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Re: Information Item – Approved Annual Operations Plan for FY 2021

The FY 2021 State Forests Annual Operations Plan (AOP) for the Astoria District has been completed. During my review of this plan, I have found that it conforms to the Oregon Forest Practices Act and is consistent with the 2010 Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan, the 2011 District Implementation Plan, the 2021 Annual Operation Planning Standards and Guidance, and the FY 2021 State Forests budget instructions.

During its preparation, this plan was reviewed by technical specialists from within the department, biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and archeologists from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Information on the consultations with other agencies can be found in Appendix C. The draft AOP also underwent a 45-day public comment period. All comments were carefully considered and incorporated where appropriate. All changes that have occurred since the public comment period ended are summarized in Appendix D of the AOP.

Also included in the AOP is a minor modification the District IP. Appendix G summarizes the changes made to the District Landscape Design. Changes of up to 240 acres annually are considered minor changes and can be approved by the District Forester concurrently with the AOP. The signing of this letter will approve these proposed changes.

As prepared, this AOP consists of 57.6 MMBF of harvest volume. This volume will be achieved through 1,214 acres of partial cut harvest and 1,332 acres of regeneration harvest. There are 12 primary operations and 5 alternate operations within this plan. The operations are estimated to generate gross revenues of approximately \$22,101,910 and net revenues of \$19,547,812 within Clatsop County. The volume is under the IP target of 73 MMBF. The reason for this lower volume is due to higher than anticipated volumes in FY20. The goal is to achieve the average of the Annual Harvest Objective (AHO) over the expected duration for the IP.

Reforestation and young stand management activities and investments are aligned with FMP objectives and budget considerations. Recreation facilities and trails are managed and maintained for safety, positive experiences and protecting other resources like water quality and are consistent with the FY 2021 budget level.

Approval of this plan does not constitute final approval of individual project details. Individual operations are subject to additional review processes at the district and division staff level before implementation. The planned amount and location of all management activities are based on the latest site-specific assessments and estimates of operational, T&E surveys, and market variables. Management activity levels may be adjusted and modified to account for any significant changes to these variables. The alternate sales in this Annual Operations Plan may be used to replace the primary sales that cannot be completed as planned. Actual revenue realized from this AOP could change due to market fluctuations. Harvest operations and the associated project work provide an accurate

picture of what will be designed and prepared for contract in FY 2021. Due to the time lag with contract duration, most of the actual harvest operations with associated revenues will not occur for a period of one to two years beyond the end of the fiscal year. Forest management activities such as reforestation and recreation projects will occur in FY 2021

The official copy of this AOP will be on file at the district office. Additional copies are available at the State Forests Program office in Salem, and are also available on the ODF web site at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/Reports.aspx>

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Goody". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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# **Astoria District 2021 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN**



# Astoria DISTRICT

## FY 2021 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN

### OVERVIEW

This plan describes the activities and outcomes that Oregonians can expect to see on Astoria District for FY 2021. The Astoria District is an actively managed forest, valued by many Oregonians for its mixture of environmental, economic, and social benefits. This plan supports this mixture and provides a balance of these benefits as required by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 629-035-0020). We strive to manage the forest sustainably, so that the benefits from the forest can be delivered into perpetuity. The forest harvesting is planned at a sustainable level; a level that our computer models suggest can be harvested year after year without reduction.

Forest habitat is expected to develop so the forest has a mixture of habitat types for all of Oregon's native wildlife. Recreational opportunities are diverse and high quality, allowing for off-highway vehicles, bicycling, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and more, striving to minimize user and environmental conflicts in the context of a working forest.

Managing a public forest has its challenges. In addition to the challenges of providing the opportunities described above, the forest is expected to be financially self-supporting. About two-thirds of the revenues from state forest timber sales go to local counties and other taxing districts, including schools. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) uses the remaining third of the revenue to manage the forests and keep them healthy, through activities including fire protection, tree planting, thinning, research and monitoring, recreation services, road maintenance and stream improvement. We are striving to continue to provide the current opportunities, and are considering a few opportunities for change.

Every year in the Forest, we learn new things and find new challenges and opportunities. In preparing this plan, we have consulted with geotechnical specialists, wildlife biologists, fish biologists, aquatic specialists, engineers, adjacent landowners, and a variety of interest groups and the plan will undergo a 45-day public comment period.

This Annual Operations Plan (AOP) will be reviewed by the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (representing the counties that deeded land to ODF), the State Forests Advisory Committee (SFAC - composed of Oregonians representing many interests), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, motorized and non-motorized recreation users, hunters, fishermen, and wildlife advocates, as well as Oregonians in general.

### **A short summary of activities planned for the coming year**

- Planting 800,000 trees on 1,941 acres and conducting vegetation management activities on 2,450 acres and animal management activities on an additional 2,350 acres to ensure the survival and growth of these plantations.
- Conducting density or operational surveys for northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets covering the majority of the district and surveying approximately 7 miles of streams for the presence of fish habitat.
- Protecting streams and water resources through a series of buffers and seasonal restrictions.
- Stream improvement projects. An initial screen by ODF's Aquatic and Riparian Specialist suggests that there are some streams near planned harvest units that could benefit from large wood additions to the stream system. Further field reconnaissance will be completed by ODF Aquatic and Riparian Specialist, District Staff and ODFW to determine possible candidates.
- Habitat development projects such as retaining green trees in clearcut areas, and leaving down wood, all for wildlife benefits in harvest areas and future forests.
- Maintaining 82.4 miles of road and improving approximately 57.3 miles of road to ensure ditch water is dispersed and filtered as much as possible, keeping runoff from entering streams. These roads provide access to timber harvest as well as various recreational opportunities.
- Reviewing District roads to develop plans to block or vacate roads to help manage trash dumping and target shooting.
- Proposing to harvest approximately 57.6 million board feet of timber volume, through modified clearcuts, and partial cuts generating revenue of an estimated \$19.5 (after subtracting WOC) Million net value. This harvest level is in alignment with longer-term plans and modeling to ensure it is sustainable and promotes the development of a mixture of habitat types across the landscape.
- Operating and maintaining the following developed facilities in a safe, clean, and responsible manner:
  - 5 campgrounds
  - 1 day use recreation area
  - 6 designated camp sites
  - 4 dispersed camp sites
  - 2 interpretive sites
  - 8 trailhead facilities

- Providing a safe and clean environment for the myriad of dispersed activities that occur across the forest – hunting, camping, angling, sight-seeing, target shooting, swimming, mushroom picking, etc.
- Maintaining, managing, and patrolling the 30 miles of motorized and 20 miles of non-motorized trails, striving to protect the trail investments, provide for user safety, address developing trail issues, and protect water quality.
- Supporting the important volunteer network that assists in forest management including the following programs:
  - Camp Hosts, Adopt a Trail and Trail Patrol
  - Forest Clean-up
  - Trail Maintenance and Construction Work Parties
  - OHV Trail Equipment Volunteer Operator
- Providing a firewood cutting program and miscellaneous forest products permits (salal, mushrooms, etc.) as done in 2019.
- Supporting ongoing research on the district, in partnership with research cooperatives and universities.

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# INTRODUCTION

This annual operation plan (AOP) outlines state-owned forestland managed by the Astoria District for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), which begins July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021. This document describes how the activities and projects undertaken by the district will achieve the goals, strategies, and objectives of the *NW Oregon Forest Management Plan (FMP)* and the *Astoria District 2011 Implementation Plan (IP)*. Please refer to the district IP's for more specific information on physical characteristics and other district resource information.

The AOP document is divided into five major categories: Integrated Forest Management; Planning and Information Systems; Public Information and Education; Administration and Appendices. A short summary of proposed activities is listed within this introduction. In addition to describing forest management activities for FY21, Appendix F describes any modifications to the Forest Land Management Classification System. Appendix G describes any modifications to the Astoria District Landscape Design\*.

The proposed harvest operations and activities are planned to be designed, engineered, and submitted for processing during the FY21 time period. Actual on-the-ground operations will likely not occur during FY21 due to the time-lag associated with contract duration, which could be one to three years after auction. In contrast, reforestation, young stand management, recreation management, and planning activities will be carried out during FY21.

A 45-day public comment period was from March 23, 2020 through May 6, 2020. The District Forester reviewed all comments received before approving this plan.

As the Division works on implementing its new organization under Work Force Futuring, many of the positions are not filled yet so districts are understaffed and have several employees in new positions. In the short term some work will not be accomplished especially in Recreation. Training at the district level will be occurring throughout FY21. This should improve over the course of this fiscal year and into the next.

Accomplishments of forest management activities that occurred under previous AOPs can be found in several reports, including the *State Forester's Annual Report for the Association of Oregon Counties* and the *Common School Forest Lands Annual Report*. These reports are available through the local district office or online.\*\*

\*Minor/major modifications and the procedures for making these changes are described in Astoria District IP.

\*\*The State Forests' individual district annual reports are available on the Oregon Dept. of Forestry website under "Reports." You can access here: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/Reports.aspx>

# INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

## Timber Harvest Operations

### **Overview of Timber Harvest Operations**

All of the Primary and Alternate harvest operations and many of the other forest management activities have been reviewed by ODF's wildlife biologists, aquatic specialist, geotechnical engineer, road engineer, and planning manager, as well as fish and wildlife biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and archeologists from Oregon Department of Transportation. Occasionally, operations may contain a resource or activity where review with another state agency, such as the Department of Agriculture is warranted. Written comments from the external resource specialists and the resolution of those comments can be found in Appendix C.

The FY21 AOP is estimated to produce 57.6 million board feet (MMBF) in volume, generate gross revenues of approximately \$22.1 million and net revenues of \$19.5 million. The goal is to achieve the average of the Annual Harvest Objective (AHO) of 73 MMBF over the expected duration for the IP. There is a decrease in the average for this year due to an increase to harvest amounts over the last three years. This will bring the Astoria District into alignment with its 10-year goal. Under normal circumstances, the volume proposed in an AOP will be near the AHO target. However, some events may result in an AOP volume that is farther from the AHO target. These events may consist of, but are not limited to, storm damage, insect and/or disease outbreaks, timber market conditions or other significant events. Alternate timber sales included in the AOP may be sold as primary operations in response to any of these circumstances.

Additional operations may produce timber volume for the district during the 2021 fiscal year but are not included in this AOP. These are small sales less than \$100,000 in value that affect small areas and produce little volume. These sales do not require significant effort to develop and execute and will comply with all policies and FMPs. Examples of these sales include salvage, pulp sales, removal of hazard trees, etc.

Refer to the attached Astoria District Financial Summary Table (Appendix A, Table A-1) and vicinity map (Appendix B) for more detail.

**Table 1. Annual Operations Plan objectives compared to annual objectives identified in the Astoria District 2011 Implementation Plan. Harvest values are acres, Volume is in MMBF.**

Annual Harvest Objectives	IP Annual Objective		2021 AOP
	Low	High	
Volume (MMBF)	73		57.6
Partial Cut Harvest	100	2,800	1,214
Regeneration Harvest	285	2,200	1,332

Table 1 shows the proposed acres by harvest type. The 1,332 acres of regeneration harvest planned for FY21 represents approximately 1 percent of the district. All of the regeneration harvest acres will be designed as modified clearcuts.

There are several first entry moderate partial cuts in young stands to help improve the growing conditions within the sale (East Summit Combination, Hamlet 8, and Popeye). There are also two light partial cuts within older stands intended to help move the stands towards a desired complex condition (Plympton East and Sues Split). The anticipated harvest acres, volume, and revenue for each proposed operation in this AOP are listed in the “Harvest Operations – Financial Summary” Table A-1 in Appendix A.

**Table 2. Accomplishment of AOP Harvest Volume Compared to IP Annual Objective (MMBF)**

Fiscal Year	IP Annual Objective	AOP Planned Volume	AOP Sold Volume	Cumulative Difference from Objective <sup>1</sup>
FY 12	73	69.7	70.0	-3.0
FY 13	73	69.7	73.7	-2.2
FY 14	73	74.2	75.0	-0.2
FY 15	73	73.5	71.4	-1.9
FY 16	73	73.5	76.7	1.9
FY 17	73	73.4	73.0	1.8
FY 18	73	74.1	80.4	9.3
FY 19	73	73.8	70.8	7.1
FY 20	73	71.2	81.4 <sup>2</sup>	15.5
FY 21	73	57.6		

1. IP Harvest Objective versus Sold Volume.

2. Volume per acre of planned sales came in higher than expected. The planned volume for FY21 has been adjusted to account for this extra volume.

### Overview of Structural Components

The guidelines for managing structural habitat components listed under Landscape Management Strategy 3 in the NWO State Forests Management Plan (pg. 4-52), will be followed for the FY21 Annual Operations Plan. Structural components may be retained at

higher levels in some units and at lower levels in other units. The intent is to achieve the targets outlined in the Forest Management Plan strategies in a given annual operations plan.

The green tree retention target for regeneration harvest units is an average of five trees per acre in the NW FMP. Tree arrangements for this AOP may include; scattered individual trees, clumps of trees, and trees concentrated in and adjacent to riparian management areas, inner gorge areas or headwalls. The final decision on the location and arrangement of the green trees is made while the sale is being laid out to incorporate information on potential minor tree species, unique stand features, steep slopes, visual considerations, reforestation considerations, etc. To promote diversity on the landscape a variety of green tree placement strategies will be used.

The NW FMP strategy for hard snags is to manage for at least two per acre on average across the landscape. The FMP strategy for Down Woody Debris is to retain an average of 600 to 900 cubic feet of hard conifer logs (class 1 & 2) per acre during regeneration harvest. Strategies for retaining snags and down wood are determined using a current condition assessment from forest inventory data or timber cruising data. The need for snag creation in each unit is evaluated based on cruise or inventory information that documents snags in decay class 1 and 2 in the sale and surrounding landscape. Areas with less than 2 hard snags per acre will be evaluated and an appropriate snag prescription will be developed as needed. Down Wood will continue to be created through bucking practices, leaving felled snags in the unit and tops on ground yarding areas.

The Astoria district has experienced a number of large wind and snow break events over the last 10-15 years. This has produced a large number of residual snags and down woody components across the landscape. Due to this, snag creation is generally not pursued. If snags are found to be deficient in an area, generally additional leave trees will be retained with the assumption that wind and or ice will cause a certain percentage of these to become snags.

### **Harvest Operations within Terrestrial Anchor Sites and Aquatic Anchors**

The Astoria District 2011 IP implemented the State Forests' Species of Concern Strategies that specifically identifies fish and wildlife species of concern on the Astoria District. Two of these strategies are Terrestrial Anchor Sites (TAS) and Aquatic Anchor (AA) sites.

- Terrestrial Anchor Sites (TAS) areas are intended to benefit terrestrial wildlife species of concern, especially those associated with older forest or interior habitat conditions, sensitive to forest fragmentation, or do not readily disperse across younger forest conditions. Management within TAS is intended to be limited, to emulate natural small-scale disturbance patterns, and to minimize short- term negative impacts to habitat. All areas that were designated as TAS were designated for the development of complex structure in the Landscape Design.
- Aquatic Anchor (AA) sites are watersheds where salmon and aquatic amphibian conservation is of concern. Riparian management strategies beyond those described in the FMP will be applied within AAs. In addition, areas designated for the development of complex structure in the Landscape Design are clustered around streams important to fish in the AA.

The Species of Concern Strategies provide long term goals for TAS and AA. The management activities within those areas are designed to achieve those goals. These strategies have not identified specific limits to the total area that can be harvested within these areas; however, the district and resource specialist will be tracking the harvest trends within these areas to ensure the harvest prescriptions and rate is consistent with the goals of these strategies.

#### Terrestrial Anchor Sites

Since the adoption of the TAS in the July 2011, the district has been proceeding with operations in these areas. Great care has been given in selecting stands for harvest and developing prescriptions in these areas to ensure that these harvest activities achieve the goals of the TAS. These sales were reviewed with ODF and ODFW Resource Specialists. Table 3 shows there is 0 acres within the TAS proposed in the 2021 AOP and also shows the cumulative operations in TAS since the strategy was adopted.

**Table 3. Summary of Harvest Operations within TAS (Acres and Percent)**

Acres within TAS	Current AOP (FY 2021)		Cumulative Harvest (Since FY 2012)	
	Clearcut	Partial Cut	Clearcut	Partial Cut
AOP Acres	1,332	1,233	15,367	8,635
% of District Acres (136,840)	1.0%	0.9%	11.2%	6.3%
<b>Terrestrial Anchor Site (TAS) Basin</b>				
<b>Buster (4,599 ac)</b>	0	0	0	0
% of Acres	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Plympton (4,077 ac)</b>	0	0	1	64
% of Acres	0%	0%	<0.1%	1.6%
<b>Sweethome (2,282 ac)</b>	0	0	11	68
% of Acres	0%	0%	0.5%	3.0%
<b>All TAS (10,958 ac)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>% of Acres</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

#### Aquatic Anchors

The AAs became effective July 1, 2013 and replaced the Salmon Anchor Habitat Strategy that expired June 30, 2013. Increased water protection measures will be implemented on regeneration harvest operations planned within the AA's as specified in the Species of Concern strategy. Table 4 shows the current harvest and the cumulative total from FY 2014

**Table 4. Summary of Harvest Operations within AA (acres and percent)**

Acreages	Current AOP (FY 2021)		Cumulative Harvest (since FY 2014)	
	Clearcut	Partial Cut	Clearcut	Partial Cut
<b>AOP Acres</b>	1,332	1,233	12,862	6,112
% of District Acres (136,840 acres)	1.0%	0.9%	9.4%	4.5%
<b>Aquatic Anchor (AA) Basins</b>				
<b>Northrup Creek (7,027 ac)</b>	2	0	1,059	118
% of Acres	<1%	0	15%	4%
<b>Buster Creek (10,874 ac)</b>	42	0	1,260	272
% of Acres	0.4	0%	11.2%	2.5%
<b>Upper Rock Creek (3,498 ac)</b>	54	0	248	0
% of Acres	1.5%	0%	7.0%	0%
<b>Upper North Fork Nehalem (9,908 ac)</b>	10	0	590	815
% of Acres	<1%	0%	6.0%	8.2%
<b>Coal Creek (183 ac)</b>	0	0	0	0
% of Acres	0%	0%	0%	0%
All Aquatic Anchors (31,490 ac)	56	23	3,157	1,546
Total % of Acres	<1%	<1%	10.0%	4.9%

### Summary of Timber Harvest Operations by Basin

In the following section, the harvest operations planned for FY21 will be summarized in the context of the 17 management basins on the Astoria District. Since the Forest Management Plan strategies provide standards for structural components such as green trees, snags, down wood as well as riparian protection, these are not discussed in the summary. Road strategies and standards are discussed in the Forest Roads Management section. Additional information regarding the harvest operations may be found within Table A-2, the Forest Resources Summary in Appendix A.

**Table 5. Summary of Timber Harvest Operations in each basin. All values are in net acres.**

Basin	2021 AOP	
	Partial Cut	Clearcut
Astoria	0	0
Beneke	0	203
Buster	0	42
Crawford	594	187
Davis	0	0
Fishhawk	0	43
Gnat	0	97
Hamilton	0	79
Klaskanine	0	242
Lousignot	0	0
N. Fork Nehalem	594	65
Northrup	0	0
Plympton	26	0
Quartz	0	169
Sager	0	205
Scattered	0	0
Sweethome	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,332</b>

### **Astoria Basin**

There are no harvest operations planned in this basin for FY 2021.

### **Beneke Basin**

**Bam Bam:** This is a 95 acre modified clearcut. The conifer/hardwood stand within this sale is 74 years-old. The sale area is currently classified as Layered. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

There is no planned road construction with this sale. Approximately 7.4 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

**Saba Jabi:** This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 181 acres and new construction right-of-way totaling six acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are between 60 and 86 years-old. Approximately 175 acres within the sale are currently classified as Understory with the remaining 9 acres classified as Layered. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.4 miles spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 5.3 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

The majority of Unit 1 and small portions of Unit 2 of this sale are within the Hamilton Basin.

Hard Target (Alternate): This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 166 acres. The alder and mixed conifer stands within this sale are 71-84 years-old. The sale area is currently classified as Understory. The majority of the units have a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Approximately six acres has a current desired future condition of Layered. These six acres are part of a minor modification planned for the FY21 AOP. This minor modification makes a logical setting break at the stream buffer where the previous DFC was midslope and difficult to find in the field. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.4 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 1.7 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

### **Buster Basin**

Sage Grass: This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 111 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are 82-84 years-old. The current condition of stands within the majority of the operation is Understory. There are five acres of current condition Regeneration where salvage logging has occurred. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.4 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 1.2 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

Unit 1 is within the Buster Creek Aquatic Anchor. Unit 2 is within the Sager Basin

Toolbox Thinning (Alternate): This sale consists of four partial cut units totaling 226 acres in primarily 37-46 year-old Douglas-fir plantations. The current condition of stands within the majority of the operation is Understory. There is one acre of current condition Layered. The Desired Future Condition of the majority of the stands is for non-complex stands. The one acre of current condition Layered has a Desired Future Condition of Older Forest Structure.

Approximately 0.6 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 1.7 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

Units 2, 3, and 4 are located within the Buster Creek Aquatic Anchor.

Unit 1 of this sale is within the Sager Basin.

Wage Earner (Alternate): This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 122 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are 79-83 years-old. All of the stands are currently classified as Understory. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.4 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 1.6 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

All units are within the Buster Creek Aquatic Anchor.

## **Crawford Basin**

Popeye: This combination sale consists of three partial cut units totaling 613 acres in primarily 35-46 year-old Douglas-fir plantations and four modified clearcut units totaling 185 acres in primarily 35-46 year old stands and new construction right-of-way totaling two acres. Approximately 24 acres (portions of Unit 7) is an older stand type at 84 years old. There are also two acres of new construction right-of-way. The current condition of stands within the majority of the operation is Understory. The Desired Future Condition of the stands is for non-complex stands

Approximately 1.2 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 4.2 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

Portions of this Sale will be visible from Highway 202. Due to these portions being a partial cut harvest no additional actions will be taken.

Some of the sale units did not receive PCT and are heavily stocked with low height to crown ratios. Due to a combination of the high stocking, low crown ratios, and difficult logging some of these areas were designated as modified clearcuts.

A small portion of Unit 1 (9 acres) of this sale is within the Sager Basin.

## **Davis Basin**

There are no harvest operations planned in this basin for FY 2021.

## **Fishhawk Basin**

Plympton East: This combination sale consists of one partial cut unit totaling 26 acres in 79 year-old mixed conifer and one modified clearcut unit totaling 43 acres in 39-76 year old stands. The current condition of stands within the operation is Understory. The Desired Future Condition of the modified clearcut stand is for a non-complex stand and the Desired Future Condition of the partial cut is for a Layered stand.

Approximately 0.2 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 1.1 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

Unit 1 received heavy blowdown and was partially salvaged. Due to this the stocking is extremely sporadic.

Portions of the Nicolai Mt. OHV Area is approximately 1.2 miles to the west of Unit 1. Minimal impacts to the OHV area are anticipated with harvest.

Unit 2 is within the Plympton Basin

## **Gnat Basin**

Rocky: This sale consists of a 96 acre modified clearcut and new construction right-of-way totaling one acre. The mixed conifer stand within this sale is between 91-94 years-old. The sale area is currently classified as Understory. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.6 miles of new roads will be constructed to tie in to private lands to the south. This will allow access to State land that would have been inaccessible once a fill, which is blocking fish passage, has been vacated with the sale. Approximately 4.7 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

## **Hamilton Basin**

Saba Jabi: Approximately 79 acres (Most of Unit 1 and a small portion of Unit 2) of this sale is within the Hamilton Basin. The rest of the sale acres are within the Beneke Basin. The full sale description can be found under the “**Beneke Basin**” heading listed above in this document.

Summit Shake (Alternate): This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 124 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are 79-90 years-old. Approximately 124 acres within the sale are currently classified as Understory and 50 acres currently classified as Layered. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.1 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 4.3 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

Portions of Unit 1 will be visible from Highway 202. Layout foresters will consider this when posting wildlife trees.

## **Klaskanine Basin**

Double North: This operation consists of five modified clearcut units totaling 242 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are primarily 50-89 years-old. Approximately 191 acres within the sale are currently classified as Understory and 39 acres currently classified as Layered. The remaining 12 acres are primarily slivers of Regeneration and Closed Single Canopy. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.1 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 10.1 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

## **Louisignot Basin**

There are no harvest operations planned in this basin for FY 2021.

## **North Fork Nehalem Basin**

**East Summit Combination:** This combination sale consists of three partial cut unit totaling 249 acres, two modified clearcut units totaling 52 acres, and four acres of new construction right-of-way in 39-54 year-old mixed conifer. The current condition of stands within the operation is a mixture of Understory and Layered. Approximately 36 acres of the modified clearcuts are Layered with the remaining 17 acres Understory. Approximately 32 acres of the partial cut units are Layered with the remaining 217 acres Understory. The Desired Future Condition of all stands is for non-complex stands.

Approximately 1.7 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 7.7 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

This sale received public comment as a Primary Sale in FY20. It was moved to FY21 due to FY20 exceeded the anticipated volume target.

**Hamlet 8:** This sale consists of six partial cut units totaling 324 acres and new construction right-of-way totaling two acres in primarily 30-54 year-old Douglas-fir plantations. The current condition of stands within the majority of the operation is CSC and UDS. The Desired Future Condition of the stands is for non-complex stands.

Approximately 0.3 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 6.8 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

All Units are located within the Upper Northfork Nehalem Aquatic Anchor.

There is a domestic water source Northeast of Unit 4. Additional outreach with the landowner will be performed prior to sale layout if it is determined that the stream flows from the sale into this site..

This sale received public comment as a Primary Sale in FY20. It was moved to FY21 due to FY20 exceeded the anticipated volume target.

**Suess Split:** This combination sale consists of one partial cut unit totaling 21 acres in 59 year-old mixed conifer and one modified clearcut unit totaling seven acres in 59 year-old mixed conifer. The current condition of stands within the operation is Understory. The Desired Future Condition of the modified clearcut stand is for a non-complex stand and the Desired Future Condition of the partial cut is for an Older Forest Structure Stand.

Approximately 0.1 miles of new roads will be constructed to facilitate harvest. Approximately 0.3 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

There is a domestic water source roughly ¼ miles downstream of the sale. Additional outreach with the landowner will be performed prior to sale layout.

## **Northrup Basin**

There are no harvest operations planned in this basin for FY 2021.

## **Plympton Basin**

Plympton East: Approximately 26 acres (Unit 2) of this sale is within the Plympton Basin. The rest of the sale acres are within the Fishhawk Basin. The full sale description can be found under the “**Fishhawk Basin**” heading listed above in this document.

## **Quartz Basin**

Splinter Cell: This operation consists of two modified clearcut units totaling 169 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are 67-73 years-old. All of the stands are currently classified as Understory. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

No new construction is planned for this sale. Approximately 3.5 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

Unit 1 is adjacent to and visible from Highway 26. The district is coordinating with ODOT on the visual corridor.

Quartz Creek Road is heavily used for recreational traffic in the summer. Signs will be posted to ensure that the public is aware of ongoing activities.

There is a Verizon Cell Tower at one of the landings in Unit 2. Verizon will be contacted during sale layout.

Portions of Unit 1 are within the Upper Rock Creek Aquatic Anchor.

## **Sager Basin**

Popeye: Approximately nine acres (small portion of Unit 1) of this sale are within the Sager Basin. The rest of the sale acres are within the Crawford Basin. The full sale description can be found under the “**Crawford Basin**” heading listed above in this document.

Sage Grass: Approximately 69 acres (Unit 2) of this sale is within the Sager Basin. The rest of the sale acres are within the Beneke Basin. The full sale description can be found under the “**Beneke Basin**” heading listed above in this document.

Threes Company: This operation consists of three modified clearcut units totaling 136 acres. The mixed conifer stands within this sale are 79-90 years-old. The majority of the sale is currently classified as Understory with one acre classified as Closed Single Canopy. The entire unit has a Desired Future Condition of non-complex stands. Following the completion of harvest, the unit will be planted with a mixture of seedlings to be determined closer to the time of reforestation.

Approximately 0.3 miles of spur road will be constructed to facilitate the harvest. Approximately 5.0 miles of road will be improved in conjunction with this sale.

Toolbox Thinning (Alternate): Approximately 77 acres (Unit 1) of this sale are within the Sager Basin. The rest of the sale acres are within the Buster Basin. The full sale description can be found under the “**Buster Basin**” heading listed above in this document.

## **Scattered Basin**

Green Saddle (Alternate): This combination sale consists of one partial cut unit totaling 44 acres in 30-60 year-old mixed conifer and two modified clearcut units totaling 174 acres in 39-79 year-old mixed conifer. Approximately 169 acres within the sale are currently classified as Understory with the remaining 5 acres classified as Closed Single Canopy. The Desired Future Condition for all of the stands is for non-complex stands.

Unit 1 is planned for a Modified Clearcut despite its age due to its high stocking and high potential for windthrow.

No new construction is planned for this sale. Approximately 6.3 miles of road are planned to be improved with the sale.

## **Sweethome Basin**

There are no harvest operations planned in this basin for FY 2021.

## **Forest Roads Management**

### **Overview**

The State Forest road network provides access for forest management activities, fire suppression, and recreation. Visions, guiding principles, and goals for managing the road network are discussed in the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (April 2010) and the State Forest Roads Manual (July 2000). The State Forest Roads Manual also provides standards and guidance for all road management activities and definitions, road classifications and other terms.

The roadwork in this AOP is related to constructing spur roads and for improving haul routes for the FY21 timber sales. This section describes the types of road management activities that will occur in FY21 and the attached Forest Roads Summary Table (Appendix A, Table A-3) describes the anticipated total amounts.

### **Road Construction**

Road construction and improvement identified in this plan will be primarily achieved through project work connected with timber sales. New LiDAR based slope information is helpful in locating roads away from locally steep slopes.

### **Road Improvement**

Road improvement projects will use ODF road inventory protocols to assess existing road drainage, stability, surfacing and vegetation conditions, and to aid in the development of transportation system improvement plans. The majority of this improvement work will be performed on collector and spur roads and will consist of installing new cross drains and disconnect culverts, replacing culverts, ditchline improvements, and new surfacing.

## **Road Access Management**

Access to the State Forest is generally not restricted. However, roads that pose a high risk of damage to water quality are candidates for closure. Closing and vacating roads reduces the district's maintenance cost and helps to minimize impacts to the environment from roads. We retain the option of closing roads if vandalism, neighbor concerns, or excessive road damage from public use becomes a problem in particular areas.

## **Road Maintenance**

Roads will be maintained as necessary to protect water quality and the road system asset value. Road maintenance activities will follow the maintenance guidance in Chapter 7 of the Forest Roads Manual and the Forest Practices rules. Road maintenance is accomplished under timber sale contracts for roads used for hauling forest products, using the State Forest road crew or work order contracts. Maintenance is focused on ensuring proper drainage to prevent sediment entering streams. Collector roads and roads in active sale areas need and get the most maintenance. District personnel respond to heavy storms and thaw periods by performing road inspections, additional maintenance, and where necessary, stopping heavy truck use during periods when roads cannot handle traffic without damage to water quality or the road asset.

## **Management of Rock Source/Supply**

The District provides durable rock for in-sale spurs and haul routes, which allows for year-round harvest opportunities. Rock quarry development, rock crushing, and/or purchasing rock is necessary to provide sufficient quantities of the road rock for planned road construction, road improvement, and road maintenance activities.

Quarry developments are planned for the following operations; however, these plans are subject to change as timber sale project work is laid out:

- Big Noise – 10,000 cubic yards
- Hamilton – 10,000 cubic yards
- Simmons Ridge – 13,000
- Tidewater Loop No. 2– 10,000 cubic yards

Annually, the rock that the District requires for road maintenance varies greatly depending on actual volume hauled, time of year, time of road construction, rock durability, and multiple other factors. The rock required is generally supplied from State owned stockpiles. The District will continue to explore new rock sources and further development of existing rock quarries in FY21.

## **Land Surveying**

Every year surveying needs are analyzed and planned to be kept at a minimum level while ensuring property lines and corners are clearly marked. Survey work may be accomplished through service contracts with licensed professional land surveyors, cost sharing with adjacent landowners or utilizing the licensed surveyor on staff with ODF. Land surveying may be necessary on the following sales:

- Bam Bam (0.5 miles)
- Double North (0.2 miles)
- Plympton East (0.5 miles)
- Popeye (0.7 miles)
- Green Saddle - Alternate (0.9 miles)
- Summit Shake – Alternate (0.3 miles)
- Wage Earner – Alternate (0.5 miles)

## Young Stand Management

The State Forest strategy is to use a range of silvicultural tools to establish and maintain diverse stands of well-adapted natural species throughout the landscape to meet the objectives and goals in the Forest Management Plan and District Implementation Plan. These tools include site preparation, planting, tree protection, vegetation management, pre-commercial thinning, early commercial thinning and interplanting or replanting. Each practice must be considered and prescribed for individual stands on a site-specific basis.

This section describes the types of reforestation and young stand management activities that will occur in FY21 and the attached Young Stand Management Table (Appendix A, Table A-4) describes the anticipated total amounts. The location and amount (acres) of these activities are estimates based on plans, information and conditions as known at this point in time. The type, amount and specific stand management prescriptions will be further adjusted based on when existing harvest units are completed and on updated assessments and surveys that will occur during and after the 2020 growing season.

Reforestation activities will be completed by using experienced contractors. A portion of the activities will be completed by utilizing crews from South Fork Camp. These crews work on activities such as planting, inter-planting, tree protection, mechanical hand release, and noxious weed control.

### **Seedlings / Nurseries**

In order to meet the goals of the Forest Management Plan, the State Forests Program requires tree seedlings that are physiologically healthy and best suited for the planting sites. A wide variety of seedlings is grown at forest nurseries throughout the Pacific Northwest to meet the reforestation needs. Seedlings are grown in three different stock types: 1) plug seedlings or one-year-old container grown seedlings, 2) plug ones which are grown one year in a container followed by a second year in a bare root bed, and 3) straight bare root seedlings grown from seed in a bare root bed and then transplanted to a lower stocking bare root bed. The budget accounts for a string of growing costs over several years rather than just those costs of the trees being grown and planted in the winter. The budget for seedlings includes portions of the costs for growing seedlings for three planting years. Additionally, there are costs associated with the seed that is used for growing the seedlings, estimated transportation costs and various costs associated with packaging and freezer and/or cooler storage. The individual species mixture and stock type used for a particular reforestation unit is determined after the final inventory from the forest nursery and varies by District.

## Site Preparation

Site preparation is any planned measure to prepare a site to allow for favorable growing conditions for newly planted seedlings. More than one of these techniques may be used for any given site based on the attributes and reforestation prescription for the site. The three main site preparation techniques are mechanical, chemical and slash burning.

- 1) Slash Burning: Slash burning can be accomplished by broadcast burning the entire unit or burning piles that result from mechanical site preparation.
- 2) Mechanical: Mechanical site preparation is the use of mechanized equipment to rearrange or alter forest slash and/or disturb the forest surface layer and vegetation to create seedbeds or planting spots. Planting spots are created in a fairly even distribution. Dense slash concentrations created during timber harvest may be mechanically piled as part of the timber sale contract.
- 3) Chemical: Chemical site preparation involves the application of herbicides to control competing vegetation before planting or natural regeneration and during the early stages of seedling establishment. Applications occur by two primary methods: aurally by helicopter or ground based with the use of backpack application equipment. The objective is to control brush species to allow stand establishment and maintain 2-3 years free of significant competing vegetation. The actual site preparation plan will be prepared in late spring when harvest unit availability and brush development is better known.

## Planting

Tree planting operations are conducted for various reasons. These include meeting Forest Practices Laws, quickly establishing a new stand of trees after timber harvesting, and increasing species diversity in the area and across the landscape. Planting is comprised of matching the appropriate species and stock type to the planting site. Forest health strategies are addressed on a site specific basis when the planting plan is developed. Site specific prescriptions consider target species, aspect, elevation, soil types, Swiss Needle Cast risk where applicable, *Phellinus weirii* (laminated root rot) presence, required stocking guidelines, natural advanced regeneration, and the desired future condition of the stand. To accomplish this, a mixture of species is planted to provide for a healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystem over time. The following are different types of planting.

- 1) Initial Planting (Regeneration harvest units): Planting activities establish the desired species and stocking levels to meet the goals in the Forest Management Plan and Forest Practices Laws. Planted seedlings will be well suited and adapted to the reforestation site and where appropriate, a mixture of species may be planted to increase diversity on the landscape.
- 2) Interplanting: Interplanting may occur when stocking levels fall below or are at risk of falling below Forest Practices Act (FPA) minimums. In certain instances, interplanting will occur to increase stocking on high quality sites to fully capture the site. In other areas, lower stocking will be acceptable, as it will provide high quality early seral habitat while still meeting FPA requirements.

- 3) Underplanting: This type of planting is occasionally conducted after thinning in order to introduce both species diversity and an additional future layer of structure into a stand.
- 4) Natural Regeneration: Units or portions of units are assessed prior to planting. Natural regeneration is considered primarily in western hemlock stands that have been salvaged from wind storms, where small gaps and holes less than 2 acres have been created in partial cut units, and in unit rock outcrops or cliffs. Natural regeneration of red alder and other minor species is used to provide diversity in all harvest units.

## **Tree Protection**

Animal damage on newly planted seedlings reduces their overall size, health and vigor. Extensive damage can lead to interplanting, may extend the time to achieve free to grow status as defined by the Forest Practices Act and prevent meeting Forest Management Plan goals. Deer and elk, as well as mountain beaver, can heavily damage young seedlings. Various tree protection strategies are applied to help re-establish trees in areas with high concentrations of these species. Most commonly, various types of physical barriers (bud caps, vexar tubes, etc.) help prevent damage from big game. Direct control includes trapping mountain beaver in highly populated areas prior to planting helps prevent damage to newly planted trees.

## **Vegetation Management – Release Treatments**

Vegetation management is done to reduce light, moisture or nutrient competition from undesirable vegetation in a young stand of trees to improve survival and growth. It can also be used to alter tree species composition under pressure from insect and disease and favor species that are tolerant or resistant to the threat. Vegetation management may be required to meet forest practices reforestation stocking requirements, the NW Oregon State Forests Management Plan and the District Implementation Plans. There are two types of vegetation management, chemical and manual release treatments. They are described below.

Chemical Release: Chemical release treatments involve the application of herbicides to control undesirable vegetation. Typical application methods are broadcast, directed spray, and hack and squirt. Broadcast application treatments are sprayed over the top of seedlings and undesirable vegetation using either aerial or backpack methods. Directed spray applications are made with a backpack and target individual plants. This method is often used to remove invasive species such as Scotch broom from young stands. Hack and squirt involves basal or stem injection of chemicals. This method is typically applied to hardwoods as a way to release conifers from hardwood competition.

Manual Release: Manual release can include cutting down of noxious weeds or hardwoods. Hardwood release is used when ingrowth of hardwoods, mainly red alder in the northwest and madrone and tanoak in the southwest, threaten to change the stand from conifer dominate to hardwood dominate. In this treatment, hardwoods are removed using chainsaws leaving all of the conifer trees. This differs from PCT (described below) in the fact that conifer spacing and species are not manipulated. While hardwoods are important on the landscape, long-term conifer production is the goal for many stands across the district.

## **Pre-Commercial Thinning (PCT)**

PCT is a silviculture activity used to manipulate the density, structure or species composition of overstocked young forest stands. Generally, the purpose of a PCT operation is to release the biggest and best growing trees so they can maintain their growth. PCT is normally conducted in a stand between the ages of 10 and 20 years old. In areas of disease such as Swiss Needle Cast or *Phellinus weirii*, PCT can be used to favor species other than impacted Douglas-fir trees in the residual stand.

## **Early Commercial Thinning**

The primary objective of an Early Commercial Thin operation is to improve stand growth while capturing volume that would be lost due to natural mortality. This process could be viewed as revenue neutral or as a slight revenue generating activity based on markets at the time of the operation. Initial results have generated 45-55 tons of fiber per acre with an average return of \$85 per acre, prior to disbursement to the County. During times of a depressed timber market the operation could actually be revenue negative. However, along with improving the stocking and quality of the stand another benefit of these operations could be a reduction in the amount of pre-commercial slashing needed; which is currently a substantial cost to ODF. The Astoria District will complete its write-up on the Pilot Project performed in FY19/20 prior to continuing with additional Early Commercial Thinning sales. There is currently no Early Commercial Thinning planned for the FY21 AOP.

## **Pruning**

No pruning activities are planned for this AOP.

## **Stocking Surveys**

The Reforestation Unit has the responsibility of ensuring that the goals of the Forest Management Plan are met. Stocking surveys is one tool to ensure the stands are on track for the desired future condition. The surveys are done in order to check initial plantation survival at a time when the seedlings are vulnerable and there is still time to remedy problems, by using interplanting and animal damage control measures as examples. In addition, stocking surveys are conducted in order to assess free-to-grow status and to get baseline data on the stand for future management planning, for example evaluating release treatments and pre-commercial thinning candidates.

## **Invasive Species**

Most noxious weeds or invasive plants are found along roads and have spread into plantations. The main sources for the weed introduction into the forest are vehicle tires, equipment moved into and out of district, and where soil disturbance occurs. 100% weed-free grass seed and certified weed-free straw used for mulch is required for project work on roads. Equipment washing is required in timber sale contracts to prevent the introduction of weed seed from other sites. It is also required that weed-free hay is used for feeding stock on State Forest Lands.

Reforestation continues to work with Marketing, Forest Roads, and Recreation personnel to identify appropriate steps each unit can take to prevent the introduction and spread of

invasive plants. Knotweed, Scotch broom, orange hawkweed, yellow flag iris, garlic mustard, and false brome are the primary species known to exist in the District. Active control measures are being planned and prioritized for roadside, in-unit, and trail treatment.

## **Roadside Spraying**

Reforestation works with the Forest Roads personnel on the management of vegetation alongside forest roads. Vegetation management protects the investment by preventing damage from unchecked vegetation growth, helps to maintain a safe driving environment by maintaining clear sight distance, controls noxious weeds, and reduces fire hazards. Roadside vegetation will be controlled manually, mechanically or chemically where necessary. The method used will depend on the characteristics of the vegetation and its location. During the spring of 2020, roadside vegetation surveys will be conducted to determine roadside chemical treatment needs for FY21. The project will be done by utilizing experienced contractors.

## Recreation Management

### **Overview of Recreation Management**

Recreation activities are diverse on the Clatsop State Forest, with dispersed use throughout the forest. Activities include family camping, group camping, hunting, target shooting, fishing, hiking, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riding, horseback riding, mountain biking, nature study, and sightseeing.

The FY21 AOP will be a time of transition for ODF's Recreation Program. This AOP will see a shift of recreation personnel being managed out of a specific district to all recreation personnel being part of the NWOA Recreation Team. This shift, which is aligned with the much larger Workforce Futuring organizational shift, will provide a more holistic planning approach, improved better consistency, and more effective use of resources across districts. Keys to successful implementation of this shift in organizational structure will be good communication and ensuring the continued fostering of relationships with our user groups.

Over the FY19 and FY20 AOPs, the Astoria District planned and completed a pilot project in which a reservation system was implemented at Northrup Creek Horse Camp. This plan shifted all campsites at this location to reservation only; no drop-in or first-come, first-served camping was allowed. The pilot project showed an improvement in visitation numbers, visitor satisfaction and fee compliance. After review of the results and feedback against the goals of the pilot project, the Astoria District decided to continue using a reservation system for all sites at this campground.

Other benefits of a reservation system include:

- The ability to improve the efficiency of maintenance tasks by triaging workload based on visitation data
- Improved visitor data
- The elimination of collecting and counting fee envelopes
- Peace of mind for visitors coming from long distances that there will be a site waiting for them

The success of this reservation system pilot project and some challenges at other campgrounds with fee theft during the FY20 recreation season has led Staff to plan a visitor survey for the FY21 camping season. Responses to this survey will be considered in future decisions in wider implementation of this type of system.

As we began to transition to a NWOA Recreation Team, Astoria District Recreation Staff sought support and guidance from the Northwest Oregon Area (NWOA) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) team, in developing a recreation plan for the Nicolai Mountain OHV Area. This work will continue once the NWOA Recreation Team structure is fully implemented. The plan will lay out a vision for this area and include specific action items to improve existing routes, provide additional sections of trail and include a single track system. The plan will incorporate input from user groups about desired experiences while establishing a system that focuses on connectivity, safety, resource protection and integrates well with ODF operations.

Some sections and structures of the OHV network require immediate attention. While all developments will be included in the recreation plan, maintenance and repair of some existing structures and re-route work will need to precede the completed plan to maintain a safe and enjoyable OHV network. Similarly, there are projects that require completion prior to final approval of the recreation plan. Many, if not all of these projects will be accomplished through multiple resources, including district staff, the NWOA OHV Team and OHV user groups. These projects include:

- Development, construction or vacating of trail sections and/or structures that will provide immediate and critical improvements to existing network conditions
- Initial design, ground-truthing, layout, and depending on the availability of resources, minor amounts of construction of a single track network
- Installation of loading ramps at popular OHV staging areas

## **Facilities**

The Astoria District is responsible for operation and maintenance of five fee campgrounds, one dispersed recreation area, and eight designated sites, two interpretive sites, and seven designated trailheads.

- Gnat Creek Campground
- Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground
- Beaver Eddy Campground
- Northrup Creek Horse Camp
- Viewpoint Campground
- Lost Lake Recreation Area (Day Use Area)
- Lower Nehalem designated sites (two)
- North Fork Nehalem dispersed sites (two)
- Kerry Road designated sites (two)
- Plympton Ridge designated sites (two)
- Shingle Mill OHV Staging Area and Trailhead
- Hunt Creek OHV Trailhead
- Astoria District Demonstration Forest
- Chet Reed Arboretum
- Gnat Creek Trailhead
- Bloom Lake Trailhead
- Soapstone Lake Trailhead
- Diane Berry Equestrian Trailhead
- Spruce Run Creek Trailhead
- Demonstration Forest Trailhead

Activities associated with facility operation and maintenance includes:

- Campground host recruitment and supervision

- Coordination of daily maintenance activity by South Fork Work Camp
- Scheduling of garbage and recycling services, vault toilet pumping, well maintenance
- Well water testing
- Sign and information board management
- Fee collection
- Public contacts/use management
- Public Use monitoring
- Assessment and coordination of facility repairs
- Firewood sales
- Lost and Found program

During this AOP, work will continue on the repair and retrofitting of our campground kiosk structures to repair rot issues and monitoring traffic counters at the Nicolai Off-Highway Riding Area and hiking trails to better quantify the amount of use.

### OHV Trails

Within the Nicolai Mountain Off-Highway Riding Area there are approximately 30 miles of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails, with an 820 foot Learner’s Loop at the Shingle Mill Staging Area. ODF continues to receive funding from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for OHV positions and facility operation and maintenance costs. ODF continues to work collaboratively with the District Recreation Advisory Committee and local OHV users to maintain and develop the Nicolai Mountain OHV Riding Area.

**Table 7. OHV Trail Projects**

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Mileage</b>	<b>Work Resources</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Trail Maintenance	Nicolai OHV Trail Maintenance	30 miles of trail. Maintenance varies.	South Fork/ODF/Volunteers	Maintain trails within the Nicolai Mtn. OHV Area
Trail Design/ Layout/Construction	Nicolai OHV Single Track Trail	Dependent on staff and volunteer availability.	South Fork/ODF/Volunteers	Design and begin to implement a single track trail system within the Nicolai Mtn. OHV Area
Trail Bridge Replacement	McNary Loop Trail	Two 30 to 35 foot long trail Bridges	OHV Trail Crew	Replacement of failing trail bridges. Work will involve design and construction of the bridges.

### Non-motorized Trails

Minor trail re-routes and associated maintenance occur as needed across the District. There are no planned re-routes of non-motorized trails during this AOP. Currently, there are approximately 20 miles of designated non-motorized trails on the District.

**Table 8. Non-Motorized Trail Projects**

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Mileage</b>	<b>Work Resources</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Trail Maintenance	Trail Maintenance	20 miles of trail. Maintenance varies.	South Fork/ODF/Volunteers	Maintain existing non-motorized trails
Trail Bridge Replacement	Soapstone Trail Bridge	40 foot trail bridge	Recreation staff / South Fork / SF Division Engineer	Replacement of a failing trail bridge. Work will include bridge design and construction

**Trail Maintenance (OHV and Non-motorized)**

Trail maintenance (non-motorized):

- Gnat Creek Trail – Four miles
- Bloom Lake Trail – Two miles
- Soapstone Lake Trail – Two miles
- Demonstration Forest Trail – One mile
- Northrup Equestrian Trails – Nine miles
- Spruce Run Creek – Three miles

Trail maintenance (motorized)

- Nicolai OHV Trail – 30 miles

**Volunteer Program and Partnerships**

In 2019, the Clatsop State Forest had over 1,344 hours of volunteer work consisting of trail volunteers (North Coast Trail Alliance, Pacific Trail Riders, Sons of Beaches, Mt Scott Motorcycle Club and Oregon Equestrian Trails), camp-host programs, and various recreational committee member participants. The District Recreation Staff plan to continue to spend more time in FY2021 to further develop a working relationship with local clubs and organizations, and increase volunteerism on the forest.

**Grants**

ODF is currently looking at the potential to grow Public/Private partnerships. If potential opportunities present themselves they will be evaluated on a case by case basis, including funds for maintenance of existing bridge structures.

**Planning and Partnerships**

There is also continued discussion and planning with the Clatsop-Tillamook Chapter of the Society of American Foresters and the Clatsop Forest Economic Development Committee (CFEDC) on construction of an outdoor classroom within the district Demonstration Forest that could be used by local schools to educate local youth on forest stewardship. This structure would also allow for a dry refuge through inclement weather periods during the annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Forestry Field Day.

## Other Integrated Forest Management Projects

### **Aquatic & Riparian Management**

All fish bearing streams found in State Forests are subject to the Management Standards for Aquatic and Riparian Areas as outlined in Appendix J found in the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (2010). An objective of State Forests' aquatic resources is to maintain, enhance, and restore quality fish habitat. This is achieved primarily through riparian buffer strategies specific to the aquatic resource characteristics such as presence of fish, size, and flow duration. The goal of all riparian management prescriptions is to obtain mature forest conditions (e.g., development of the natural community appropriate for that site) as expediently as possible. Aquatic Anchors (AA) have been established on watersheds in the District in which additional aquatic conservation measures are applied when regeneration harvesting. Small, perennial, non-fish bearing streams will be protected with 50 foot no harvest buffers and all fish bearing streams and large and medium non-fish bearing streams will be protected with 100 foot no harvest buffers as per AA Species of Concern strategies.

Several strategies, described in the Forest Management Plan, dictate protection measures designed to protect, maintain, and restore aquatic and riparian functions. These strategies are employed during harvest activities and include but are not limited to: leave trees adjacent to streams to protect stream temperature, provide nutrients, protect stream banks, and eventually provide wood to improve fish habitat. Best management practices for road construction, reconstruction, and maintenance minimize impacts to water quality.

Threatened and Endangered Fish Species: Federally Threatened Salmon and Steelhead listed species with Critical Habitat Designations found within the District include Oregon Coast Coho Salmon.

Fish Distribution Surveys: Streams are classified in part as supporting fish (Type F) or not supporting fish (Type N). Riparian protection measures depend in part on the presence of fish. Many streams in the past have been surveyed with electro-fishing techniques that established the upper extent of fish use. However, many small streams have not yet been surveyed for fish presence. Streams needing classification in the AOP will be evaluated with a Physical Habitat Survey. The physical methodology was developed in conjunction with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The seasonal/perennial break in the streams will be evaluated during fish distribution surveys or during sale layout.

Restoration Goals and Identification Process: The overarching principles for fish habitat restoration are described in the Forest Management Plan. There are stream enhancement opportunities identified in association with the sales in this AOP. Before determining if these potential projects will go into a full planning process, more field review is needed. The ODF Aquatic and Riparian Specialist and ODFW District Fish Biologists will perform field evaluations to make sure that the streams will benefit from the proposed projects.

Potential Stream Projects are associated with the following Timber Sales:

- Double North
- Suess Split
- Rocky
- Sage Grass
- Blue Bucket (Alternate)
- Hard Target (Alternate)

#### Other Planned Projects to improve aquatic areas within the FY21 AOP:

- Continue conducting hydrologic connectivity surveys and mitigating items discovered during this process.

Restoration accomplishments are reported to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board using the Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory electronic filing process and reported by ODF annually in our report to the counties, board of forestry, and Division of State Lands.

Personnel on the Astoria District actively participate on the Upper and Lower Nehalem Watershed Councils and the District Operations Coordinator is a member of the North Coast Watershed Council board of directors.

Beaver Dam Analogues (BDA) pilot project: In partnership with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) and ODF, 14 BDA sites were established within the Walker Creek drainage during FY20, which is located in the Buster Creek Aquatic Anchor. The BDA's are intended to start the creation and colonization of beaver dams to provide high quality rearing habitat for fish and store water on the landscape. The BDA sites consist of 6" x 8' conifer posts (found on site) that will be driven into the ground along the flood plain on 2-foot centers. Later the BDA's will have on site willow or vine maple weaved in between the posts to stimulate the use by beavers. Additional areas are being considered for similar implementation in FY21 within the watershed.

### **Land Exchange**

The District may commence a land exchange in FY21 if budget and staffing assistance is available and if willing exchange partners come forward. These would only be high priority land exchanges and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### **Law Enforcement and Public Safety**

Law enforcement on the district will be budgeted for and will be provided by a seasonal law enforcement officer from Clatsop County Sherriff's Office during the heavy recreation use season if a candidate is available.

### **Firewood Cutting Program**

The primary objective of the District Firewood Cutting Program is to provide a source of firewood from Sate Forests to the public for personal use. The permit fee for personal firewood cutting is \$20 for two cords. Permits are issued for a period of three weeks. Historically firewood cutting has only been allowed outside the months of fire season. The District typically sells 700-1000 woodcutting permits each year.

### **Non-Timber Forest Products**

The Astoria District currently administers a Special Forest Products program which consists of issuing Commercial Use Permits to individuals who wish to collect larger quantities of various forest products with the intent for the products to be re-sold. There is a fee charged to individuals for a Commercial Use Permit, which is based on the type of forest product and quantity. Special Forest Products include: mushrooms, salal, moss, and ferns. Additionally,

the public has the ability to gather smaller quantities of these forest products, free of charge, for personal use. The District typically sells 150-200 special forest products permits each year.

## Planning

Below are the significant district-level planning projects currently scheduled for commencement, completion, or both in FY21.

### **Stand Level Inventory**

No SLI data acquisition is planned for this AOP.

### **Wildlife Surveys**

#### Northern Spotted Owl Surveys

For the FY21 AOP, the District will continue the northern spotted owl (NSO) survey program, in order to comply with federal and state Endangered Species Acts and to contribute to Forest Management Plan (FMP) goals. Survey requirements are determined in accordance with *ODF Northern Spotted Owl Operational Policies*, November 2017.

#### Marbled Murrelet Surveys

In FY21, the District will continue its marbled murrelet survey program in order to comply with Federal and State Endangered Species Acts and to contribute to Forest Management Plan goals. Survey requirements are determined in accordance with ODF policy, guidance, and survey protocols.

#### T&E Plants

The District will continue to screen harvest operations against the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (Orbic) database and other known locations on the District to identify potential conflicts with plant species listed in the District IP.

#### Species of Concern Wildlife

The District will continue to screen harvest operations against several wildlife databases to identify potential conflicts with wildlife of concern listed in the District IP.

### **Research and Monitoring**

Districts will assist in a variety of research and monitoring projects in FY21. Examples include: Two recently installed progeny sites for the Northwest Tree Improvement Cooperative, one of western hemlock and one Douglas-fir. The western hemlock progeny was planted in 2018 and is a 2nd-generation realized genetic gain trial. This site was not fenced when established. Extensive browse occurred and vexar tubes were placed on the site in June of 2019. The Douglas-fir site was planted in 2019 in a fenced enclosure. The main goal of this cooperative is to enhance forest productivity in developing genetically improved trees with higher yield and better wood quality.

The Sitka spruce progeny site located in Hamlet will be monitored for scion material for grafting at the J.E. Schroeder seed orchard. The seed for this site was screened for resistance of weevil damage in British Columbia and planted in 1994. This weevil attacks the terminal leader of the tree, causing significant growth loss and deformities.

### **Other Planning Operations**

The District will continue to conduct Hydrological Connectivity Surveys on the road systems as time allows. In conjunction with the REI Team the District will provide input and context to recreation planning. The district will also continue to participate in FMP and HCP reviews as needed.

## Public Information and Education

### **Public Information and Involvement**

A number of district employees annually participate in the local school Career Day, Clatsop County Job & Career Fair, Sixth Grade Forestry Tour and Field Day, demonstration forest tours, Clatsop County Fair booth, State Fair booth, Society of American Forestry meetings and tours, and many public school presentations. The district has representatives who attend local watershed council meetings, including the Upper and Lower Nehalem Watershed. The District Operations Coordinator is on the Board of Directors of the North Coast Watershed Association and the District Forester is an elected officer on the Clatsop Forest Economic Development Committee (CFEDC).

## Administration

During FY21 the district will be transitioning to a new organization. There will be 20 permanent positions whose full-time function is to manage State Forest land on the District and 5 permanent positions who work part-time on management of State Forest land. In addition, the District will be supported by the NWOA REI Team and the NWOA Operations Team as well as the Division Planning and Coordination Team. All are responsible for implementing the FY 2021 Annual Operations Plan. The district positions are divided into 4 functional groups: Forest Marketing, Forest Roads, Reforestation, and Administration. See the attached organizational chart.

There is a Marketing Unit which is responsible for all aspects of timber marketing. These activities include participating in the planning process, unit layout, assisting with road layout and design, timber cruising, timber sale appraisal, contract writing, contract administration, and coordinating with the REI, Planning, and Operations Teams.

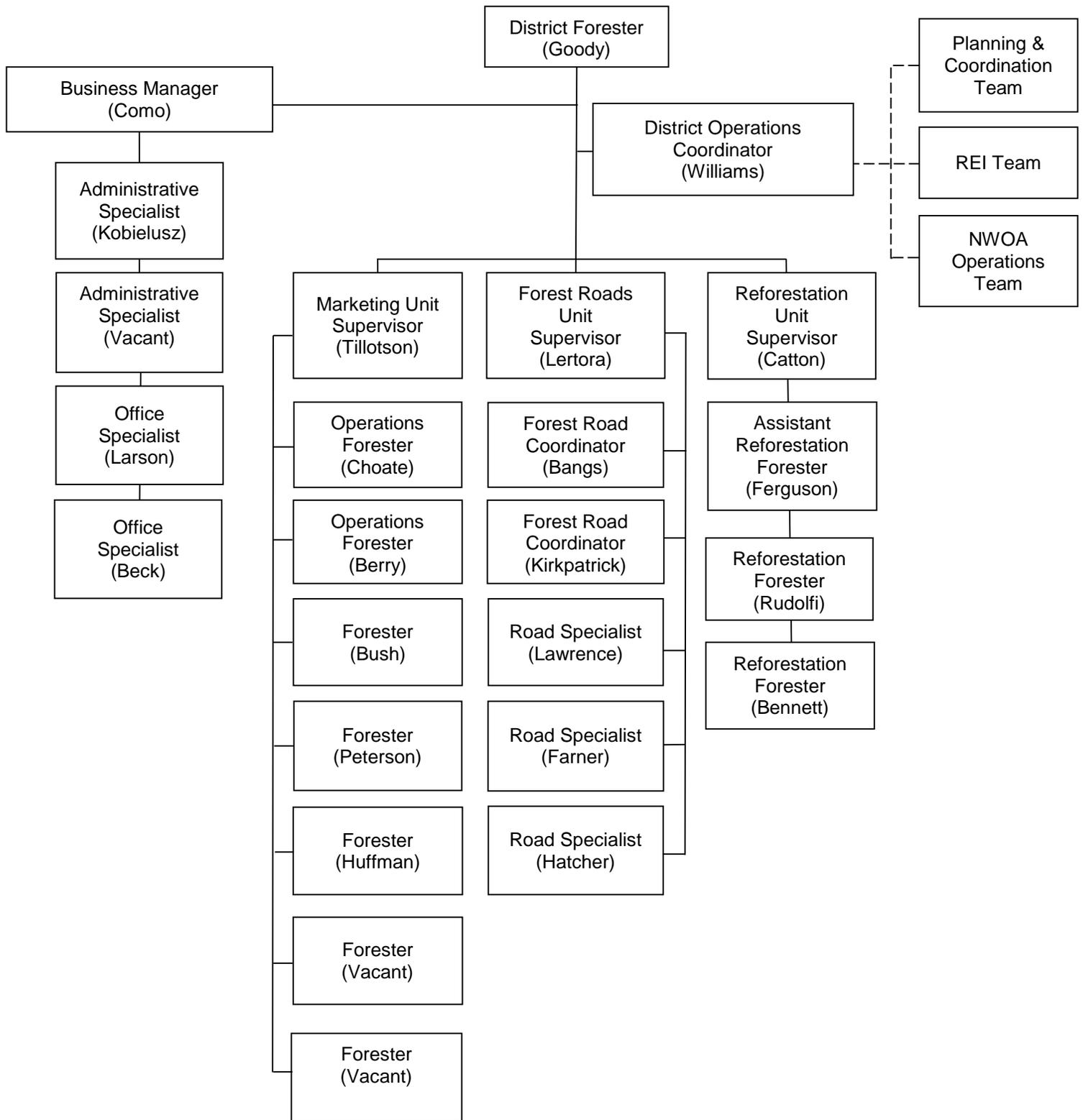
The Forest Roads unit is responsible for all aspects of road management and land surveying. These activities include road design and layout, rock pit development, road maintenance, property line location, road construction and improvement appraisals, contract preparation, and road contract administration. The Forest Roads unit works with the Operations, REI, and Planning & Coordination Team in developing the AOP.

The Reforestation unit is responsible for all activities in forest plantations from the time the harvesting is complete until the new stand produces commercial timber. The activities of this unit include site preparation, trapping, tree planting, vegetation management, tree improvement, and pre-commercial thinning. The reforestation unit also coordinates South Fork crews and administers contracts to complete these tasks.

Administration consists of the District Forester, District Operations Coordinator, Office Manager, two Administrative Specialists, and two Office Specialists. The District Forester and District Operations Coordinator provide policy direction, budget development, and oversight to the field units. The Office Manager, two Administrative Specialists, and two Office Specialists provide clerical support to State Forest Management. These positions are responsible for initial public contact, distribution and filing of documents, and providing assistance at timber sale auctions. The Office Specialist is also responsible for issuing permits for firewood cutting, and special forest products.

Each of these units and teams are responsible for ensuring the management approaches, activities, and projects are designed to meet the goals, strategies, and objectives of the FMP, Implementation Plan, AOP, and Recreation Plan. The sales and projects are coordinated across the district and with the NWOA and Division Teams from the development of the AOP to the final sale administration for consistency within and between units to meet common goals.

# Astoria District Organization Chart



# APPENDICES

## **A. Summary Tables**

1. Harvest Operations – Financial Summary
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## **B. Maps**

1. Harvest Operations Vicinity Map

## **C. Consultations with Other State Agencies**

This appendix summarizes the results of consultations with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Transportation and other agencies as appropriate.

## **D. Public Involvement**

This appendix will describe the results of the public involvement process of this AOP.

## **E. Pre-Operations Reports**

Pre-Operations Reports are available from the district upon request.

## **F. Forest Land Management Classification**

## **G. District Implementation Plan Minor Modification – Landscape Design**

# Appendix A

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## Summary Tables

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**TIMBER HARVEST OPERATIONS - FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

District: Astoria

Fiscal Year: 2021

Date: 06/22/2020

Primary Operation	Fund %		County	Sale Quarter	Net Acres		Volume (MMBF)			Value			
	BOF	CSL			Partial Cut	Clear-cut	Conifer	Hardwoods	Total	Gross	Projects	Net	
Bam Bam	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	4	0	95	3.7	0.1	3.8	\$1,634,000	\$102,200	\$1,531,800	
Double North	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	3	0	242	8.6	0.9	9.5	\$2,878,590	\$390,400	\$2,488,190	
East Summitt	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	1	249	56	2.6	0.4	3.0	\$1,145,300	\$285,900	\$859,400	
Hamlet 8	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	1	324	2	1.8	0.1	1.9	\$653,450	\$209,600	\$443,850	
Plympton East	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	4	26	43	1.1	0.0	1.1	\$375,360	\$35,700	\$339,660	
Popeye	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	3	594	187	7.7	0.7	8.4	\$2,939,300	\$306,300	\$2,633,000	
Rocky	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	2	0	97	3.2	0.0	3.2	\$1,182,520	\$320,000	\$862,520	
Saba Jabi	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	3	0	187	9.1	0.5	9.6	\$4,005,540	\$217,300	\$3,788,240	
Sage Grass	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	1	0	111	4.6	0.1	4.7	\$2,052,390	\$39,200	\$2,013,190	
Splinter Cell	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	2	0	169	6.0	0.4	6.4	\$2,697,240	\$0	\$2,697,240	
Suess Split	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	2	21	7	0.4	0.2	0.6	\$201,600	\$0	\$201,600	
Threes Company	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	3	0	136	5.4	0.0	5.4	\$2,336,620	\$91,490	\$2,245,130	
					<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>\$22,101,910</b>	<b>\$1,998,090</b>	<b>\$20,103,820</b>
					<b>Project WOC Sub-total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$278,004</b>	<b>-\$278,004</b>
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>\$22,101,910</b>	<b>\$2,276,094</b>	<b>\$19,547,812</b>

**Alternate Operations**

Green Saddle	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	n/a	44	174	6.7	0.8	7.5	\$2,420,600	\$81,900	\$2,338,700	
Hard Target	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	n/a	0	166	0.3	4.0	4.3	\$1,294,800	\$45,700	\$1,249,100	
Summit Shake	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	n/a	0	124	4.0	0.0	4.0	\$1,411,550	\$170,390	\$1,241,160	
Toolbox Thinning	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	n/a	226	0	1.4	0.0	1.4	\$474,600	\$53,480	\$421,120	
Wage Earner	100%	0%	Clatsop (100%)	n/a	0	122	6.6	0.1	6.7	\$2,851,750	\$44,400	\$2,807,350	
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>\$8,453,300</b>	<b>\$395,870</b>	<b>\$8,057,430</b>

**PRIMARY HARVEST OPERATIONS - FOREST RESOURCE SUMMARY**

District: Astoria

Fiscal Year 2021

Date: 06/22/2020

This table lists Forest Resources and other issues addressed within Pre-Operations Report due to their presence within or near harvest operations

Primary Harvest Operations	Unit (Optional)	Forest Health Issues <sup>1</sup>	Invasive Species	LYR/OFS Structures <sup>2</sup>	Landscape Design LYR/OFS <sup>3</sup>	Install/Replace Culverts on Fish Bearing / Perennial Streams	Harvesting within 100' of Fish Bearing Stream	Domestic Water Source	Potential Stream Habitat Improvement <sup>4</sup>	Within Aquatic Anchor	Within Terrestrial Anchor	Operating within a NSO Provincial Circle (BA Required)	Operating within a MMMA (BA Required)	Murrelet Timber Sale Screening Process Required (MM Policy 2.27)	T&E Fish Adjacent to Harvest Unit / Haul Route <sup>5</sup>	T&E Plants	Geotechnical Issues Needing Field Review	Recreation Sites	Cultural Resources	Scenic Resources	Other Resources or Issues
Bam Bam		-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	
Double North		-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	
East Summit Combo		X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	Area 1 is focused visual. Trail and spring in vicin to sale. Soapstone trailhead near haulroute.
Hamlet 8		X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	Domestic Water NE of Unit 4. Trail and potential structure near vicin of sale.
Plympton East		X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	The PC unit has a DFC of LYR
Popeye		X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	There is 1 acre of existing LYR on an interior stand
Rocky		-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	
Saba Jabi		-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	
Sage Grass		-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Splinter Cell		-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	ORBIC indicated habitat for Cope Giant Salamader. No restrictions are required. Cell tower located in sale area. Need to contact verizon. < 1 acre of Unit 1 has a DFC of LYR. Anticipated this will be in posted buffer
Suess Split		-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	PC unit has a DFC of OFS.
Threes Company		-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup> A 'x' (in any column) indicates yes the resource or other issue occurs within or near the harvest operation and is addressed by the Pre-Operations Report

<sup>2</sup> A 'x' indicates the harvest operation contains stands that are currently in a Layered or Older Forest Stand Structure

<sup>3</sup> A 'x' indicates that the operation contains areas that have been designated for the development of complex forest stands (LYR/OFS)

<sup>4</sup> The final decision on these projects will occur during sale preparation and inconultation with ODFW.

<sup>5</sup> This table lists harvest operations (units or log haul routes) that are adjacent to streams that are known to contain T&E fish. The Pre-Operation Report identifies whether T&E fish are present in the basin.

## ALTERNATE HARVEST OPERATIONS - FOREST RESOURCE SUMMARY

This table lists Forest Resources and other issues addressed within Pre-Operations Report due to their presence within or near harvest operations

Alternate Harvest Operations	Unit (Optional)	Forest Health Issues <sup>1</sup>	Invasive Species	LYR/OFS Structures <sup>2</sup>	Landcape Design LYR/OFS <sup>3</sup>	Install/Replace Culverts on Fish Bearing / Perennial Streams	Harvesting within 100' of Fish Bearing Stream	Domestic Water Source	Potential Stream Habitat Improvement <sup>4</sup>	Within Aquatic Anchor	Within Terrestrial/Anchor	Operating within a NSO Provincial Circle	Operating within a MMMA (BA Required)	Murrelet Timber Sale Screening Process Required (MM Policy 2.27)	T&E Fish Adjacent to Harvest Unit / Haul Route <sup>5</sup>	T&E Plants	Geotechnical Issues Needing Field Review	Recreation Sites	Cultural Resources	Scenic Resources	Other Resources or Issues
Green Saddle		X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	Coordination with PVT adjacent landowner
Hard Target		-	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	A minor mod is beng persued to snap DFC to stream
Summit Shake		-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	
Toolbox Thinning		-	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	1 acre of existing LYR has a DFC of OFS.
Wage Earner		-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup> A 'x' (in any column) indicates yes the resource or other issue occurs within or near the harvest operation and is addressed by the Pre-Operations Report

<sup>2</sup> A 'x' indicates the harvest operation contains stands that are currently in a Layered or Older Forest Stand Structure

<sup>3</sup> A 'x' indicate that the operation contains areas that have been designated for the development of complex forest stands (LYR/OFS)

<sup>4</sup> The final decision on these projects will occur during sale preparation and inconsultation with ODFW.

<sup>5</sup> This table lists harvest operations (units or log haul routes) that are adjacent to streams that are known to contain T&E fish. The Pre-Operation Report identifies whether T&E fish are present in the basin.

**TABLE A3: FOREST ROADS SUMMARY**

District: Astoria

Fiscal Year: 2021

Date: 06/22/2020

Primary Operations	Construction		Improvement		Other Projects	Total Project Costs	Gross Value of Operation	Total Cost as a percent of Gross Value	Comments
	Miles	Cost	Miles	Cost					
Bam Bam	0.0	\$0	7.4	\$102,200	\$0	\$102,200	\$1,634,000	6.3%	
Double North	0.1	\$5,900	10.1	\$228,500	\$156,000	\$390,400	\$2,878,590	13.6%	
East Summit Combo	1.7	\$113,455	7.7	\$141,241	\$31,405	\$286,101	\$1,145,300	25.0%	
Hamlet 8	1.5	\$91,508	6.8	\$92,062	\$79,834	\$263,404	\$653,450	40.3%	crushing w/FY20 Sassy Sally
Plympton East	0.2	\$11,800	1.1	\$23,900	\$0	\$35,700	\$375,360	9.5%	FY20 Wookie sale doing projs.
Popeye	1.5	\$88,500	4.2	\$97,800	\$120,000	\$306,300	\$2,939,300	10.4%	
Rocky	0.6	\$35,400	4.7	\$91,100	\$193,500	\$320,000	\$1,182,520	27.1%	
Saba Jabi	0.4	\$23,600	5.3	\$73,700	\$120,000	\$217,300	\$4,005,540	5.4%	
Sage Grass	0.4	\$23,600	1.20	\$15,600	\$0	\$39,200	\$2,052,390	1.9%	
Splinter Cell	0.0	\$0	3.5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,697,240	1.4%	Work Order Contract
Suess Split	0.1	\$5,900	0.3	\$3,900	\$0	\$9,800	\$201,600	4.9%	Road Crew
Threes Company	0.3	\$7,800	5.0	\$83,000	\$690	\$91,490	\$2,336,620	3.9%	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>\$407,463</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>\$953,003</b>	<b>\$701,429</b>	<b>\$2,061,895</b>	<b>\$22,101,910</b>		
<b>Sub-total WOC (see below)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>\$38,004</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$278,004</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>\$407,463</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>\$991,007</b>	<b>\$941,429</b>	<b>\$2,339,899</b>	<b>\$22,101,910</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	

**Alternate Operations**

Green Saddle	0.0	\$0	6.3	\$81,900	\$0	\$81,900	\$2,420,600	3.4%	
Hard Target	0.40	\$23,600	1.70	\$22,100	\$0	\$45,700	\$1,294,800	3.5%	
Summit Shake	0.10	\$6,490	4.30	\$79,900	\$84,000	\$170,390	\$1,411,550	12.1%	
Toolbox Thinning	0.6	\$15,600	1.7	\$36,500	\$1,380	\$53,480	\$474,600	11.3%	
Wage Earner	0.40	\$23,600	1.60	\$20,800	\$0	\$44,400	\$2,851,750	1.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.90</b>	<b>\$69,290</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<b>\$241,200</b>	<b>\$85,380</b>	<b>\$395,870</b>	<b>\$8,453,300</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	

<b>Road Projects Not Associated with Harvest Operations in this AOP:</b>	Roadside Veg Mgt & Rd Maint	<b>\$240,000</b>
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**Road Projects to be Completed as a Work Order Contract**

Operation	Construction		Improvement		Other Projects	Total Project Costs	Funding Source	Comments
	Miles	Cost	Miles	Cost				
Splinter Cell Projects	0.0	\$0	3.5	\$38,004	\$0	\$38,004		
Roadside Veg Mgt & Rd Maint	0.0	\$0	0.0	\$0	\$240,000	\$240,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>\$38,004</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$278,004</b>		

## REFORESTATION AND YOUNG STAND MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

District: Astoria

Fiscal Year: 2021

Date: 01/09/2020

Projects Conducted by ODF Staff or Contractors	Board of Forestry			Common School Forest Lands			District	
	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	BOF Cost	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	CSL Cost	Total Acres	Total Cost
Seedling / Nursery Costs	1,941	\$227.00	\$440,607.00			\$0.00	1,941	\$440,607.00
Initial Planting	1,741	\$117.00	\$203,697.00			\$0.00	1,741	\$203,697.00
Interplanting	200	\$100.00	\$20,000.00			\$0.00	200	\$20,000.00
Underplanting	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tree Protection - Barriers	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tree Protection - Direct Control	1,800	\$80.00	\$144,000.00			\$0.00	1,800	\$144,000.00
Site Prep - Chemical - Aerial	1,558	\$70.00	\$109,060.00			\$0.00	1,558	\$109,060.00
Site Prep - Chemical - Hand	183	\$120.00	\$21,960.00			\$0.00	183	\$21,960.00
Site Prep - Broadcast Burning	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Site Prep - Piling Burning*	1,800	\$10.00	\$18,000.00			\$0.00	1,800	\$18,000.00
Site Prep - Mechanical	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Release - Chemical - Aerial	600	\$65.00	\$39,000.00			\$0.00	600	\$39,000.00
Release - Chemical - Hand	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Release - Mechanical - Hand	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Precommercial Thinning	1,200	\$137.00	\$164,400.00			\$0.00	1,200	\$164,400.00
Pruning	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Invasive Species	49	\$150.00	\$7,350.00	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	50	\$7,500.00
Road Side Spraying	294	\$154.00	\$45,276.00	6	\$154.00	\$924.00	300	\$46,200.00
Stocking Surveys*	3,000	\$1.00	\$3,000.00			\$0.00	3,000	\$3,000.00
Other			\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,366</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$1,216,350.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$1,074.00</b>	<b>14,373</b>	<b>\$1,217,424.00</b>

\* Work to be completed by ODF staff; cost are for materials only

Projects Conducted by South Fork Crews	Board of Forestry			Common School Forest Lands			District	
	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	BOF Cost	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	CSL Cost	Total Acres	Total Cost
Initial Planting	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Interplanting	20	\$150.00	\$3,000.00			\$0.00	20	\$3,000.00
Underplanting	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tree Protection - Barriers	650	\$62.00	\$40,300.00			\$0.00	650	\$40,300.00
Tree Protection - Direct Control	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Site Prep. - Chemical Aerial	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Site Prep - Chemical - Hand	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Site Prep - Broadcast Burning	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Site Prep - Piling Burning	150	\$20.00	\$3,000.00			\$0.00	150	\$3,000.00
Site Prep - Mechanical	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Release - Chemical - Hand	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Release - Mechanical - Hand	400	\$100.00	\$40,000.00			\$0.00	400	\$40,000.00
Precommercial Thinning	50	\$150.00	\$7,500.00			\$0.00	50	\$7,500.00
Pruning	0	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Invasive Species	100	\$85.00	\$8,500.00			\$0.00	100	\$8,500.00
Other			\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$102,300.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>\$102,300.00</b>

Grant Funded Activities	Board of Forestry			Common School Forest Lands			District		Funding
Project	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	Cost	Acres Planned	Average Cost*/Acre	Cost	Total Acres	Total Cost	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	0	\$0.00	

## RECREATION SITE MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

**District:** Astoria

**Fiscal Year:** 2021

**Date :** 01/13/2020

Project	Construction Cost (Funding)		Improvement Cost (Funding)		Operations/Maint. (Funding)		Total Costs	Comments
	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)		
<b>Campgrounds</b>								
Henry Rierson Spruce Run			\$ 1,500		\$19,000		\$20,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance** CXT Restroom Door (1500)
Northrup Creek Horse Camp					\$10,000		\$10,000	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
Gnat Creek Campground					\$3,500		\$3,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
Beaver Eddy					\$2,500		\$2,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
Viewpoint Campground						\$2,500	\$2,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
<b>Designated Dispersed Campsites</b>								
Misc. Improvements					\$3,000		\$3,000	
Lower Nehalem							\$0	
*Kerry Road							\$0	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
*Plympton Ridge Road							\$0	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
North Fork Nehalem							\$0	
<b>Day Use Areas</b>								
Lost Lake					\$3,500		\$3,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
*Shingle Mill OHV Staging Area						\$2,500	\$2,500	Sewer & Sanitary Service/Maintenance**
<b>Trailheads</b>								
Bloom Lake					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
Soapstone					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
Northrup Equestrian & Big Tree					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
Spruce Run Creek					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
Shingle Mill OHV					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
Hunt Creek OHV					\$400		\$400	Maintenance**
<b>Interpretive Sites</b>								
Demonstration Forest					\$3,000		\$3,000	Interpretive Signs**

Project	Construction Cost (Funding)		Improvement Cost (Funding)		Operations/Maint. (Funding)		Total Costs	Comments
	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)		
<b>Other Operations</b>								
Law Enforcement					\$30,000		\$30,000	Clatsop County Sheriff's Contract
Clatsop Recreation Brochures					\$5,000		\$5,000	Update/Printing of CSF Rec. Brochures
Dumpsites Cleanup					\$5,000		\$5,000	Annual & Misc. Forest Cleanup**
Special Projects					\$5,000		\$5,000	Sign Repairs & Maintenance**
Misc. Maintenance Supplies & Repairs					\$5,000		\$5,000	Misc. Supplies/CG Envelopes/Etc.
							\$0	
					District Total		\$98,400	
					Other Total		\$5,000	
					<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$103,400</b>	

\*A portion of the motorized recreation costs are funded through OPRD transfer funds.

\*\* All Maintenance Work to be performed by South Fork and ODF Staff

**RECREATION TRAIL MANAGEMENT SUMMARY**

District: Astoria

Fiscal Year: 2021

Date : 01/13/2020

Project	Construction Projects			Improvement Projects			Operations & Maintenance Projects			Total Costs	Comments
	Miles	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	Miles	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)	Miles	ODF (\$)	Other (\$)		
<b>Non-Motorized</b>											
Gnat Creek Trail							4.0			\$0	Maint. to be conducted by South Fork
Bloom Lake Trail							2.0			\$0	Maint. to be conducted by South Fork
Soapstone Trail Bridge Replacement and Trail Maintenance					\$12,000		2.0			\$12,000	Bridge construction and trail maint. to be conducted by South Fork
Demonstration Forest Trail							1.0			\$0	Maint. to be conducted by South Fork
Spruce Run Creek Trail							3.0			\$0	Maint. to be conducted by South Fork
Northrup Equestrial Trails							8.0			\$0	Maint. to be conducted by South Fork
<b>Motorized</b>											
McNary Loop Trail Bridge replacement*					\$ 24,000					\$24,000	Replacing 2 bridges. OHV Trail Crew Project
Replacement parts									\$4,000	\$4,000	ATVs and side by side parts and tires
Nicolai Mtn. OHV Area*							30.0		\$5,000	\$5,000	Equip. rental and other S/S.
									District Total	\$12,000	
									Other Total	\$33,000	
									<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	

\*A portion of the motorized recreation costs are funded through OPRD transfer funds.

**RECREATION GRANT MANAGEMENT SUMMARY**

**District:** Astoria

**Fiscal Year:** 2021

**Date :** 09/05/2019

Grant	Status	Award Date (actual or anticipated)	Recreation Leadership Approval	Goals/Purpose	Funding		Project Total	Comments
					Grant (\$)	Match (\$)		
None planned					\$0	\$0	\$0	
							\$0	
					Grants Total		\$0	
					Match Total		\$0	
					<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	

# Appendix B

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## Vicinity Maps

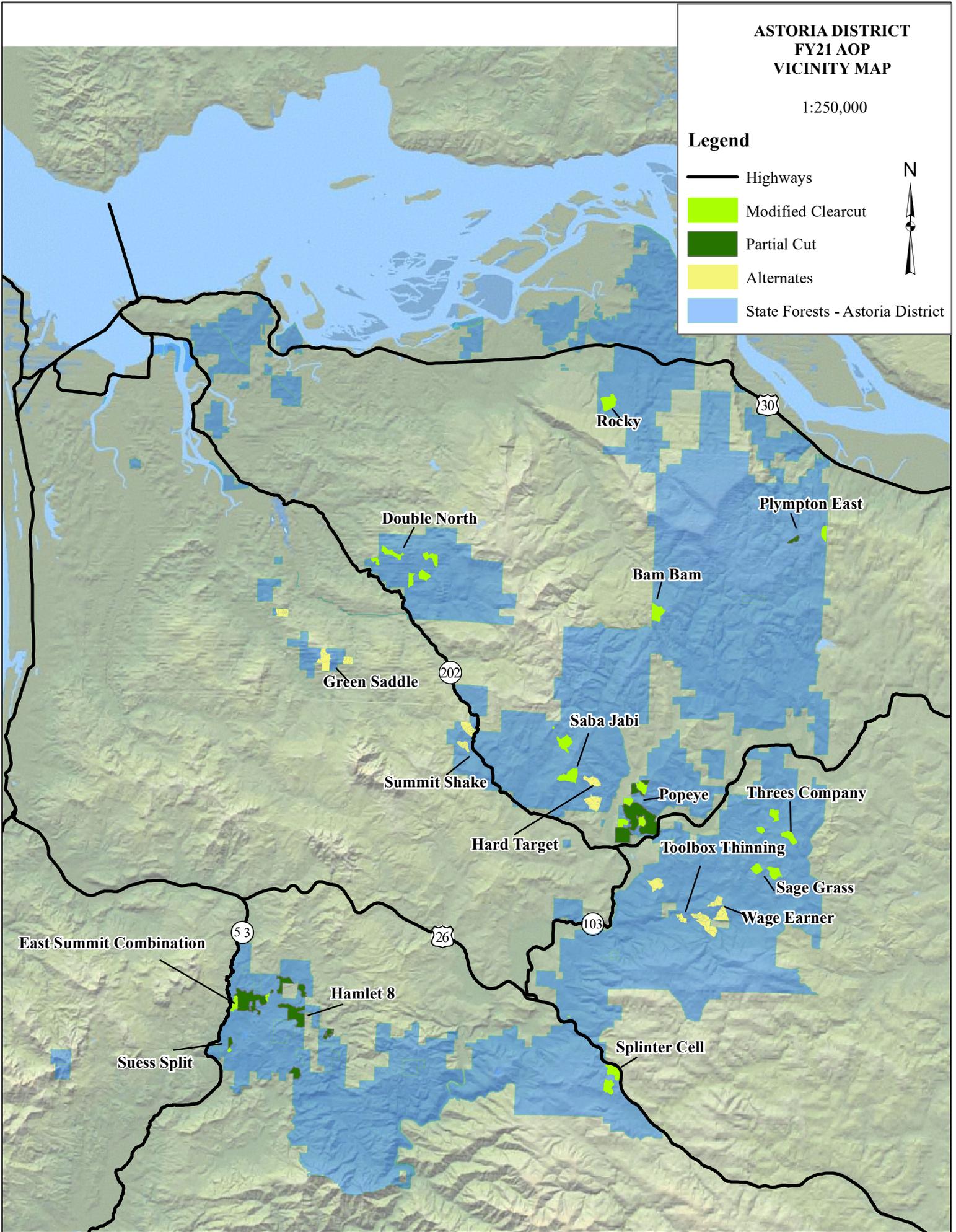
- **Harvest Operations Vicinity Map**

**ASTORIA DISTRICT  
FY21 AOP  
VICINITY MAP**

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**Legend**

-  Highways
-  Modified Clearcut
-  Partial Cut
-  Alternates
-  State Forests - Astoria District



# Appendix C

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## **Consultations with Other State Agencies**

### **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW):**

ODFW biologists attended a FY21 AOP review meeting for resource specialists, and were provided the Summary and Pre-Operations Reports for review. Written comments that were received were sale specific for potential stream enhancement projects. The ODF Aquatic and Riparian Specialist and ODFW District Fish Biologists will perform field evaluations to make sure that the streams will benefit from the proposed projects.

### **Sales identified with potential for Stream Enhancement by ODFW:**

- Suess Split
- Rocky
- Double North
- Sage Grass
- Hard Target (Alternate)

### **Oregon Department of Transportation – Archaeologists:**

Archaeologists from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have reviewed the proposed timber harvests, road construction and recreation projects for potential impacts to cultural resources. No known historical or archaeological sites were found during this review. However, ODOT's review of historic maps and other information indicates there was human activity near some of our planned operations that could have led to the presence of cultural artifacts today.

The following areas (listed by historic activity) will be reviewed on the ground to determine if cultural artifacts are present:

- Trail: Green Saddle
- Trail: Saba Jabi
- Trail: Splinter Cell
- Trail: Plympton East
- Trail: Proposed Recreation Trails (ST5, ST8, ST10-12, and ST16-17)
- County Road: Summit Shake (may be in approx.. location of OR202)
- Cabin & Trail: Summit Shake

# Appendix D

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS FOR THE FY21 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN**

The Oregon Department of Forestry issued a Press Release in March 2020, announcing a formal public comment period for the FY21 Annual Operations Plans from March 23 through May 6, 2020. The purpose of the Public Comment Period is to provide an opportunity for the public to review the AOP, ask questions, make recommendations and offer comments. As a public agency, ODF strives to operate in the best interest of Oregonians. We provide opportunities for public participation to assist us in securing the greatest permanent value from state forests for all Oregonians.

### **The following changes have been made to the Astoria FY21 AOP since the Public Comment period:**

- During the public comment period for this AOP, the District completed field work on the FY20 operations and found the prepared volume to exceed the planned volume target. As a result, two FY20 primary operations, East Summit Combination and Hamlet 8, were moved into the FY21 AOP and will be first quarter sales. Additionally the volume target for FY21 was adjusted down to account for additional volume realized in FY20.
- New AOP reports were generated for East Summit Combination and Hamlet 8.
- The Walk & Crawl, Blue Bucket, and Unit 3 of Summit Shake were removed from the FY21 AOP.
- The Green Saddle and Toolbox timber sales were moved from Primary sales to Alternate sales.
- The Sage Grass timber sale was moved from an Alternate to Primary sale.
- Minor edit to the Sage Grass timber sale to make X. Other Resources Section match Table 4.
- Minor acreage changes were made to the Toolbox sale to account for changes in T&E surveys.
- Minor acreage changes were made to the Popeye sale to account for geotechnical buffers
- The Summary Document, Summary Tables, and maps were changed to reflect the above-mentioned timber sale edits.
- Edits were made in the Summary Document and to Summary Tables to account for planned recreational infrastructure repairs.

Public comments and the responses are available upon request.

# Appendix E

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## Pre-Operations Report

Pre-Operations Reports are available online through a Web Application at the following link:

<https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ae569c1ff445457eb8fe1b556699bce8>

Just zoom to the District you are interested and click on any sale. A pop-up box should show up with a link to the Pre Op Report for the sale.

# APPENDIX F

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## Forest Land Management Classification System (FLMCS) Modification Notification

No modifications are proposed with the FY21 AOP.

# Appendix G

## Landscape Design – Astoria District Implementation Plan Minor Modification Notice

As described in the Astoria District IP, the district has mapped a Landscape Design that designates 30% of the district acres in a future complex condition, either Layered (LYR) or Older Forest Structure (OFS). The term General management (GEN) or non-complex will be used to describe the desired future condition (DFC) of stands that are not planned for OFS or LYR in the Astoria District’s landscape design. The DFC landscape design for the Astoria district was done using a “broad brush” method incorporating a variety of landscape design principles and strategies. The original Landscape Design mapping process used stand types instead of geographical breaks to define the future complex stand boundaries with the intent that the boundaries could be fine-tuned during the planning process. Actual boundaries between complex and general DFC’s are determined on the ground during the sale planning and preparation process. Minor changes in the DFC landscape design may occur on an annual basis due to a variety of reasons. These reasons may include; refinement of the DFC boundary on the ground, forest health issues, and fitting a stand to a more appropriate or realistic pathway based on additional data collected through Stand Level Inventory (SLI) and field observations during the AOP planning process. Changes of up to 240 acres annually are considered minor changes and can be approved by the District Forest concurrent with the Annual Operation Planning process.

The district is proposing to change 7 acres that have a current DFC of Layered to non-complex or “general”. The 7-acre patch is being removed to create an operational timber sale boundary for the Hard Target Sale that will coincide with a stream. There is a small <1 acre piece of Layered that is associated with the Wage Earner sale where the DFC overlapped the existing road. The DFC Layered polygon will be snapped to the road. Both areas were reviewed by various ODF resource specialists. (See map below.)

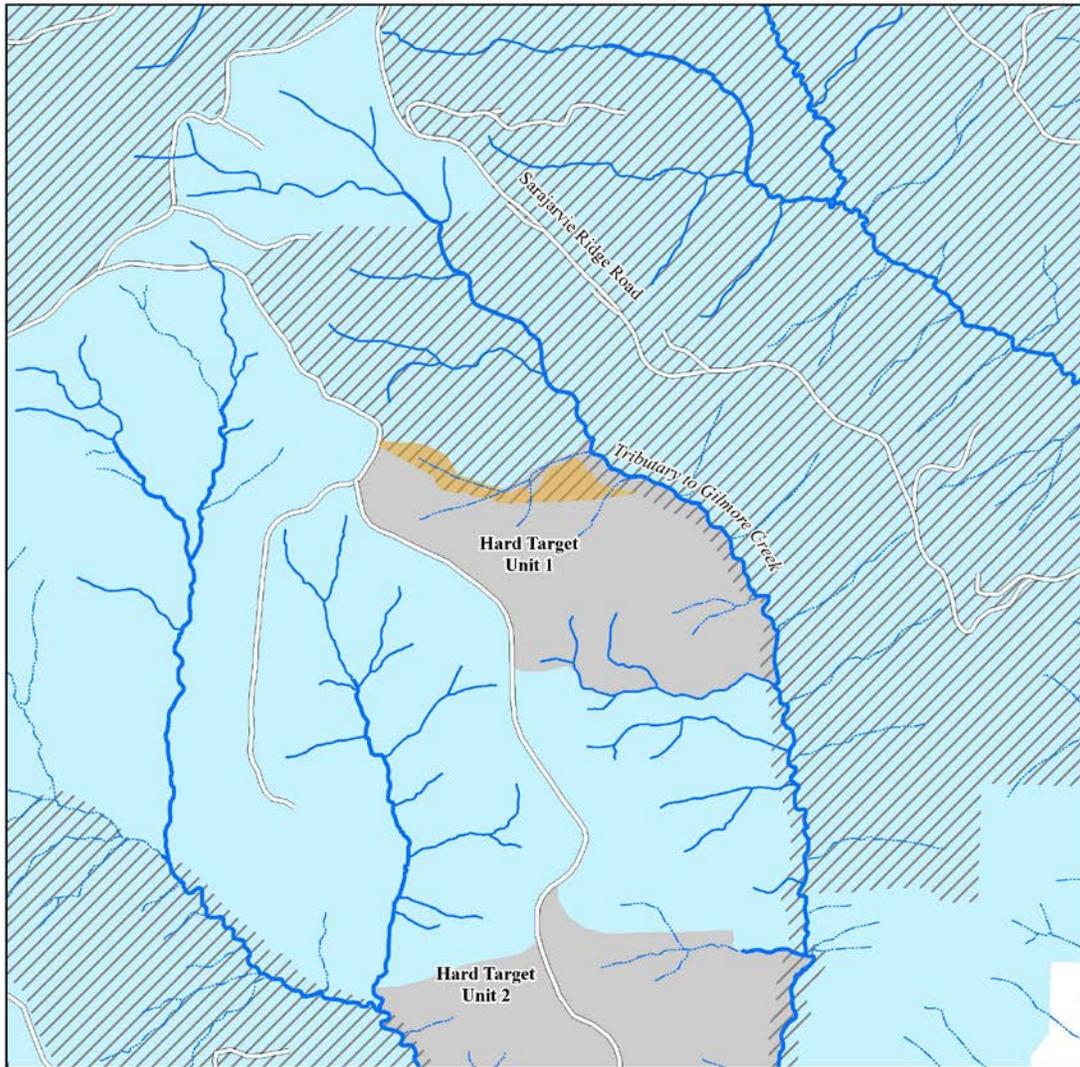
The designation of DFC complex on the Astoria District remains at 30.7%.

Summary of Minor Landscape Design Modification			
Acres Removed		Acres Added	
Desired Future Condition	Acres	Desired Future Condition	Acres
LYR	7	0	0
OFS	0	0	0
Total Acres Removed	7	Total Acres Added	0

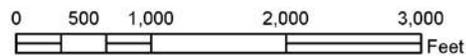
# Astoria District

Map 1 of 2

## Landscape Design - Desired Future Condition Revision



- Existing Road
- Type F Stream
- Type N Stream
- Unknown Stream
- Change From DFC Complex to Non-Complex
- DFC Complex
- Timber Sale
- State Forest Land



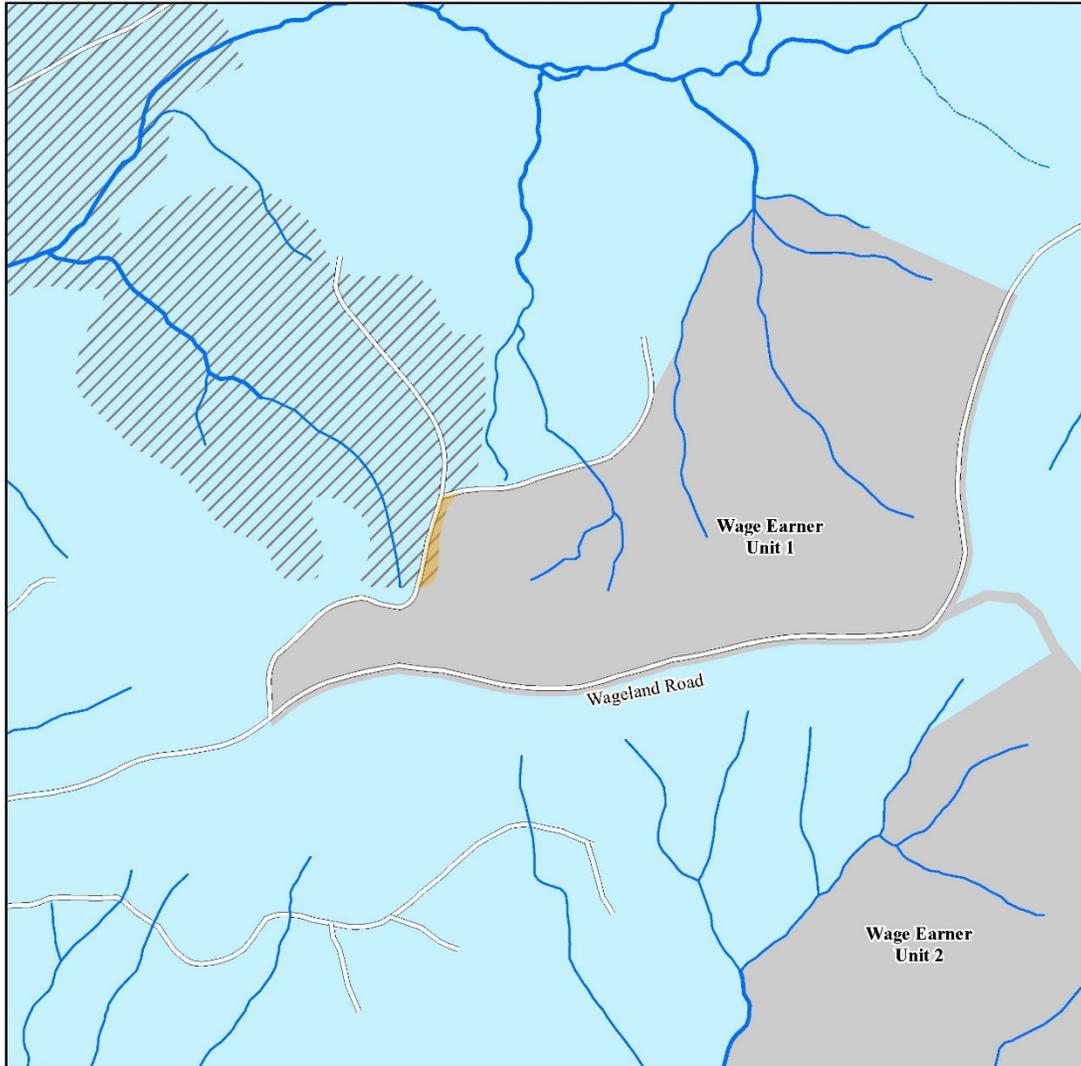
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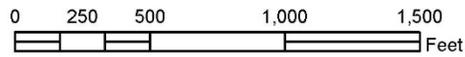
# Astoria District

Map 2 of 2

## Landscape Design - Desired Future Condition Revision



- Existing Road
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