

Common School Forest Land Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2021





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Executive Summary

DATE: February 8, 2021

TO: Governor Kate Brown

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan State Treasurer Tobias Read

FROM: Cal Mukumoto, Oregon State Forester

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report for Common School Forest Land

During fiscal year 2021 the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) managed 33,005 acres of Common School Forest Land (CSFL). As trustee of the CSFL, the State Land Board (SLB) oversees management to provide Oregonians the greatest benefit, consistent with resource conservation and sound land management strategies. Within this context, these lands are managed to maximize revenue to the state's Common School Fund (CSF) through an agreement among ODF, the SLB and the Department of State Lands (DSL). The DSL 2012 Real Estate Asset Management Plan states that these lands are "managed primarily to produce merchantable timber on a sustainable basis in accordance with plans adopted by the Land Board in cooperation with the Board of Forestry." Net revenues generated from CSFL are dedicated to the CSF.

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

Fiscal Year 2021 Harvest and Revenue

In 2021, net operating income remained consistent with 2020 at \$1.1 million. ODF continues stewardship of 33,005 acres of CSFL through active management, supervising and administering timber operations, monitoring environmental successes and sustaining critical wildlife habitat areas.

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

- 1. CSFL Harvest Volume:
 - a. 4.24 MMBF
 - b. 24 percent decrease from FY 2020
- 2. Revenue Transfers to CSF:
 - a. \$2.57 million
 - b. 1 percent decrease from FY 2020

- 3. Net Operating Income (NOI): NOI is the total revenue received by ODF minus management costs. It is influenced by the same factors that affect volume and value, as well as management expenses.
 - a. \$1,119,587
 - b. 1.5 percent increase from FY 2020
- 4. CSFL Management costs:
 - a. \$1.45 million
 - b. 3 percent decrease from FY 2020
- 5. CSFL sales sold in FY 2021 (not yet harvested)
 - a. 4.1 MMBF
 - b. Approximately \$1.7 million in timber sale value (prior to CSFL management costs)

Other Forest Management Activities

Reforestation and young stand management are integral to ensuring a sustainable flow of wood and future habitat development. On CSFL in FY 2021, 124 acres were reforested and 757 acres received young-stand management treatment, improving overall forest health and future growth.

This annual report summarizes CSFL management activities from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Financial and Asset Management

Overview

This report primarily focuses on FY 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). However, forest management often requires evaluating trends in revenue and costs for previous biennia (e.g., sales approved in one year's operating plan may be harvested over one to three subsequent years). Revenue transferred to the CSF from management of CSFL has varied over the past 10 years from \$1.9 million to \$11 million annually. This time period includes fiscal years prior to July 1, 2017, when ODF managed the Elliott State Forest.

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

Net Operating Income (NOI)

NOI for CSFL for FY 2021 was \$1,119,587. NOI was calculated for FY18 and FY19 by subtracting costs from total revenue invoiced. FY17, FY20 and FY21 was calculated by subtracting costs from total revenue transferred to DSL. NOI ranged from \$395,017 to \$1.1 million for CSFL in the past 5 years (Table 1).

Table 1: Net Operating Income						
FY2021	\$1,119,587					
FY2020	\$1,103,223					
FY2019	\$952,534					
FY2018	\$816,371					
FY2017	\$395,017					
5 Year Average	\$877,346					

Annual Revenue

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

Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue and Investment Costs

During FY 2021, \$2.57 million in revenue was transferred to DSL (Table 2). Total charges for managing the CSFL totaled \$1.45 million during FY 2021 (Table 2). These expenditures include State Forests Division personnel in Salem, three regional areas, and seven districts. The units are responsible for timber sale contract development and compliance, reforestation and intensive management activities, Endangered Species Act compliance, research and monitoring, forest planning and public engagement, and overall program administration.

Other charges to the CSF, referred to as "Net Revenue Transfers," totaled \$416,313 in FY 2021 (Table 3). This is approximately 29 percent of total overall costs. Revenue transfers include a

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

Revenue transfers include a portion of overall agency administration prorate which totaled \$408,815. It is ODF's goal to ensure that allocation of agency administrative costs accurately reflects work performed by administrative and managerial staff, and that each program pays their appropriate share of administrative costs.

J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard costs for FY 2021 were \$5,950. These funds were used to produce genetically improved seed (superior growth, wood quality, and disease tolerant characteristics as identified through traditional breeding and selection methods) appropriate for reforesting state forestlands.

The fire protection cost for 33,005 acres of ODF managed CSFL was approximately \$105,850.

CSFL Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2021

Table 2: CSFL Revenues and Expenditures								
	Expendit	ures and Transfe	ers					
Category	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21			
T & E Surveys	\$255,732	\$84,315	\$86,288	\$108,828	\$95,611			
Salem Program	\$503,060	\$205,326	\$183,254	\$297,652	\$423,562			
Total Salem Expenditures	\$758,793	\$289,641	\$269,542	\$406,480	\$519,173			
Total District Expenditures	\$1,612,930	\$583,272	\$653,170	\$690,803	\$513,752			
Administrative Transfers	\$733,924	\$448,370	\$444,470	\$398,296	\$416,313			
Total Expenditures + Transfers	\$3,105,647	\$1,321,283	\$1,367,182	\$1,495,579	\$1,449,238			
	District Expend	litures Prorated	by Acres					
District	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21			
Tillamook	\$128,778	\$182,519	\$184,428.21	\$204,029.19	\$231,463.05			
Astoria	\$65,667	\$85,919	\$109,456.59	\$96,495.74	\$92,876.78			
Forest Grove	\$20,358	\$24,237	\$37,185.61	\$29,816.57	\$32,279.94			
West Oregon	\$272,127	\$317,171	\$361,443.13	\$460,863.18	\$373,341.41			
North Cascade	\$37,196	\$45,108	\$44,683.30	\$42,793.52	\$58,752.32			
SW Oregon	\$234,398	\$306,241	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Coos	\$2,157,530	\$96,289	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Western Lane ¹	\$70,641	\$55,730	\$429,292.33	\$437,344.44	\$424,068.22			
Klamath-Lake	\$118,953	\$208,069	\$200,692.84	\$224,236.82	\$236,455.94			
Total Expenditures + Transfers	\$3,105,648	\$1,321,283	\$1,367,182	\$1,495,579	\$1,449,238			
	CSI	FL Revenues						
District	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21			
Tillamook	\$13,569	\$14,823	\$127,484	\$87,153	\$54,561			
Astoria	\$137,300	\$307,332	\$482,885	\$919,403	\$2,881			
Forest Grove	\$29,300	\$301,498	\$322,422	\$491,240	\$1,542,376			
West Oregon	\$1,143,029	\$896,188	\$1,254,904	\$131,847	\$737,436			
North Cascade	(\$23,149)	\$5	\$262	\$431	\$2,325			
SW Oregon	\$72,080	\$490,844	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Coos/Elliott	\$2,547,842	\$19,229	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Western Lane ¹	\$0	\$1,100	\$83,850	\$266,161	\$229,749			
Klamath-Lake	\$20,055	\$64,931	\$47,910	\$143,650	(\$503)			
Revenues Transferred to DSL	\$3,496,412	\$2,001,213	\$1,899,423	\$2,598,802	\$2,568,825			

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

Details of FY 2021 Adminstrative Costs

Table 3: Details of FY 2021 Administrative Transfer Costs				
Administrative Revenue Transfers	Amount			
Administrative Prorate Charge	\$408,815			
J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard	\$5,950			
Residual Equity	\$1,548			
Bond Principal	\$0			
Bond Interest	\$0			
ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER COSTS TOTAL	\$416,313			

CSFL Land Historical Timber Harvest Value, Volume and Average Stumpage Prices for Fiscal Years 2012 – 2021

Table 4: Common School Forest Land Historical Timber Harvest Value, Volume and Average Stumpage Price Fiscal Years 2012 through 2021								
Fiscal Year	² Timber Sales Value of Timber Removed	Timber Harvest Volume (MMBF) Removed	Average Sold Sale Stumpage Price/MBF					
2021	\$2,034,439	4.242	\$404					
2020	\$2,597,050	5.590	\$439					
2019	\$2,057,269	4.671	\$170					
2018	\$1,534,693	3.573	\$476					
2017 Elliott State Forest (Coos District)	\$2,691,137	7.758	\$347					
2017 Other CSFL	\$1,152,934	2.765	\$413					
Total 2017	\$3,844,071	10.523	\$413					
2016 Elliott State Forest (Coos District)	\$3,416,945	7.990	\$327					
2016 Other CSFL	\$2,454,497	6.170	\$347					
Total 2016	\$5,871,441	14.160	\$332					
2015 Elliott State Forest (Coos District)	\$3,592,162	8.260	\$436					
2015 Other CSFL	\$2,367,124	6.990	\$356					
Total 2015	\$5,959,286	15.250	\$375					
2014 Elliott State Forest	\$2,524,725	6.960	\$434					
2014 Other CSFL	\$1,503,429	4.000	\$205					
Total 2014	\$4,028,154	10.960	\$411					
2013 Elliott State Forest	\$1,606,932	4.514	\$288					
2013 Other CSFL	\$1,992,098	6.562	\$328					
Total 2013	\$3,599,030	11.076	\$308					
2012	\$12,004,481	32.250	\$313					
Last 5 Year Average	\$2,413,505	7.7	\$381					
10 Year Average	\$4,352,991	11.2	\$364					

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

Forest Land Management

During FY 2021 ODF managed 33,005 acres of CSFL (Table 5). Activities conducted on CSFL managed by ODF include: timber harvest, reforestation and intensive management, and road construction and maintenance.

Timber Management Activities

A total of 13 active sales were harvested in FY 2021, producing 4.2 mmbf with a value of \$2,034,439 (Table 7). In addition, there were 10 sales sold in FY 2021, producing approximately 4.1 mmbf (Table 6).

All planned sales on CSFL in FY 2022 are estimated to produce 7.2 mmbf with a net value of \$3.2 million (Table 8).

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

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

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

Source: ODF, 06/11/21

Note: Report is based on legal acres not GIS acres

Timber Sales Sold During FY 2021

Table 6. Common School Forest Lands Timber Sales Sold in Fiscal Year 2021										
Sale Name	ODF District	CSFL % of Sale	Total Sale Volume (Mbf)	CSFL Volume (Mbf)	CSFL Acres Partial Cut	CSFL Acres Regen.	Total Project Costs	CSFL Project Costs	Net Sale Value (BOF + CSFL)	Net CSFL Value
Hamlet 8	Astoria	0.1%	3,109	2	0	0	\$192,168	\$115	\$738,738	\$443
Gates Hill	North Cascade	100%	799	799	0	37	\$0	\$0	\$369,620	\$369,620
Packsaddle	North Cascade	5%	6,225	333	0	18	\$327,689	\$17,531	\$1,722,611	\$92,160
#2 Niagara Restoration	North Cascade	1%	10,036	59	0	5	\$0	\$0	\$5,820,826	\$34,343
Pike Fire Contingency	Tillamook	47%	197	93	0	6	\$0	\$0	\$92,242	\$43,668
Crystal Clear	West Oregon	25%	1,756	440	0	10	\$44,240	\$11,095	\$797,101	\$199,913
Just in Beaver	West Oregon	34%	1,481	507	0	16	\$57,447	\$19,681	\$701,799	\$240,436
Cline Miller Thin	West Oregon	4%	1,021	37	6	0	\$23,873	\$855	\$210,957	\$7,552
Harlan Hangover	West Oregon	33%	2,652	865	0	20	\$54,672	\$17,839	\$1,458,017	\$475,751
Little Thin on the Prairie	West Oregon	100%	967	967	115	1	\$56,585	\$56,585	\$194,835	\$194,835
		Totals	28,243	4,103	121	113	\$756,674	\$123,703	\$12,106,747	\$1,658,721

All dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Activity Summary for FY 2021

Tab	Table 7. Active Timber Sales on Common School Forest Lands Volume and Value, Fiscal Year 2021								
Sale Name	District	Sale No.	%CSFL	MMBF Harvested	Value CSFL				
Sassy Sally	Astoria	AT-341-2019-W00361-01	0%	0.00	\$36				
Duchess and the Duke	Forest Grove	FG-341-2020-W00544-01	84%	0.11	\$56,818				
#2 Niagara Restoration	North Cascade	NC-341-2021-W00894-01	1%	0.04	\$22,738				
Beaver Nation	Tillamook	TL-341-2020-W00288-01	43%	0.22	\$75,148				
Pike Fire Contingency	Tillamook	TL-343-2021-W00879-01	47%	0.08	\$30,566				
Milk Creek	Western Lane	WL-341-2020-W00577-01	100%	2.37	\$1,283,543				
Powerline Thin	West Oregon	WO-341-2018-W00671-01	30%	0.27	\$103,039				
Thin Women	West Oregon	WO-341-2019-W00667-01	1%	0.01	\$1,660				
Shingle South Thin	West Oregon	WO-341-2019-W00790-01	1%	0.02	\$5,125				
Wolf Junction	West Oregon	WO-341-2020-W00378-01	20%	0.56	\$260,272				
Lost Steere	West Oregon	WO-341-2020-W00777-01	100%	0.02	\$8,230				
Rock Fall	West Oregon	WO-341-2020-W00789-01	42%	0.49	\$178,069				
Cline Miller Thin	West Oregon	WO-341-2021-W00360-01	4%	0.04	\$9,195				
				4.24	\$2,034,439				

Planned Timber Sales for FY 2022

Table 8: Annual Operation Plan Timber Sales Planned On CSFL in FY 2022									
Sale Name	ODF District	CSFL Percent of Sale	Timber Sale Volume (MBF)	CSFL Volume (MBF)	CSFL Acres Regen Cut	CSFL Acres Partial Cut	Total Sale Value	CSFL Project Costs	Net CSFL Value
Bole Bucket	Astoria	44%	4,904	2,155	60	0	\$1,278,576	\$84,648	\$681,288
Wooden Corners	Tillamook	60%	4,463	2,698	162	0	\$1,323,577	\$36,272	\$1,191,067
Long John	West Oregon	33%	4,934	1,617	45	0	\$2,522,813	\$22,154	\$1,002,065
Roger Miller	West Oregon	28%	2,644	749	15	24	\$939,252	\$24,358	\$322,321
		Total	16,945	7,219	253	24	\$6,064,217	\$167,432	\$3,196,741

Reforestation and Intensive Management for FY 2021

Reforestation and Intensive Management for F1 2021							
Table 9: Intensive Mana	gement Activiti	es On CSFL - F	Y 2021				
Management Activity	Acres Planned	Acres Completed	Total Cost				
Initial Planting*	147	124	\$41,571				
Interplanting	5	0	\$0				
Invasive Plant Control	0	0	\$0				
Precommercial Thinning	10	0	\$0				
Pruning	0	0	\$0				
Release-Chemical- Aerial	61	61	\$3,231				
Release-Chemical-Hand	95	0	\$0				
Release-Mechanical-Hand	20	0	\$0				
Site Prep –Mechanical	6	40	\$10,299				
Site Prep -Slash Burning**	67	65	\$894				
Site Prep-Chemical- Aerial	60	37	\$2,059				
Site Prep-Chemical- Hand	10	10	\$922				
Surveys - Invasive Plants	0	0	\$0				
Surveys – Reforestation	100	186	\$0				
Tree Protection-Barriers**	0	1	\$360				
Tree Protection-Direct Control**	104	111	\$5,186				
Underplanting*	122	122	\$4,209				
Total	807	757	\$68,732				

^{*}Planting costs include all costs to grow seedlings.
**Some districts used inmate labor. Inmate crew costs are covered in this table.

Road Management Activities for FY 2021

Table 10: FY 2021 Annual Road Work – CSFL									
District & County	Aggregate/Pa	ved Surface	Dirt Su	rface (miles	Bridge	Fish Pipes			
	Constructed	Improved	Vacated	Constructed	Improved	Installed	Installed		
Tillamook/Tillamook	0.00	0.40	0	0	0.20	0	0	0	
Tillamook/Washington	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
West Oregon/Benton	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
West Oregon/Lincoln	0.24	5.96	0	0.04	0.42	0	0	0	
West Oregon/Polk	0.00	0.86	0	0.18	0.00	0	0	0	
Totals	0.24	7.22	0.0	0.22	0.62	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Links To More Information

Stand Level Inventory

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

Stream and Watershed Restoration

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

Forest Health

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