TILLAMOOK DISTRICT
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission: To serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon’s forest to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association
Astoria, Forest Grove and Tillamook Districts work together to maintain an effective fire prevention and suppression system in northwest Oregon. The association has a Board who are, or represent, forest landowners in the protection District. The 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.

2018 Officers:
President: Rodney Jacobs, Stimson Lumber Company
Vice President: David Doughtery, Greenwood Resources
Secretary/Treasurer: Beth Fitch, Hampton

Budget Subcommittee:
Jon Wehage, Stimson Lumber Company
Barb Moore, Oregon Department of Forestry
Josh Miller, Olympic Resource Management
Colby Drake, Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde
David Dougherty, Greenwood Resources

Tillamook District Fire Season 2018
Began: June 26
Regulated Use: July 5
Ended: October 5
Total Fire Calls: 90
Stat Fires: 6 Non-stat Fires: 4
Non-fire crew actions: 14
Acres Burned: 0.64 acres
Cost in Thousands: <5

Fire Causes
Debris: 2
Lightning: 0
Miscellaneous: 2
Recreation: 2

Smoke Management Units
Slash Units: 62
Acres: 3,344
Tons: 24,265

Out of District Assignments
Protection Staff: 11
Personnel Days: 283
Personnel Hours: 3,396*

State Forest Staff: 15
Personnel Days: 362
Personnel Hours: 4,344*

*Based on 12hrs/day; typical shift up to 16 hours

Protection from Fire
Tillamook District provides forest fire protection to over 523,000 acres of private, county, state and federal lands.

ODF is a part of an extensive fire protection network that includes landowner resources, contract crews and aircraft, inmate crews and agreements with public agencies across Oregon, the US and British Columbia. ODF’s firefighting policy is straightforward: Put out fires quickly at the smallest possible size. Most of the lands protected by the agency are working forests that produce revenue and support jobs. It is crucial to prevent fire damage to the timber resource that is an essential element of Oregon’s economy. This aggressive approach to firefighting also safeguards ecosystem values such as fish and wildlife habitats.

Fire prevention efforts are maintained by educating a large number of people while on patrol in forestland, and by providing prevention presentations or promoting fire safety to grade school classes and at several local events.

In the spring and fall a daily set of prescribed burning instructions are issued and used by field foresters to plan the location and amount of burning that can be done each day. With successful coordination and cooperation between landowners, operators and ODF, smoke is kept from impacting populated areas. As a result of smoke management policies, prescribed burning continues to be available to use as a tool to reforest and efficiently manage forest land in Oregon.
Private Forests

The Private Forest Division helps forest landowners manage their lands to meet their objectives. Division responsibilities include implementation of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which provides for timber harvest using techniques that are consistent with conservation and environmental protection.

Stewardship Foresters work with forest operators and landowners in planning forest operations, making recommendations on the implementation of their plans, and ensuring operations are in compliance with the Forest Practices Act.

Stewardship Foresters meet with operators on site and complete pre-operation inspections and mutually determine the necessary resource protection measures. Many operations require protection for fish bearing streams, wetlands, estuaries, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, blue herons, osprey and spotted owls.

2018 Private Forest Statistics

- 245 New Notification of Operations
- 2 FPA Violations
- 109 Renewed Notification of Operations
- 9 Complaints Investigated
- 36 Industrial Fire Inspections
- 8 Unsatisfactory Conditions

From the District Forester

The Tillamook District had another successful year accomplishing annual objectives, responding to statewide fires, and serving the local community and Oregonians.

State Forest timber sales saw record log prices. The prices and high activity level has resulted in record revenue distributions to local schools, taxing districts, and Tillamook County.

State Forest continued to see high user numbers at campgrounds, day use and trailheads. The reforestation unit accomplished over 2,000 acres of planting and had the opportunity to invest in pre-commercial thinning across the forest.

Tillamook District experienced a quiet fire season and this allowed for many employees to respond to statewide conditions, gain valuable experience and maintain qualifications. Twenty-six District employees deployed to 13 fires across Oregon contributing 645 personnel days and 7,740 hours to the efforts. District employees also assisted in Wyoming on late season fires and Florida in Hurricane recovery.

Protection staff continued in 2018 to utilize Title III grant dollars to work with private landowners on defensible space. Protection staff worked with local committee members and made significant progress on the Forest Land Classification in 2018. Early 2019 will complete the classification portion of the project.

Private Forest program provides a high level of service. Like State Forest, private landowners saw higher than average log prices resulting in high activity and workload for Stewardship Foresters.

In closing, I would like to recognize and congratulate our retirees in 2018: Dave Wells, Forester – 40 years; Barbara Moore, ADF – 27 years; Tina Meyers, Business Manager – 18 years. We appreciate their dedication to Tillamook, ODF, and all Oregonians.

–Kate Skinner

Jasen McCoy presents to the Tillamook High School Natural Resources Class.

Mark “the Watchman” Main looks over a piece of property.
State Forest Management

The District manages state forest land which includes a full range of social, environmental and economic benefits including; sustainable and predictable forest products, properly functioning aquatic habitats, native wildlife habitat and recreation. The District accomplishes these goals through an organization of functional units: Planning, Contracts, Reforestation, Forest Roads and Recreation.

Acres managed by the Tillamook District:

- 245,461 Board of Forestry Land
- 5,050 Common School Lands owned by DSL
- 250,511 Total Acres

Two-thirds of the revenue 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 of the revenue to cover land management costs. Revenue from Common School Lands go into the State Common School Fund.

**Recreation Information** (based on fee sites)

- **Visitor Nights:** 32,643
- **Campground Revenue:** $137,217.56
- **Registered Overnight Campers:** 17,191
- **Non-motorized trail maintenance:** 20.1 miles
- **OHV Trail miles maintained & reconstructed:** 61.5 mi
- **Volunteers:** 167  **Volunteer Hours:** 5,077

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**SERVICE AWARDS**

- **30 Years**
  - Steve Allen

- **20 Years**
  - Colleen Kiser
  - Joe Travers
  - Ed Wallmark

- **10 Years**
  - Aaron Inman
  - Jorge Rios

- **5 Years**
  - Jennifer Magby
  - Jim Scales
  - Reid Brown

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**RETIREMENTS**

- **Dave Wells**
  - 40 years

- **Barbara Moore**
  - 27 years

- **Tina Meyers**
  - 18 years