

Common School Forest Land Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2020





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Executive Summary

DATE: February 9, 2020

TO: Governor Kate Brown

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan State Treasurer Tobias Read

FROM: Peter Daugherty, Oregon State Forester

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report for Common School Forest Land

During fiscal year 2020 the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) managed 33,005 acres of Common School Forest Land (CSFL). As trustee of the CSFL, the State Land Board (SLB) oversees management to provide Oregonians the greatest benefit, consistent with resource conservation and sound land management strategies. Within this context, these lands are managed to maximize revenue to the state's Common School Fund (CSF) through an agreement among ODF, the SLB and the Department of State Lands (DSL). The DSL 2012 Real Estate Asset Management Plan directs that these lands provide a sustained, even flow of timber harvest. ODF achieves this mandate through goal-driven forest management plans approved by the Oregon Board of Forestry and the SLB. Net revenues generated from CSFL are dedicated to the CSF.

This agreement and partnership among ODF, DSL and the SLB requires ODF to present an annual report regarding the status of management of CSFL. This status report includes information related to timber management (volume and value of harvested, sold and planned timber sales), fiscal year operating costs, revenue transferred to the CSF, reforestation, intensive management accomplishments and costs, and other information affecting CSFL management and operations.

Fiscal Year 2020 Harvest and Revenue

In 2020, net operating income increased due to increased volume harvested from CSFL timber sales. ODF continues stewardship of 33,005 acres of CSFL through active management, supervising and administering timber operations, monitoring environmental successes and sustaining critical wildlife habitat areas.

A number of reforestation and replanting projects were completed successfully, and young stand management activities continue to actively grow healthy, sustainable forests for future generations – providing a range of longer-term natural benefits such as wood products, diverse ecosystems and habitat, and clean air and water.

- 1. CSFL Harvest Volume:
 - a. 5.6 MMBF
 - b. 20 percent increase from FY 2019
- 2. Revenue Transfers to CSF:
 - a. \$2.6 million
 - b. 37 percent increase from FY 2019
- 3. Net Operating Income (NOI): NOI is the total revenue received by ODF minus management costs. It is influenced by the same factors that affect volume and value, as well as management expenses.
 - a. \$1,103,223
 - b. 16 percent increase from FY 2019
- 4. CSFL Management costs:
 - a. \$1.5 million
 - b. 9 percent increase from FY 2019
- 5. CSFL sales sold in FY 2020 (not yet harvested)
 - a. 11.7 MMBF
 - b. Approximately \$5.1 million in timber sale value (prior to CSFL management costs)

Other Forest Management Activities

Reforestation and young stand management are integral to ensuring a sustainable flow of wood and future habitat development. On CSFL in FY 2020, 228 acres were reforested and 911 acres received young-stand management treatment, improving overall forest health and future growth.

This annual report summarizes CSFL management activities from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Financial and Asset Management

Overview

This report primarily focuses on FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). However, forest management often requires evaluating trends in revenue and costs for previous biennia (e.g., sales approved in one year's operating plan may be harvested over one to three subsequent years). Revenue transferred to the CSF from management of CSFL has varied over the past 10 years from \$1.9 million to \$11 million annually. This time period includes fiscal years prior to July 1, 2018, when ODF managed the Elliott State Forest.

The primary factors influencing revenue fluctuations include: housing starts, lumber prices, harvest timing, individual sale volumes and value, changing ratios between harvests on CSFL and Board of Forestry lands (BOFL), endangered species act protection measures and uncertainty and constraints associated with litigation.

Net Operating Income (NOI)

NOI for CSFL for FY 2020 was \$1,103,223. NOI was calculated for FY16, FY18 and FY19 by subtracting costs from total revenue invoiced. FY17 and FY20 was calculated by subtracting costs from total revenue transferred to DSL. Starting in FY20 we are showing only what was transferred to DSL. NOI ranged from \$395,017 to \$2.9 million for CSFL in the past 5 years (Table 1).

Table 1: Net Operating Income						
FY2020	\$1,103,223					
FY2019	\$952,534					
FY2018	\$816,371					
FY2017	\$395,017					
FY2016	\$2,935,860					
5 Year Average	\$1,240,601					

Annual Revenue

Annual revenue is reported throughout this report, with influencing factors included for context.

Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue and Investment Costs

During FY 2020, \$2.6 million in revenue was transferred to DSL (Table 2). Total charges for managing the CSFL totaled \$1.5 million during FY 2020 (Table 2). These expenditures include State Forests Division personnel in Salem, three regional areas, and seven districts. The units are responsible for timber sale contract development and compliance, reforestation and intensive management activities, Endangered Species Act compliance, research and monitoring, forest planning and overall program administration.

Other charges to the CSF, referred to as "Net Revenue Transfers," totaled \$403,559 in FY 2020 (Table 3). This is approximately 27 percent of total overall costs. Revenue transfers include a

prorated portion of ODF's total costs for capital improvement projects, debt service and seed orchard management for reforestation and genetically improved seed.

Revenue transfers also include a portion of overall agency administration prorate which totaled \$384,981. It is ODF's goal to ensure that allocation of agency administrative costs accurately reflects work performed by administrative and managerial staff, and that each program pays their appropriate share of administrative costs.

J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard costs for FY 2020 were \$6,830. These funds were used to produce genetically improved seed (superior growth, wood quality, and disease tolerant characteristics as identified through traditional breeding and selection methods) appropriate for reforesting state forestlands.

The ODF Fire Protection Division assessed DSL \$501,397 for wildfire protection on approximately 137,960 acres. This is assessed against all of DSL lands including timber and grazing lands that ODF does not manage. The cost to protect 33,005 acres of ODF managed CSFL was approximately \$102,000.

CSFL Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2020

	Table 2: CSFL Revenues and Expenditures								
Expenditures and Transfers									
Category	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20				
T & E Surveys	\$318,681	\$255,732	\$84,315	\$86,288	\$108,828				
Salem Program	\$616,137	\$503,060	\$205,326	\$183,254	\$297,652				
Total Salem Expenditures	\$934,818	\$758,793	\$289,641	\$269,542	\$406,480				
Total District Expenditures	\$1,825,312	\$1,612,930	\$583,272	\$653,170	\$690,803				
Administrative Transfers	\$752,033	\$733,924	\$448,370	\$444,470	\$398,296				
Total Expenditures + Transfers	\$3,512,163	\$3,105,647	\$1,321,283	\$1,367,182	\$1,495,579				
	District Expend	itures Prorated	by Acres						
District	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20				
Tillamook	\$132,713	\$128,778	\$182,519	\$184,428.21	\$204,029.19				
Astoria	\$65,785	\$65,667	\$85,919	\$109,456.59	\$96,495.74				
Forest Grove	\$18,199	\$20,358	\$24,237	\$37,185.61	\$29,816.57				
West Oregon	\$263,039	\$272,127	\$317,171	\$361,443.13	\$460,863.18				
North Cascade	\$37,466	\$37,196	\$45,108	\$44,683.30	\$42,793.52				
SW Oregon	\$250,521	\$234,398	\$306,241	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Coos	\$2,547,397	\$2,157,530	\$96,289	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Southern Oregon State Forests ¹	\$52,009	\$70,641	\$55,730	\$429,292.33	\$437,344.44				
Klamath-Lake	\$145,035	\$118,953	\$208,069	\$200,692.84	\$224,236.82				
Total Expenditures + Transfers	\$3,512,163	\$3,105,648	\$1,321,283	\$1,367,182	\$1,495,579				
	CSF	L Revenues							
District	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20				
Tillamook	\$24,748	\$13,569	\$14,823	\$127,484	\$87,153				
Astoria	\$27,118	\$137,300	\$307,332	\$482,885	\$919,403				
Forest Grove	\$3,164	\$29,300	\$301,498	\$322,422	\$491,240				
West Oregon	\$931,851	\$1,143,029	\$896,188	\$1,254,904	\$131,847				
North Cascade	\$937,821	(\$23,149)	\$5	\$262	\$431				
SW Oregon	\$0	\$72,080	\$490,844	\$0	\$0				
Coos/Elliott	\$4,230,051	\$2,547,842	\$19,229	\$0	\$0				
Southern Oregon State Forests ¹	\$158	\$0	\$1,100	\$83,850	\$266,161				
Klamath-Lake	\$292,334	\$20,055	\$64,931	\$47,910	\$143,650				
Revenues Transferred to DSL	\$6,448,023	\$3,496,412	\$2,001,213	\$1,899,423	\$2,598,802				

¹ Starting FY19 SW Oregon and Coos Districts are being managed out of Western Lane.

Details of FY 2020 Adminstrative Costs

Table 3: Details of FY 2020 Administrative Transfer Costs				
Administrative Revenue Transfers	Amount			
Administrative Prorate Charge	\$384,981			
J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard	\$6,830			
Residual Equity	\$406			
Bond Principal	\$11,065			
Bond Interest	\$277			
ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER COSTS TOTAL	\$403,559			

CSFL Land Historical Timber Harvest Value, Volume and Average Stumpage Prices for Fiscal Years 2011 – 2020

Table 4: Common School Forest Land Historical Timber Harvest Value, Volume and Average Stumpage Price Fiscal Years 2011 through 2020 ² Timber Sales **Timber Harvest** Average Sold Fiscal Year Value of Timber Volume (MMBF) Sale Stumpage Price/MBF Removed Removed 2020 \$2,597,050 5.590 \$439 2019 \$2,057,269 4.671 \$170 2018 3.573 \$476 \$1,534,693 2017 Elliott State \$2.691.137 7.758 \$347 Forest (Coos District) 2017 Other CSFL 2.765 \$413 \$1,152,934 **Total 2017** \$3,844,071 10.523 \$413 2016 Elliott State \$3,416,945 7.990 \$327 Forest (Coos District) 2016 Other CSFL 6.170 \$347 \$2,454,497 **Total 2016** 14.160 \$5,871,441 \$332 2015 Elliott State \$3,592,162 8.260 \$436 Forest (Coos District) 2015 Other CSFL 6.990 \$2,367,124 \$356 **Total 2015** 15.250 \$5,959,286 \$375 2014 Elliott State \$2,524,725 6.960 \$434 Forest 2014 Other CSFL \$205 \$1,503,429 4.000 **Total 2014** 10.960 \$411 \$4,028,154 2013 Elliott State \$1,606,932 4.514 \$288 Forest 2013 Other CSFL \$328 \$1,992,098 6.562 **Total 2013** 11.076 \$3,599,030 \$308 2012 \$12,004,481 32.250 \$313 2011 \$11,569,905 32.116 \$317 **Last 5 Year Average** 7.7 \$366 \$3,180,905 \$355 10 Year Average \$5,306,538 14.0

² Timber Sale Value is gross timber sale's value before project work credits have been subtracted

Forest Land Management

During FY 2020 ODF managed 33,005 acres of CSFL (Table 5). Activities conducted on CSFL managed by ODF include: timber harvest, reforestation and intensive management, and road construction and maintenance. These lands are composed of four DSL Asset Management Plan forestland classifications: General Stewardship, Focused Stewardship, Special Use and High Value Conservation Areas.

Timber Management Activities

A total of 12 active sales were harvested in FY 2020, producing 5.59 mmbf with a value of \$2,597,050 (Table 7). In addition, there were 8 sales sold in FY 2020, producing approximately 11.72 mmbf (Table 6).

All planned sales on CSFL in FY 2021 are estimated to produce 4.3 mmbf with a net value of \$1.9 million (Table 8).

Reforestation and intensive management activities such as site preparation, planting and thinning are used to promote healthy and productive forest land. Table 9 summarizes planned and completed acres and costs for these activities on CSFL.

Table 5: Common School Forest Lands Managed by ODF						
COUNTY	CSFL ACRES					
BENTON	563					
CLACKAMAS	113					
CLATSOP	2,060					
COLUMBIA	80					
COOS	720					
CURRY	1,352					
DOUGLAS	1,908					
JACKSON	1,622					
JOSEPHINE	3,961					
KLAMATH	6,827					
LANE	907					
LINCOLN	4,477					
LINN	90					
MARION	720					
POLK	1,690					
TILLAMOOK	5,584					
WASHINGTON	250					
YAMHILL	80					
GRAND TOTAL:	33,005					

Source: ODF, 06/10/20

Note: Report is based on legal acres not GIS acres

Table 10 provides information about the road system management on CSFL by District and County.

Timber Sales Sold During FY 2020

Sale Name	ODF District	CSFL % of Sale	Total Cala		CSFL Acres Partial Cut	Sales S CSFL Acres Regen.	old in Fi Total Project Costs	SCAL Year CSFL Project Costs	Net Sale Value (BOF + CSFL)	Net CSFL Value
Wolf Junction	West Oregon	20%	3,068	612	0	14	\$75,429	\$15,056	\$1,347,121	\$268,885
Rock Fall	West Oregon	42%	2,332	969	0	42	\$78,104	\$32,444	\$759,324	\$315,423
Beaver Nation	Tillamook	43%	2,214	945	0	48	\$148,610	\$63,427	\$492,224	\$210,081
GD Yainax*	Klamath-Lake	65%	0	0	131	0	\$15,004	\$9,706	\$0	\$0
Duchess and the Duke	Forest Grove	84%	3,246	2,742	0	69	\$57,313	\$48,407	\$1,566,887	\$1,323,392
Lost Steere	West Oregon	100%	1,495	1,492	0	49	\$62,396	\$62,271	\$562,476	\$561,351
Milk Creek	Southern Oregon	100%	4,710	4,710	0	135	\$102,501	\$102,501	\$2,445,666	\$2,445,666
Tom Folley Salvage	Southern Oregon	100%	251	251	0	0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$23,658	\$23,658
		Totals	17,316	11,721	131	358	\$547,357	\$341,812	\$7,197,356	\$5,148,458

All dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Activity Summary for FY 2020

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Tab	Table 7. Active Timber Sales on Common School Forest Lands								
Volume and Value, Fiscal Year 2020									
Sale Name	MMBF Harvested	Value CSFL							
Manzanita Woman	Klamath-Lake	KL-341-2019-W00513-01	100%	0.74	\$143,494				
Cole Soap	Astoria	AT-341-2018-W00618-01	63%	2.97	\$1,671,323				
Sassy Sally	Astoria	AT-341-2019-W00361-01	0%	0.00	\$116				
Woods Way	Forest Grove	FG-341-2018-T18029-01	34%	0.69	\$385,919				
High Standards	Tillamook	TL-341-2018-T18065-01	7%	0.18	\$70,277				
Beaver Nation	Tillamook	TL-341-2020-W00288-01	43%	0.01	\$3,159				
Powerline Thin	West Oregon	WO-341-2018-W00671-01	30%	0.11	\$43,265				
Cold Boulder	West Oregon	WO-341-2020-W00776-01	11%	0.17	\$67,978				
Rock Fall	West Oregon	WO-341-2020-W00789-01	42%	0.44	\$172,096				
Thin Women	West Oregon	WO-341-2019-W00667-01	1%	0.00	\$845				
Tom Folley Salvage	Western Lane	WL-342-2020-W00452-01	100%	0.24	\$29,856				
Milk Creek	Western Lane	WL-341-2020-W00577-01	100%	0.02	\$8,722				
				5.59	\$2,597,050				

Planned Timber Sales for FY 2021

Table 8: Annual Operation Plan Timber Sales Planned On CSFL in FY 2021									
I Sale Name I ()DE District I I Volume I I I Project I								Net CSFL Value	
Hamlet 8	Astoria	9%	1,865	164	0	27	\$652,743	\$23,231	\$34,338
Harlan Hangover	West Oregon	33%	3,510	1,174	21	0	\$1,667,298	\$13,608	\$544,161
Just in Beaver	West Oregon	34%	1,784	614	13	0	\$802,742	\$18,242	\$257,885
Rebott	West Oregon	63%	3,736	2,344	69	0	\$1,774,724	\$26,152	\$1,087,068
		Total	10,895	4,296	104	27	\$4,897,506	\$81,233	\$1,923,452

^{*}GD Yainax is a pulp thinning and the revenue will be reinvested in road construction and maintenance resulting in no net revenue.

Reforestation and Intensive Management for FY 2020

Table 9: Intensive Management Activities On CSFL - FY 2020									
Management Activity	Acres Planned	Acres Completed	Total Cost						
Initial Planting*	234	228	\$73,966						
Interplanting	45	41	\$12,239						
Invasive Plant Control	4	0	\$0						
Precommercial Thinning**	10	0	\$0						
Pruning	0	0	\$0						
Release-Chemical- Aerial	0	0	\$0						
Release-Chemical-Hand**	169	74	\$6,438						
Release-Mechanical-Hand**	20	41	\$18,358						
Site Prep –Mechanical	10	19	\$5,459						
Site Prep -Slash Burning	73	23	\$895						
Site Prep-Chemical- Aerial	0	0	\$0						
Site Prep-Chemical- Hand	130	130	\$11,326						
Surveys - Invasive Plants	0	0	\$0						
Surveys – Reforestation	100	345	\$0						
Tree Protection-Barriers**	5	10	\$3,442						
Tree Protection-Direct Control	0	0	\$0						
Underplanting*	0	0	\$0						
Total	800	911	\$132,122						

^{*}Planting costs include all costs including seedlings & seed.

Road Management Activities for FY 2020

Table 10: FY 2020 Annual Road Work – CSFL										
District & County	Aggregate/Pa	ved Surface	(miles)	Dirt Su	Bridge	Fish Pipes				
	Constructed	Improved	Vacated	Constructed	Improved	Vacated	Installed	Installed		
West Oregon/Lincoln	0.00	0.78	0	0.61	0	0	0	0		
West Oregon/Polk	0.00	0.24	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	0.0	1.02	0.0	0.61	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

^{**}Some districts used inmate labor. Inmate crew costs are covered in this table.

Links To More Information

Stand Level Inventory

<u>Forest Inventory Report</u> covers the fiscal year-end stand level inventory estimates on Board of Forestry and Common School Land for each district.

Stream and Watershed Restoration

<u>Restoration reports</u> summarize all restoration activity reported to OWEB by State Forest Districts since 1995.

Forest Health

- Aerial Survey Summary Reports by ODF Area
- <u>Forest Health Highlights Report</u> -Joint Publications of Oregon Department of Forestry and USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region