

# TILLAMOOK DISTRICT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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

## **Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association**

Astoria, Forest Grove and Tillamook Districts work together to maintain an effective fire prevention and suppression system in Northwest Oregon. The association has a Board who are, or represent, forest landowners in the protection district. The objective is the achievement of effective communication with other organizations and agencies, in order to ensure wise policy decisions affecting forest protection and fire suppression.

### **2024 Officers:**

- ◇ President: Kathryn VanNatta, Roman V Ranch
- ◇ Vice President: Rodney Jacobs, Stimson Lumber Products
- ◇ Secretary/Treasurer: Rebecca Windle, Giustina Land & Timber

## ***Protection from Fire***

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

The Protection Unit responded to 7 fires during the season totaling 1.31 acres. In total, we spent \$7,548.75 on suppression of the fires. Most the acreage, and cost, was from 2 fires located on BLM land. Deerhorn Fire was .1 acres and cost \$1,136.25 and the Fan Creek Fire, which burned .71 acres and cost \$4,160 to suppress.

Over the season, 22 District employees responded to 18 off-district fires totaling 713 personnel days and over 8,556 hours worked. 9 Protection Unit Employees provided 295 days and 4,456 hours of that total on 14 fires, as well as 1 out-of-State assignment to Texas.



## **Tillamook District Fire Season 2024**

**Began:** July 1

**Regulated Use:** June 29

**Ended:** October 16

**Total Fire Calls:** 29

**Stat Fires:** 7    **Non-stat Fires:** 1

**Non-fire crew actions:** 21

**Acres Burned:** 1.31

**Costs in Thousands:** < \$7,548.75

### **Fire Causes**

Debris: 0

Equipment: 0

Lightning: 3

Recreation: 3

Miscellaneous: 1

### **Smoke Management Units**

Slash Units: 73

Acres: 3,772

Tons: 26,707

### **Out of District Assignments**

**Protection Staff:** 9

Personnel Days: 295

Personnel Hours: 4,456\*

**State Forest Staff:** 22

Personnel Days: 713

Personnel Hours: 8,556\*

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

As I look back at 2024, the first thing that comes to mind is the monumental effort put forth by our dedicated employees who dropped everything at a moment's notice to protect Oregonians as wildfire raged on. To further highlight this dedication most employees averaged 30 -40 days out on assignment with two employees being out for a total of 55 days! Having a challenging fire season undoubtedly causes a domino effect on the work that needs to be done in the multiple programs and services offered by the department. I want to express my thanks for all the core business that is accomplished by the state forests and forest resources divisions here in the district while supporting the complete and coordinated system. The administration unit ensured the lights were still on and worked nonstop on virtual time-keeping, payment team audits, and vendor payments. Everyone on the district stepped up to help in one way or another. We have a great group of folks here in Tillamook.

~Ed Wallmark—Acting District Forester



## Forest Resources

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



## 2024 Private Forest Statistics

**199** New Notification of Operations

**231** Forest Practice Inspections

**1** Unsatisfactory Condition

**15** Industrial Fire Inspections

**7** Complaints Investigated

**0** FPA Violations



# State Forest Management

## ANNUAL YEAR 2024

### Product Sales

- ◇ **Advertised Timber Sales: 10**
- ◇ **51,900 MBF estimated volume**
- ◇ **\$13,005,664 total estimated revenue for Tillamook District**
- ◇ **Misc. Forest Product permits: 42**
- ◇ **Commercial Firewood permits: 1**
- ◇ **Wood Cutting permits: 350**

### Reforestation Statistics

- ◇ **Initial tree planting: 1,350 acres**
- ◇ **Interplanting: 509 acres**
- ◇ **PCT: 0 acres**
- ◇ **Ground Site Prep: 149 acres**
- ◇ **Aerial Site Prep: 1,218 acres**
- ◇ **Tree Protection: 1,232 acres; 1,750 seedlings**
- ◇ **Surveys: 2,173 acres**
- ◇ **Trees Planted: 715,941 seedlings**

### Roads Accomplishments

- ◇ **Roads maintained: 250 miles**
- ◇ **Roads improved: 70 miles**
- ◇ **Roads constructed: 6.4 miles**
- ◇ **Roads vacated: 1.3 miles**
- ◇ **Roadside Brush Control: 40 miles**
- ◇ **Bridges Installed: 1**

## State Forest Management

The District manages 250,511 acres of state forest land which includes a full range of social, environmental and economic benefits including; sustainable and predictable forest products, properly functioning aquatic habitats, native wildlife habitat and recreation. The District accomplishes these goals through an organization of functional units: Marketing, Reforestation, and Forest Roads.

State Forest operations continued for reforestation and young stand management with site prep, planting, and large precommercial thinning contracts. The Forest Roads Unit worked with contractors to reconnect Cook Creek Road restoring full access for public recreation, forest management, and fire protection. The Marketing Unit posted and administered timber sale contracts while implementing the new stream flow line survey protocol for the 2025 and 2026 AOPs.



## RETIREMENTS

**Gary Baker**  
**37 years**

## SERVICE AWARDS

**20 years**  
**Mark Main**  
**Nick Stumpf**  
**Josh White**

**5 years**  
**Garrett Armstrong**  
**Jaime Christensen**  
**Jason Scott**







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