



Farm & Forest Report

2008 – 2009

Biennial Report to the Legislature

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

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Overview of Zoning

Results: Land Protected

Farm	15.5 million acres	55.8%
Forest	8.2 million acres	29.7%
Farm/Forest	2.3 million acres	8.1%
Rural Dev.	890,116 acres	3.2%
Other Rural	105,000 acres	.4%
UGBs	<u>781,836 acres</u>	<u>2.8%</u>
Totals	27.7 million	100%



The Good News

- U.S.D.A. data shows a rate of loss of mid-sized and large farms in Oregon that is $< 1/3$ that for U.S. (1978 – 2007)
- U.S.F.S. data reports that without Oregon's program, 1.2 million acres of forest & farmland in western OR would have been converted. (1973 – 2008)



Trends in Agriculture

- Viticulture
- Agri-Tourism
- Local Food Systems
- Renewable Energy





Trends in Forest Use

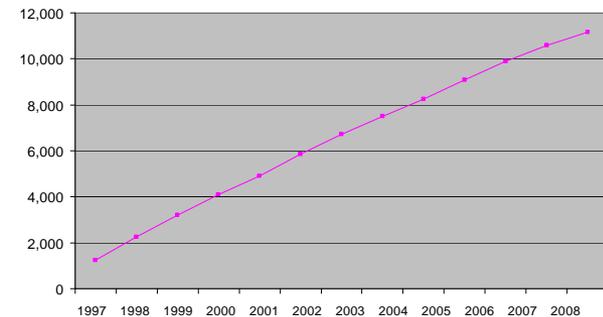
- Forest Land Fragmentation
- Recreation & Tourism
- Carbon Sequestration/
Ecosystem Markets
- Renewable Energy



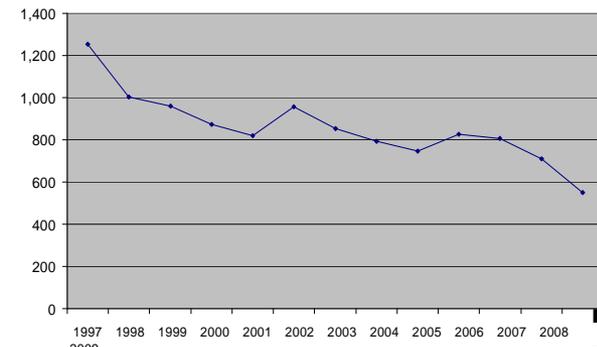
Dwelling Approvals in Farm Zones

- All dwelling numbers down in 2008-09, except replacement dwellings
- A total of 11,151 dwellings have been approved 1997 – 2009
- Numbers don't count M49 dwellings

Cumulative Growth in Dwellings in Farm Zones
1997 - 2009

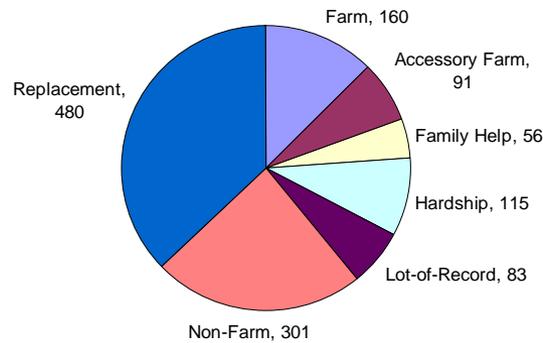


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1997 - 2009

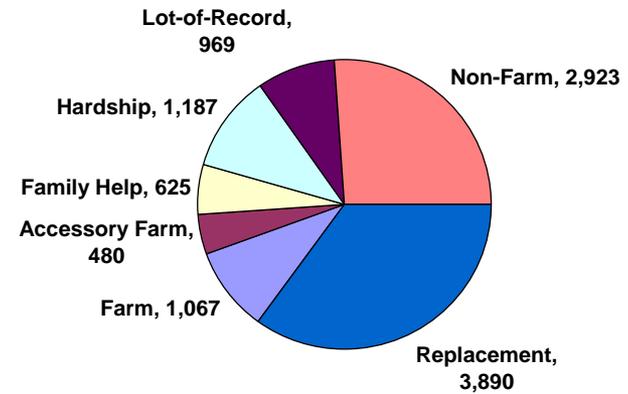


Dwelling Types in Farm Zones

**Dwelling Types in Farm Zones
2008 - 2009**



**Dwelling Types in Farm Zones
1997 - 2009**





Other Uses

- Over 50 other types of uses allowed in farm zones
- 745 other use approvals reported in 2008-09
- Most-reported: farm-related structures, accessory uses, utility facilities, home occupations & telecommunication facilities





Land Divisions

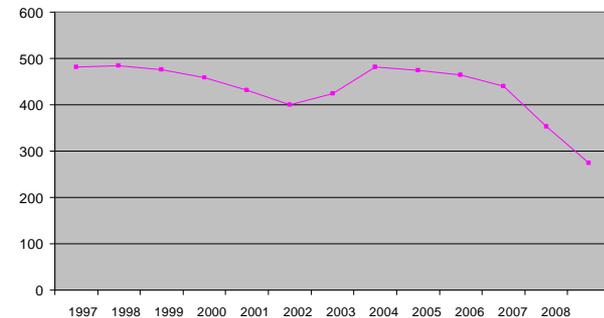
- 162 new farm parcels in 2008-09
- 177 new non-farm parcels in 2008-09
- *Issue: the slow break-up of larger farms and ranches*



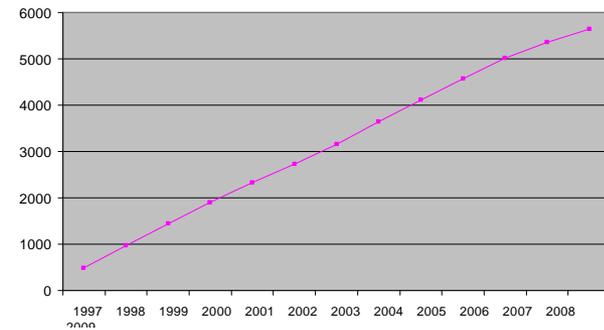
Dwelling Approvals in Forest Zones

- All dwelling numbers down in 2008-09, except large tract dwellings
- A total of 5,635 dwellings have been approved 1997 – 2009
- Numbers don't count M49 dwellings

Dwellings Approved in Forest Zones
1997 - 2009



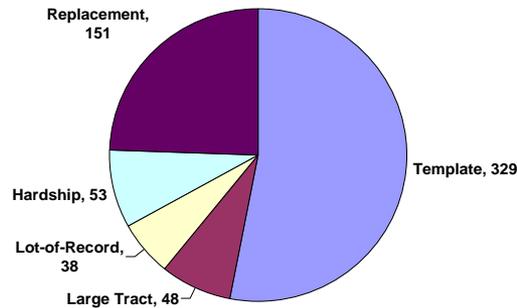
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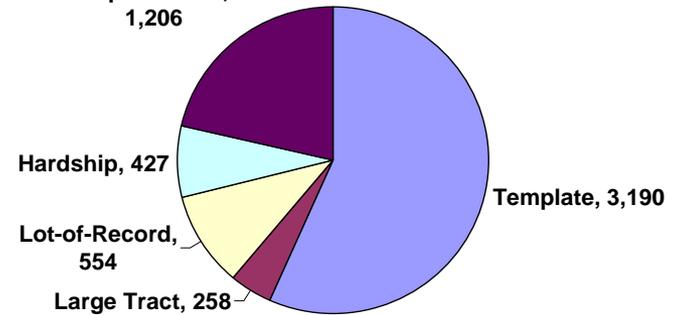
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1997 - 2009

Dwelling Types in Forest Zones
2008 - 2009



Replacement,
1,206





Other Uses

- Nearly 50 other types of uses allowed in forest zones
- 250 other use approvals reported in 2008-09
- Most-reported: farm-related structures, accessory uses, telecommunication facilities & mineral and aggregate uses





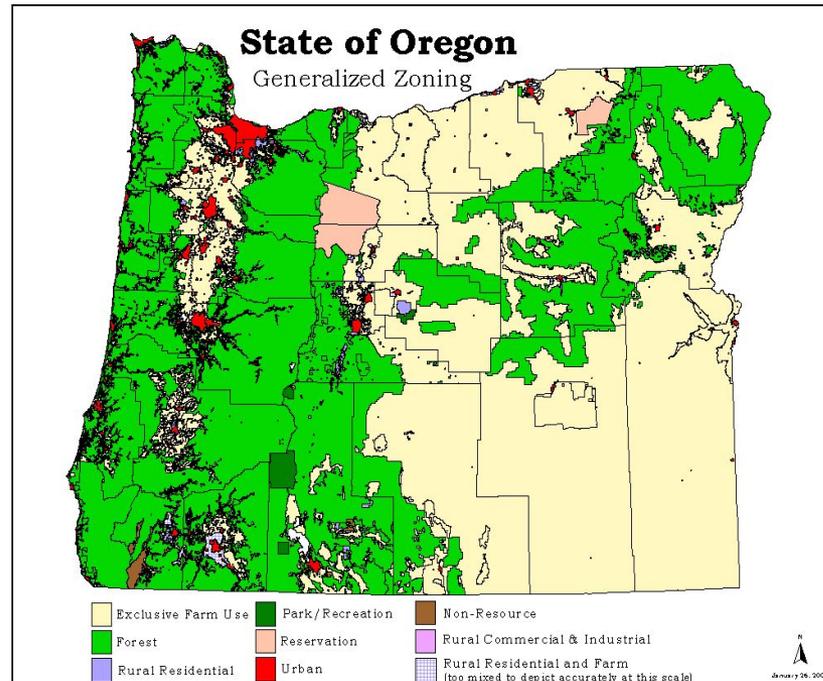
Land Divisions

- 69 new forest parcels in 2008-09
- 38 new non-forest parcels in 2008-09
- *Issue: the slow break-up of commercial forest properties*
- *Issue: subdivisions are not prohibited in forest zones*



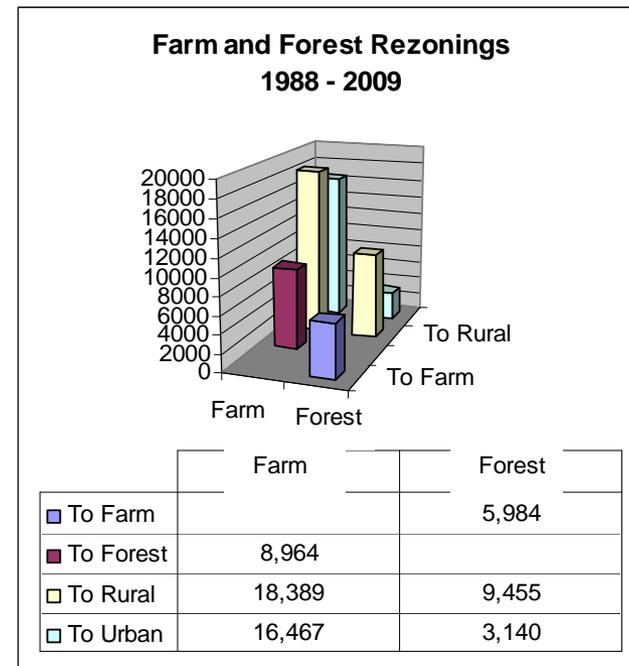
Farm & Forest Zoning

- Rezoning to urban, rural & resource zones
- Rezoning by county



Farm & Forest Land Rezoning

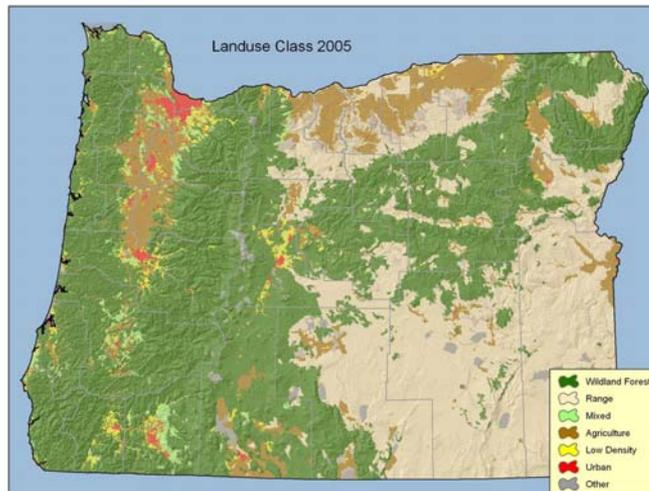
- 40/60 urban/rural split in rezonings from farm & forest zones for dvpt.
- Significant farm-to-forest & forest-to-farm rezonings
- *Issue: “Non-resource” land rezonings*
- *Issue: Rezoning between resource zones*





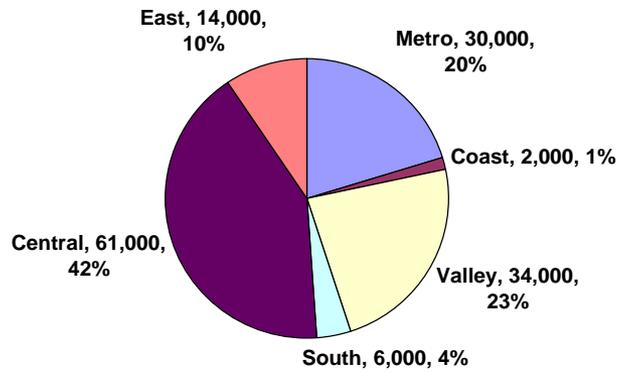
Land Use Change

- Wildland Forest & Wildland Range = <math><5</math> structures/sq.mi
- Intensive Ag & Mixed Forest or Range = <math><9</math> structures/sq.mi

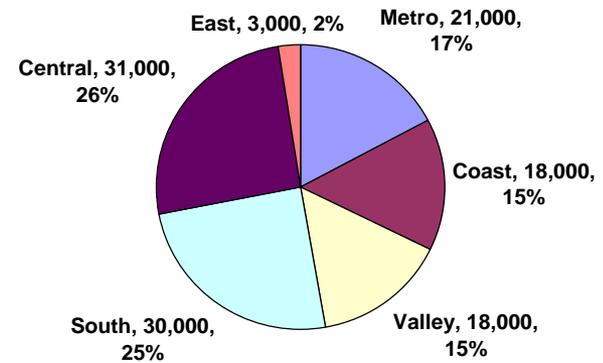


Conversion to Other Uses

**Farmland Conversion to Other Uses
1984 - 2009**



**Forest Land Conversion to Other Uses
1984 - 2009**



Land Use Change

- Farmland: 4x as much land converted as rezoned
- Forest land: 12x as much land converted as rezoned
- Caveat: Rezoning densities typically greater than 1:10; conversion densities greater than 1:80
- *Issue: Farm & forest land fragmentation*

