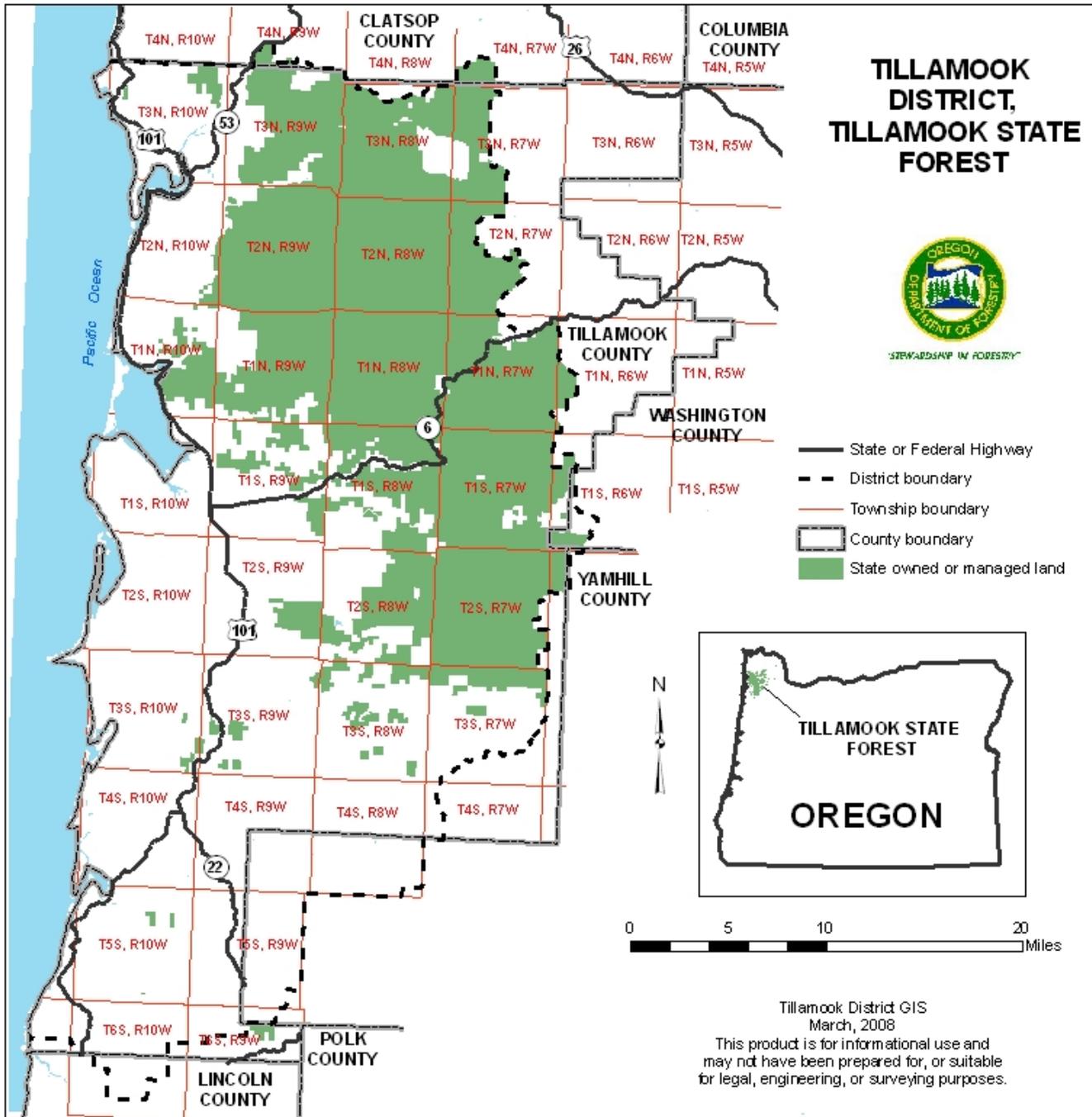
AREA BIOLOGIST: Clint Smith COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST: John Adelman



Service Awards presented in 2007:

- 30 Years – Ross Holloway, Wayne Auble, Danny Cotton
- 20 Years – Sam Deuel
- 15 Years – Clyde Zeller
- 10 Years – Joe Travers, Kate Skinner, Howard Harrison





Our Mission:

To serve the people of Oregon through the protection, management, and promotion of a healthy forest environment, which will enhance Oregon's livability and economy for today and tomorrow.

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