SFAC Field Tour AGENDA
Clatsop State Forest

Thursday July 17, 2008

Meet at the Astoria District Office: 8:30
92219 Hwy 202, Astoria 503-325-5451 (4 miles SE of Astoria on Hwy 202)

Welcome, Introductions & Logistics 8:45 – 9:00
Tour Objectives and Logistics
Identify speakers (Mike Cafferata brief intro; NWPA Rep(s) Jill Bradford, Todd Reinwald, and/or Mike Bordelon; and Astoria Rep(s) Tom Savage, Ty Williams, and Dan Goody)

Astoria District Overview 9:00 – 9:15
Ty Williams, Acting Assistant District Forester, Astoria District
Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District

Provide a brief overview of the 2006 and 2007 windstorms and the impacts to the Clatsop State Forest. Provide a brief overview of improvements in Stand Level Inventory (SLI) as it relates to the BOF Performance Measures and how these improvements were derived through field review.

Tour Route Overview 9:15 – 9:20
Dan Goody or Ty Williams, Astoria District

Depart Sunset Astoria District Office: 9:30

STOP 1: Severe Blowdown – Active Salvage Operation 9:40 – 10:10

Location: Walluski Tract (John Day/Walluski Salvage No.2)

Objective: Observe complete stand removal due to gale force winds in December 2007 storm. Discuss strategies for maximizing economic benefits and the development of replacement stands. Describe how these operations were planned and implemented in a rapidly changing market. Describe how this storm impacted wildlife and recreational values, and how the results translate into attainment of the landscape management strategies of the FMP and into the districts implementation plan.

Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District
John Tillotson, Sunset Operations Forster, Astoria District
STOP 2: Large Scale Severe Blowdown 10:20 – 11:00

Location: Astoria Basin (Blastoria Salvage)

Objective: Observe the impacts of a blowdown event on a landscape scale. Discuss salvage harvest prescriptions used to retain residual stand components (Green Trees, Snags, Sub-Merch Trees and LDW) for current and future stands. Discuss marketability strategies (sawlogs, pulp material, bio-fuel). Discuss coordination with other forest landowners (City of Astoria, Clatsop County, private, and utilities). Discuss anticipated impacts to recreational opportunities. Discuss reforestation and young stand management issues and challenges associated with such a large scale event.

Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District
John Tillotson, Sunset Operations Forester, Astoria District
David Kaspar, Reforestation Unit Forester, Astoria District

Travel Discussion Topics – North Coast Community Response to Storm

STOP 3: Storm Impacts on Recreation 11:30 – 12:30

Location: Gnat Creek Campground & Gnat Creek Comb. Area 3

Objective: Discuss the development of the Gnat Creek Campground, the associated trail system, and the partnership with ODFW fish hatchery. Observe the impacts of the storm to the campground and discuss issues associated with that damage. Discuss interaction between recreationalists (camping and fishing) and timber sales near the campground.

Macy Yates, Recreation Coordinator, Astoria District
Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District

LUNCH STOP – After a short walk in and around the campground, lunch will be served. SFAC members can eat and enjoy the campground for 30 minutes. Not enough time to get the fishing poles out.

STOP 4: Transportation Planning 12:45 – 1:10

Location: Larkin-Green Road

Objective: Discuss the planning and implementation of managing a transportation system (road improvement, construction, and vacating) to meet the harvest objectives of this FY06 timber sale while providing for increased wildlife benefit and reducing overall road costs. Discuss potential issues related to proposed LNG Palomar Pipeline Route across State Forest Land.

Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District
John Tillotson, Sunset Operations Forester, Astoria District
Frank Lertora, Engineering Unit Forester, Astoria District
STOP 5: Complex Stands – Stand Structure Criteria 1:25 – 2:25

Location: Larkin Green Road (Larkin Area 1 and Larkin-Green Comb. No. 2 Area 3)

Objective: Observe “complex” stand and another stand that will be complex within 20 years. Discuss recent refinements to Stand Level Inventory (SLI) algorithm for “complex” stands and how these improvements influence the attainment of the Board of Forestry Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests Performance Measure targets.

Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District
Clint Smith, NWOA Wildlife Biologist
Rob Nall, Operations Coordinator, Salem

REST STOP – Return to Gnat Creek Campground for 10 minute rest stop.

STOP 6: Completed Salvage and Stand Structure Criteria 2:40 – 3:40

Location: Gnat Hunt Salvage Area 3, East Big Noise Area 2

Objectives: Observe two completed salvage sale areas and compare with existing blowdown visited at Stops 1 and 2. Observe an eight year old stand and discuss the residual stand components (green trees, snags, multiple cohorts, multiple species) that are intended to provide for rapid attainment of a future “complex” stand. Continue discussion of recent refinements to Stand Level Inventory and analysis of forest modeling results.

Dan Goody, Sunset Unit Forester, Astoria District
John Tillotson, Sunset Operations Forester, Astoria District
David Kaspar, Reforestation Unit Forester, Astoria District
Clint Smith, NWOA Wildlife Biologist
Rob Nall, Operations Coordinator, Salem

Tour Concludes - Arrive at Astoria Comfort Suites 4:45