

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR TOUR

Tour: October 7-8th, 2026



FOREST OPERATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This directive establishes guidelines for the Forest Practices Forest Operator Recognition Program.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. To publicly recognize operators that consistently exceed the Oregon Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
- B. To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act and its accomplishments.

AUTHORITY: ORS 527.630 It is the "...policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes as the leading use on privately owned land, consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources and scenic resources within visually sensitive corridors...."

SCOPE: This directive is to be applied statewide.

STANDARDS:

- A. Levels of Recognition (or categories).
 - 1. Forest Operator of the Year. The Oregon State Board of Forestry will present three "Forest Practices Forest Operator of the Year" awards to operators selected by each of the three regional Forest Practice committees. Selected operators will be individuals/companies that consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 2. Merit Awards. Merit award winners shall be selected from Forest Operator of the Year nominees. Winners must consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 3. Letters of Commendation. Districts should give Letters of Commendation to operators that have shown concern for the environment during an operation, regardless of the degree of operation difficulty or past operator performance.



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- B. Size of Operation to Recognize. Any size operation may be recognized.
- C. Type of Operation to Recognize. Either companies, contractors or individuals may be recognized. Awards are not limited to harvesting operations. Generally, landowners will not be considered for recognition as operators except in cases where the landowner is conducting the operation.
- D. Nomination Screening Criteria. Only operators who meet the following criteria will be considered for Operator of the Year or merit awards.
 - 1. Consistency of the Operator. The operator can be counted upon to consistently do an outstanding job.

"Consistently" is defined as no violations of the Forest Practices Act within the last two years, and recognition by the Forest Practices forester of "exceeding rules" often. "Exceeds" is defined to mean that the operator prevents resource damage, and results go beyond the rules and the minimum required results.
 - 2. Degree of Difficulty. The operator faced a difficult operation. (For example, most operators could do a good job on flat ground with no running streams involved.)
 - 3. Innovation and Extra Effort. The operator used innovations, extra effort or other creative solutions in conducting operations while protecting or enhancing resources.
 - 4. Results. The operator achieved resource protection results on the ground which exceed the intent of the rules, or otherwise enhanced protected resources as described in Board of Forestry policy.
 - 5. Financial Risk. The operator assumed some financial risk in conducting the operation. (Money, time, or equipment, as opposed to the landowner paying the operator for cost plus profit.)



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- E. Weighing Factors. Operators who met all the nomination criteria will be considered for recognized Operator of the Year awards. The operator may have done an excellent job on one operation, but adequate at other times. In such cases, the operator should be considered for a Letter of Commendation or a Merit Award. The operator who consistently does an excellent job of exceeding the Act on several operations (either the same or different types of operations) should be considered for regional Forest Operator of the Year. An operator who does an excellent job on a few operations can still be nominated for regional Forest Operator of the Year, but more weight would go to the operator that does an excellent job on several operations.
- F. Number of Awards.
1. Forest Operator of the Year -- One award each for the Eastern Oregon, Southwest Oregon, and Northwest Oregon Forest Practices Regions.
 2. Merit Awards -- No more than one award per district except when the area director believes circumstances warrant otherwise.
 3. Letters of Commendation -- No limit.

OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

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CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
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STOP #1

WOOD RIVER TIMBER, INC.

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 7th, 2026



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2026 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: *Operator of the Year / Merit Award*

REGION (NW/SW/East): *Eastern Oregon Area*

DISTRICT: *Klamath-Lake District*

NOMINATED BY: *Jason Pettigrew, NRS2, Fire and Fuels Forester*

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Wood River Timber
Company Address: 26261 Highway 140 W, Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Company Phone No. (541) 891-2020
Company Email: WRTimber2011@gmail.com
Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Ray Driscoll
Contact Cell Phone No. (541) 891-2020
Contacts Email: WRTimber2011@gmail.com

Operation Information (*Operation as example of work with RFPC tour*)

Activities: Harvest (X) Site Prep (X) Reforestation () Road Construction (X)
Stand Management (X) Other (X) Post-fire

Dates of Operation:

2014-981-06080	2017-981-00193	2020-981-11528
2014-981-07192	2017-981-02535	2020-981-11887
2014-981-07194	2017-981-05412	2021-981-01181
2014-981-07442	2017-981-07602	2021-981-03210
2014-981-07453	2017-981-12551	2021-981-05785
2014-981-07811	2017-981-13505	2021-981-06938
2014-981-08370	2018-981-00209	2022-981-09871
2014-981-08371	2018-981-01652	2022-981-12675
2014-981-08372	2018-981-03262	2024-981-12240
2014-982-05302	2018-981-04443	2024-981-12900
2015-981-01228	2018-981-07065	2024-981-12901
2015-981-04672	2018-981-14859	2025-981-04517
2015-981-14308	2018-982-07632	2025-981-04519
2015-982-01164	2018-982-07641	2025-981-04521
2015-982-04399	2019-981-07230	2025-981-05419
2015-982-04641	2019-981-07232	2025-981-05473
2016-981-02607	2019-981-07439	2025-981-05476
2016-981-02622	2019-981-08062	2025-981-08690
2016-981-06226	2019-981-09201	2025-981-08851
2016-981-08046	2019-981-09612	2025-981-10191
2016-981-10602	2019-981-11397	
2016-981-12670	2019-981-11613	



Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): Varied and numerous (see above NOAPs) operations and wildfires in the last three decades.

General Description of Operation:

I have worked with Ray since the early 2000's as a forester and firefighter with the Oregon Department of Forestry and have had positive, professional interactions every year in a variety of work scenarios. It is my pleasure to be able to look back at over 25 years of working with Ray's company and share the quality work they bring to our landowners in fire suppression and logging expertise through this nomination.

The nomination seeks to recognize the long career of Wood River Timber owner, Ray Driscoll, and the success that he and his employees have demonstrated over three decades in forestry and fire operations. This also seeks to recognize numerous employees of the company over the years but specifically mentions Jeramy Mcfarland who has worked with the company for many years and contributed to the company's success through his long-standing commitment.



Long-time employee of Wood River Timber, Jeramy Mcfarland (left) and Ray Driscoll (right)



Ray started felling timber in 1985 with Merle Harper Logging and progressed his career to cutting contracts with Erickson Air Crane in 1996. Ray ran 26 cutters at that time following helicopter logging jobs and soon decided to come back to the Klamath Basin to cut timber closer to home. The realization that timber falling jobs were waning with the rise of mechanical operations compelled Ray to purchase a *Timbco* feller-buncher and transition to mechanical logging to keep working steady. From this purchase, Ray slowly built his company to today where it is a complete logging side.

Ray has integrated firefighting into his company since its inception and says that he couldn't have built his logging company without the work and pay that firefighting provided to support the expansion of Wood River Timber's operational capabilities.

A May 1, 2022, TimberWest Magazine interview (article attached to this nomination) said the following of Wood River Timber,

"Driscoll explained that building his logging company wasn't the result of a dynamic business plan, but rather rolling with the punches, trying to keep moving forward through the industry changes and challenges, and doing whatever worked best.



I never wanted to be a logger, I was perfectly content cutting, but there just wasn't the money in it that there should have been. I've had to change directions several times since I started in the business from hand falling, to mechanical harvesters, to putting together a logging side, but staying ahead of the industry has been probably the biggest challenge we've faced," he said."



Ray Driscoll is involved and integral to every aspect of his company, Wood River Timber

Ray oftentimes does his bookkeeping and billing in the very early hours before he heads to the job site as he does it all himself. From bidding on logging contracts, bookkeeping, timber falling, running the equipment, and working with the landowners, Ray takes on every aspect of running his company while depending upon his employees to keep the logs moving.

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved:

Since Ray started the company in 1996 with the purchase of a Timbco buncher for contract cutting, Wood River Timber has conducted numerous operations with a multitude of resource protection measures required. From watercourse protection, point protection of specific resources covered under the FPA to multiple, complex operations with seasonal restrictions for protected resources, Ray has dealt with numerous resource challenges. The company builds the logging plan, completes the required FPA paperwork, and implements the projects for their landowners. He oftentimes consults with ODF Stewardship Foresters for written plans, plans for alternate practice, and working through different compliance scenarios to develop tailored logging plans for the landowners he serves.

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's Consistency in performance over the years (use examples):

Wood River Timber's consistency in delivering quality services and products in wildland firefighting and logging business is the primary focus of this nomination. For 30 years as a company, Wood River Timber has delivered their best in timber falling,



mechanical felling, wildland firefighting, and contract logging for government, non-industrial, and industrial landowners year after year. The attached articles highlight the company, a letter of support is provided from a Klamath Stewardship Forester, and referenced NOAP's since 2014 (records do not exist prior to 2014 in the FERNs system) attest to the continued performance locally of Wood River Timber.

More recent examples of the consistency in quality service are the landowners in the specific mentions of this nomination who can attest to the high-level customer service in the logging of their forestland with favorable comments. This consistent high-quality performance goes back decades with numerous landowners.



Describe the Difficulty and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations regarding protection of forest resources:

As this nomination seeks to recognize the cumulative success of Wood River Timber since 1996, there is not a specific example referenced for the protection of forest resources. This nomination seeks to exemplify consistency in quality logging operations, exceedance of the rules within the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and recognition of the difficulties overcome during this timeframe to consistently deliver logging, forestry, and firefighting services to a multitude of landowners. The difficulty that we seek to recognize in this award is the resiliency to changing markets, economic challenges, and safely doing so while consistently complying with applicable rules and regulations in forestry and the logging industry.

Describe how the operator was Innovative/Extra Efforts (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

Necessity has often driven innovation for Wood River Timber from purchasing specific equipment to meet operational demands or by developing niche equipment to address specific needs (i.e. drop skidgine tanks). Harvest designs to minimize resource damage, create more efficient harvesting systems, and provide a quality finished product for landowners is a benchmark of the company as it takes creative solutions at times to address a multitude of parameters unique to each operation.

The company has continually acquired necessary equipment to meet the needs of the industry: whether firefighting or logging. As an example, they have custom fabricated in their shop several mobile water supply tanks for their skidders to create skidgines that



complement their industrial and wildland fire suppression capabilities. These tanks are built in-house, innovative, but more costly to build than other products on the market. The higher cost comes in quality materials and innovative, custom design. By doing so, they have increased their suppression capacity while providing for more effective fire response at their jobsites through reliable, mobile units that cover the terrain more effectively.



Describe Results in resource protection and forest management benefits:

Over the last 30 years in the logging and firefighting industries, Wood River Timber has provided resource protection as required by the Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) and often exceeds those protections through innovative logging design and effective implementation.

Aggressive and safe fire suppression with trained and qualified employees significantly supports Oregon's fire suppression efforts and thus minimizes the effects of large, undesirable wildfire. Year after year, the company has provided personnel and equipment through their local, VIPR contracted resources. Wood River Timber has not incurred violations, complaints, or negative impacts resulting from their forestry operations by exceeding the minimum requirements and complying with the FPA.

Wood River Timber prides itself in serving the non-industrial private forestland community by employing private forestry consultants to assist in marking and cruising when necessary. This can be a costly and time-intensive process to ensure that landowners are supported throughout the forest management process from start to finish. Landowner satisfaction attests to the favorable results created by Wood River Timber and forest management benefits.

Describe the Financial Risk assumed by the operator as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

The financial risks that Wood River Timber face may exceed the risk of similar logging contractors whereas Wood River Timber often bids on government timber sales (State and Federal) while often competing with the mills (i.e. purchasers) that they in turn need to sell the timber directly to. The long-term independence of a logging contractor operating in this competitive environment where they market, log, and competitively bid jobs with log purchasers can be a business challenge and balance. Supporting the



statewide firefighting effort often comes with a financial risk to the logging business itself as landowners don't necessarily support a logging contractor leaving the job to fight fire for undetermined amounts of time: this can be a risky balance as a logging and firefighting contractor: these are both expressed concerns of the company.

Wood River often conducts focused outreach in a specific geographic area to reach landowners and engage with them for forest thinning. This takes resources to conduct the outreach, financial risk in developing a project to implementation phases, and necessitates additional resources that the company doesn't have on staff. Ray takes this on along with daily operational needs. The financial risks of working with small landowners are often higher as they are often more time-intensive, less understanding of the processes, and often have misperceptions of the value of their timber that often causes uncertainty in the operations. Many landowners that Wood River Timber conducts operations for are absentee or not active managers of their properties. As they are not necessarily directly engaged in forest management, this oftentimes places additional risk or burden upon Wood River Timber to develop, conduct, and coordinate operations on absentee landowners' properties.

I have heard Ray say several times that his business focus is doing what is right for the resource, even when that might compromise his company's bottom line or even acquiring the contract for the proposed work. I can think of several examples where I witnessed Ray not performing an operation as it conflicted with what he thought was best for the long-term health of the forest.

OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

- Ray Driscoll serves as an Associated Oregon Logger Board member for the Southern Oregon area

Please see attached for further information:

- A Simple Plan in a Complicated World, ForestNet, May 1, 2022, TimberWest Magazine
- Logging Crew Helps Save Historic WWII Site, by Jacquelyn Kirkland, August 27, 2021, Timber Harvesting and Forest Operations
- Email from Klamath Unit Stewardship Forester, Cody Harkins, February 18, 2026
- Photo packet highlighting Wood River Timber through a photo log

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Specific mentions include:

James & Barbara Merrilees Family Trust, NOAP 2025-981-08851(c)
Robert & Karen Crawford, NOAP 2025-981-08690
Ilene Stanfield, NOAP 2025-981-04517(c)



Nominator(s):

Name: Jason Pettigrew
Agency/Company: ODF / Klamath-Lake District, Klamath Unit
Title: NRS2, Fire & Fuels Forester
Email: Jason.W.Pettigrew@odf.oregon.gov
Phone No. (541) 891-7866

Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for the operators' history and experiences:

- NOAP
- Written Plan/PFAP
- Location Map
- Operation Map
- Aerial Photo
- Photographs of operation/activities/efforts/etc.
- Letters of Reference/Support
- Any additional documents to support nomination
 - Other landowners
 - Other agencies involved with the nominee on projects
 - Other ODF staff
 - Neighbors/community (ie. Mayor of city or neighbors next to op that have input, etc.)

Nominations are due no later than Friday June 19, 2026

Please email nominations to: ooynominations@odf.oregon.gov



From: [HARKINS Cody * ODF](#)
To: [PETTIGREW Jason W * ODF](#)
Subject: Operator of the Year Nomination
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 7:58:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Jason,

In regard to nominating Wood River Timber for the 2026 Operator of the Year; Ray Driscoll and his crews' performance on logging operations in the area have been great! I have worked with Wood River Timber on numerous operations in the area where they have primarily been executing selective thinning harvests. One of the first operations I oversaw as a Stewardship Forester was the Gienger's thinning. This operation was located on the east boundary of the Mountain Lakes Wilderness. Here the terrain was very steep in parts and very rocky throughout the Gienger's property, however it supplemented the growth of conifers extremely well. I visited the site with Ray prior to him beginning this operation, voicing some concerns around water and streams in the area as well as the steep, rocky terrain. Ray and his crew accounted for those concerns throughout the duration of the operation and curtailed their plans to mitigate those concerns. The Gienger's property was thinned to promote forest stand health on the property which borders a wilderness area and industrial forestland. I was very impressed with how the property looked after the operation had concluded, skid trails were cleaned up, water bars were put in where they could, the excess biomass (slash) was piled at landing locations, and the roads were promptly maintained to the best ability conditions would allow. I have worked with and around Ray and his crew on other operations including various Copperfield Salvage operations, Karen Crawford's, Parker's, Mezger's, and Wood Rivers most recent operation Merrilees'.

Ray and his crew at Wood River Timber are very easy to work with and they have an eye for attention to detail. When speaking with Ray you can tell or he'll tell you that he has the knowledge of what promoting forest stand health can do in regard to timber production and conservation of forestland. Him and his crew at Wood River Timber, have found a productive and lucrative way to promote proper forest management through logging.

Let me, know if you'd like some more information on other operations!

Thank you,

Cody Harkins

Stewardship Forester

Oregon Department of Forestry
Klamath-Lake District
(458)-290-1133





NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2025-981-04519

Operation Name: Crawford



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

The Operator must report on all activities on this NOAP by December 31 of the NOAP's Activity year unless a continuation has been issued. Continued NOAPs must be reported by the end of the following year.

Person Submitting the NOAP: Ray Driscoll
Date NOAP Submitted: April 28, 2025
Report Generated: June 29, 2026
Landowner Status: The Landowner is not a Small Forestland Owner

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the ODF Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, *but you must wait the full 15 days unless the ODF Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.*

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Klamath Falls
3200 DeLap Rd
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Phone: (541) 883-5681
ODF Forester: Cody Harkins
Email: cody.harkins@odf.oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Ray Driscoll
Phone: 541-891-2020

Landowner(s)

Robert & Karen Crawford
1400 round lake rd
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 519-0464

Notice to Landowner(s)

Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting.
The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws.
Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.



Timber Owner	Notice to Timber Owner
Robert & Karen Crawford 1400 round lake rd Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 519-0464	If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

Written Plans

A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the ODF Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](#) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your ODF Forester for more information.

Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the ODF forester to withdraw this consent.

Compliance Monitoring: Landowners are required to provide access to their operation sites for ODF compliance monitoring studies in accordance with OAR 629-678-0100.

Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

Pesticide Use: Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.

Operations Near Utility Lines: If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

Registrants & Subscribers: There may be registrants and/or subscribers who receive this Notification. See the Notification Summary page within the E-Notification system or contact ODF for more details.

NOAP Changes: The notifier must inform the Oregon Department of Forestry of any changes in a NOAP before the activity takes place. A new NOAP may be required.



Protection of Cultural Resources: Under ORS 358.920 a person may not excavate, injure, destroy or alter an archaeological site or object or remove an archaeological object located on public or private lands in Oregon unless that activity is authorized by a permit issued under ORS 390.235. ORS 390.235 (5) exempts forestry operations on private lands from the permit requirement unless the site contains human remains, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony, or objects associated with a prehistoric Indian tribal culture. This exemption does not impact the applicability of the remainder of Oregon's cultural resource laws (ORS 97.740 – 97.994, 358.905 – 358.961, and 390.235 – 390.240). If human remains are encountered ORS 358.920 and ORS 97.745 require all excavation to stop and the find be reported to the landowner, the state police, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Commission on Indian Services. ODF Staff cannot provide cultural resource advice or guidance, and landowners are encouraged to contact the State Historic Preservation Office [here](#) or at 503-986-0690.



Unit 1 of 1: Crawford

41.3 acres Klamath County(s)

T39S R8E Sec6

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator:
Ray Driscoll
Wood River Timber
26261 Hwy 140 W
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 891-2020

Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting
Start: 6/1/2025 **End:** 12/31/2025
Completion Status: Open

Method(s): Ground
Quantity: 50.00 MBF

Unit Map: Crawford





NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2025-981-04521

Operation Name: Parker



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The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

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Landowner(s)

Doug & Judy Parker
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Williams, California 95987
(541) 281-0844

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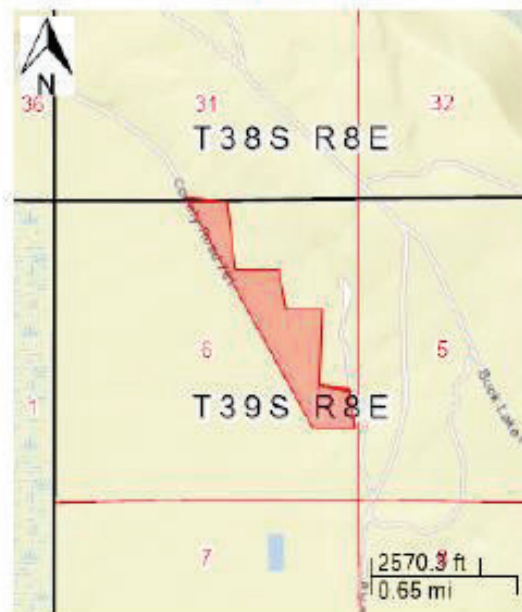


Unit 1 of 1: Parker

66.6 acres Klamath County(s)

T39S R8E Sec6,T38S R8E
Sec31

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator:Ray Driscoll
Wood River Timber
26261 Hwy 140 W
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 891-2020**Activity:** Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting**Start:** 6/1/2025 **End:** 12/31/2025**Completion Status:** Open**Method(s):** Ground**Quantity:** 100.00 MBF**Unit Map: Parker**



NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)



Notification Number: 2025-981-04517C

Operation Name: Gienger

This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

The Operator must report on all activities on this NOAP by December 31 of the NOAP's Activity year unless a continuation has been issued. Continued NOAPs must be reported by the end of the following year.

Person Submitting the NOAP: Ray Driscoll
Date NOAP Submitted: April 28, 2025
Report Generated: June 29, 2026
Landowner Status: The Landowner is not a Small Forestland Owner

This NOAP was CONTINUED on 5/18/2026
and will expire on 12/31/2026

Notifier Comment

Please waive 15 day wait

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the ODF Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, *but you must wait the full 15 days unless the ODF Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.*

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Klamath Falls
3200 DeLap Rd
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Phone: (541) 883-5681
ODF Forester: Cody Harkins
Email: cody.harkins@odf.oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Ray Driscoll
Phone: 541-891-2020



Landowner(s)	Notice to Landowner(s)
Ilene Stanfield P.O. Box59 Phoenix, Oregon 97535 (541) 292-8473	Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting. The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws. Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.
Timber Owner	Notice to Timber Owner
Ilene Stanfield P.O. Box59 Phoenix, Oregon 97535 (541) 292-8473	If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

Written Plans

A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the ODF Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](#) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your ODF Forester for more information.

Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Cody Harkins on 6/11/2025

A 1pm shut down time waiver has been granted to Biomass One starting tomorrow 6/12/2025.

Cody Harkins on 5/5/2025

This unit will require written plan for all streams within the unit as well as a road conditions assessment. Give me a call if you have any questions; 458-290-1133.

Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the ODF forester to withdraw this consent.

Compliance Monitoring: Landowners are required to provide access to their operation sites for ODF compliance monitoring studies in accordance with OAR 629-678-0100.

Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

Pesticide Use: Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.



Operations Near Utility Lines: If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

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Unit 1 of 1: Gienger

540.4 acres Klamath County(s)

T37S R7E Sec17,T37S R7E
Sec19,T37S R7E Sec18,T37S
R7E Sec20

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator: Ray Driscoll Wood River Timber 26261 Hwy 140 W Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 891-2020	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 6/16/2025 End: 12/31/2026 Completion Status: Completed by Cody Harkins reported on 5/18/2026	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 2.00 MBF
Operator: J.J. Alleson biomassone 2350 Ave G White City, Oregon 97503 (541) 621-6824	Activity: Biomass Removal Start: 5/28/2025 End: 12/31/2026 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Chipping Quantity: 520.00 Tons

Resources on or near this Unit

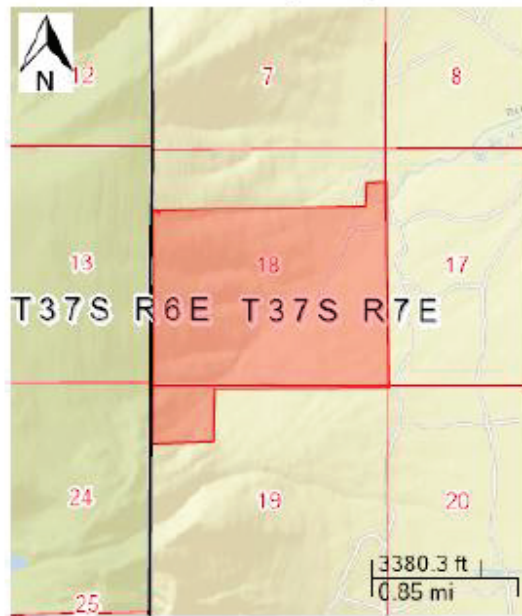
Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Denny Creek: Small - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Small - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Emergent Wetland	

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your ODF Forester about streams not shown on the map.



Unit Map: Gienger





"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Oregon Department of Forestry Written Plan Form

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A written plan specifically describes how a forest operation will be conducted to meet the minimum standards for resource protection prescribed by the forest practice rules. Include complete, detailed information about the operation to be conducted. While it is not necessary to use this form for a written plan, this form is cross-referenced with Forest Practices Notes #9, "Written Plans Guidance," to make writing a written plan easier. "Written Plans Guidance" contains checklists for each subsection in this form. Additionally, an Oregon Department of Forestry forest practices forester can answer questions about writing a written plan.

Please submit the completed Written Plan for Application of Chemicals as part of a Notification of Operations/ Application for Permits to Use Fire or Operate Power Driven Machinery on the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) E-Notification website at <https://ferns.odf.oregon.gov/e-notification> or to the forest practices forester at the ODF office in your area. A list of these offices are on the last page of this publication.

Landowner Name: Gienger

Landowner Address: PO Box 59 Phoenix, OR. 97535

Landowner Telephone Number(s): 541-292-8473

Operator Name: Wood River Timber

Operator Address: 26261 Hwy 140W Klamath Falls, OR. 97601

Operator Telephone Number(s): 541-891-2020

Written Plan Submitted By (write in address and telephone numbers if different than above): Cody Harkins

Notification Number: 2025-981-04517

Legal Description of Operation Location: T37 R7 s18

Unit Name and/or Number: Gienger



PART II – Specific Site Characteristics

The purpose of this section is to provide a description of the existing site, including or adjacent to the protected resources.

A. Time periods during which operations are not allowed or will be limited due to resource protection requirements:

B. Water Bodies:

Springs and wet streams will require minimum 30' buffer.

C. Describe the general vegetation types in the vicinity of the protected resource:

Areas around waterbodies contain some willow, wild rose, Englemann Spruce, skunk cabbage and other stream or wetland associated vegetation.

D. Describe the general to **Describe the general vegetation**

Mainly flat with gentle slope in certain areas.

D. Additional Information (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Identified resource protections were mapped and georeferenced. Map was created and sent to the landowner and operator.



PART IV – Practices

All items indicated by the forest practices forester, and any others that apply to your specific operation, should be addressed in the written plan.

Harvesting

A. Felling and Bucking:

B. Yarding:

No Skidding of timber will occur in or through identified wet areas.

Yarding

C. Landing Construction/Location:

No construction of landing in identified wet areas. Will be using old constructed landings.

D. Skid Trail Construction:

Skid trails will parallel wet areas/RMA's.

E. Stream Crossing:

F. Other Harvesting Items:

G. Additional Information (attach additional sheets if necessary):



Additional Information

Identify additional information by listing section and subsection numerals.

For example, "Part IV – B" (attach additional sheets if necessary):

629-643-0125

Eastern Oregon; Standard Practice Vegetation Retention Prescription for Type N Streams

(1) The purpose of this rule is to provide the standard practice vegetation retention prescription for Eastern Oregon Type N streams, as shown in Table 2. The riparian management area distances described in Table 2 are listed for each stream size category, as defined in OAR 629-635-0200.

The operator shall apply the vegetation retention requirements described in this rule. Small forestland owners, as defined in OAR 629-600-0100, may follow the alternative vegetation retention option described in OAR 629-643-0142.

(2) The standard practice prescriptions and riparian management widths apply to Type N streams, depending on whether the stream classification is perennial (Np) or seasonal (Ns). The State Forester shall determine the classification of a Type N stream as Np or Ns following the process described in OAR 629-635-0200(18).

(a) To apply the appropriate vegetation requirements as described in Table 2, a small Type Np stream shall be classified as either terminal or lateral.

(b) The State Forester shall provide maps that show the stream class.

(3) For large and medium Type Np streams, the operator shall:

(a) Retain all trees and vegetation within the inner zone.

(b) Retain all trees leaning over the channel.

(A) For the outer zone, a minimum of 60 square feet of basal area per acre beyond the 30-foot inner zone, using the distances shown for the stream size described in Table 2. The operator shall measure the outer zone starting from the edge of the inner zone. To meet the basal area target requirement, the operator shall retain 27 trees from the largest diameter class per acre.

(B) The remainder of the trees shall consist of trees greater than eight inches DBH.

(C) When present, retained species shall consist of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, Western larch, hardwoods, and other species that are considered fire-resilient.

(D) Retained trees shall be well distributed within the outer zone unless limited by existing site or stand conditions.

(E) Notwithstanding (A) through (D) above, the distribution, species, and size of retained trees shall be left on site in such a way that promotes fire resiliency and overall stand health and shall be described in the written plan.

(F) The operator shall submit to the State Forester a written plan that describes how the operator will meet these requirements and the goals of the desired future condition.

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(c) Adhere to an ELZ in the outer zone, for 30 feet extending from the outer edge of the inner zone.

(d) For locations upstream from the tree retention requirements in this rule, the operator shall apply an R-ELZ or ELZ as required in OAR 629-643-0130 and as further defined in OAR 629-630-0700(6) and 629-630-0800(8).



Additional Information

Identify additional information by listing section and subsection numerals.

For example, "Part IV – B" (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Retention of trees 6" diameter or greater within 30' of the RMA will be left along with all vegetation associated with streams and wetlands. No log decks or bundle will be placed within 30' of the RMA's.





The operations provide revenue and jobs that extend beyond Wood River Timber to the forest products industries in our local communities.



Wood River Timber operation on Sun Pass State Forest



Custom built Skidgine tanks by WRT



Fire suppression has always been a part of the company... Along with logging





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Logging Crew Helps Save Historic WWII Site

By Joseph Kohnert | Aug 27, 2021 | News

Guided by crew members with Wood River Timber in Harborth Falls, Ore., helped save the Mitchell Monument in the Fremont-Winema National Forest in south-central Oregon as the Bootleg fire blazed through the region on its way to burning more than 400,000 acres. The remote area monument memorializes the only American casualty in the continental U.S. during World War II when six people were killed by a Japanese balloon bomb in May 1945. Wood River Timber was contracting with the Oregon Dept. of Forestry to strip timber and fuel from an area adjacent a forest road that runs by the monument in an effort to keep the fire from jumping the road.

The windy weather required the crew to monitor weather conditions and wind movements and wait for an opportunity to move in and take the material down surrounding the monument. The crew had successfully moved miles away when a rare but highly dangerous phenomenon cloud collapse occurred near the work area, causing high winds and sparking burning embers across the landscape.

According to radio reports, Wood River Timber owner Ray Orloff has been working more than 30 years helping fight fires when needed. He gives his crew all the credit for getting the job done and picking up long grueling days while the fire was active. His currently almost 100% combined years' passion for people and nature and said in all his years he's never been that close to a fire cloud column collapse.



Wood River Timber was highlighted for their efforts on the Bootleg fire, specifically for their work protecting the historical Mitchell Monument



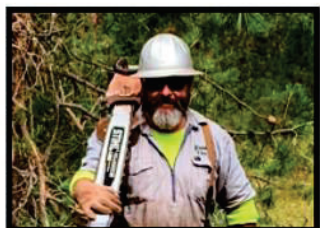


From firefighting to fire salvage and restoration, WRT is there



From mechanical to hand felling, Ray Driscoll is involved in every aspect of the operations

Ray Driscoll is active in his industry with serving as an AOL Board Member



Board Members

Ray Driscoll
Wood River Timber, Inc.
Southwest

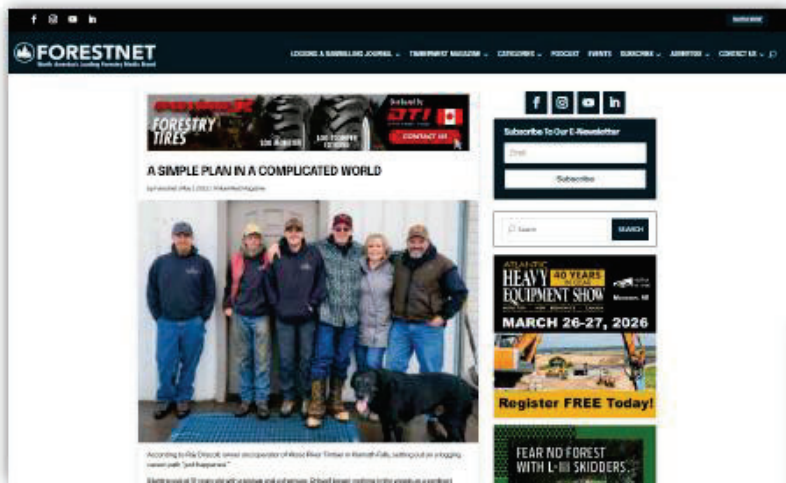


Winter logging near the Klamath Outdoor Science School (KOSS) on Sun Pass State Forest



Year-round operations bring challenges from fire salvage to green tree thinning



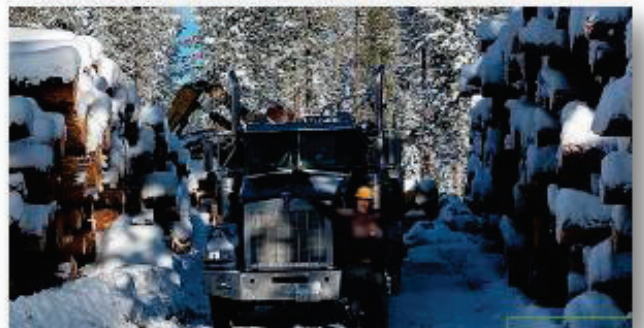


Wood River Timber article showcasing the company

"Muck" was always there to help with the timber falling chores



Jeremy McFarland has been a long-time employee integral to WRT's success





Fire restoration and green tree thinning is year-round work



Wood River Timber Equipment



A SIMPLE PLAN IN A COMPLICATED WORLD

by Forestnet | May 1, 2022 | TimberWest Magazine



According to Ray Driscoll, owner and operator of Wood River Timber in Klamath Falls, setting out on a logging career path “just happened.”

Starting out at 19 years old with a pickup and a chainsaw, Driscoll began working in the woods as a contract timber feller and set about making a living for himself and his family. One of his first contracts was with Erickson Air Crane. His days with Erickson were short lived and he came back home and started contract timber falling in the Klamath basin.

“It’s funny,” Driscoll says, “My timber falling was going to the wayside with the mechanical harvesting. That was in 1996, and I decided to buy a Timbco. Going into the logging business just happened.”

Buying his first tree harvester and putting it to work was anything but a bed of roses. “My payments on the Timbco in 1995 were \$12,333 a month. I was so broke, I had to finance my down payment. It was a tough run in the beginning, but we just plowed through.”

At that time, Driscoll had one machine and one employee, and he was still taking hand falling jobs to supplement his income. “I still do

a portion of my own timber falling—unfortunately my body doesn’t like it as well as it used to,” Driscoll said.

Driscoll explained that building his logging company wasn’t the result of a dynamic business plan, but rather rolling with the punches, trying to keep moving forward through the industry changes and challenges, and doing whatever worked best.

“I never wanted to be a logger, I was perfectly content cutting, but there just wasn’t the money in it that there should have been. I’ve had to change directions several times since I started in the business from hand falling, to mechanical harvesters, to putting together a logging side, but staying ahead of the industry has been probably the biggest challenge we’ve faced,” he said.

Keeping It Small by Design

Wood River Timber works one side at a time, and fields a crew of five, along with Driscoll. According to Driscoll, he has a very good crew and little interest in growing any bigger. “That’s all I want,” he said. “I watch a lot of these guys get big, and I think it’s a losing proposition for most loggers when you start getting bigger.”

Having a solid equipment philosophy has helped Driscoll keep his operation small but profitable. “We’ve been able to run older equipment for a lot of years because we’ve taken good care of our iron, and we’re real vigilant about maintenance. That’s another huge factor. If you don’t take care of your people and your equipment, you’re going to have problems.”

Currently, Driscoll’s equipment roster is heavy John Deere, featuring a John Deere 859M feller buncher, a John Deere 643L rubber tire feller buncher, and a 648L skidder. In addition, Driscoll has a CAT 324D delimeter, John Deere G2 and G3 skidders, and a Hitachi log loader. Two log trucks/low boys, a water truck, and a dump truck round out the stable.

When needed, Driscoll can convert one of his skidders into a skidgen (a cross between an engine and a tracked skidder). Driscoll’s skidgen is unique in that the tank is a separate unit from the skidder. Driscoll cut down an old 1000-gallon propane tank, inverted it, put a pump engine in it with a door, and covered it back up. The end product is a versatile 500-gallon water tank that is all self-contained with pump and hose.

“We built it for my logging jobs. If you have a fire up on a hill somewhere that you can’t get your fire trailer to, the skidgen is perfect. The skidder runs up, grabs [the tank] just like a log, takes it right to the fire; you start the pump engine, reel out the hose, and put the fire out.”



Forged by Fire

When Driscoll first started out in 1984, he was also contracted as a cutter on fires. Since then, he has continued working fires, not as a supplement to his logging, but as a segment of his business to alleviate the toll fire has on logging operations. "I've been doing it 36 years. I like going on the fires because fire danger is such a pain in the butt. You're between fire watch and limited hours. Your production is so far down. And then you've got the constant worry of starting a fire. So, I've been working fires virtually my entire career."

Driscoll said the 2021 Bootleg Fire near Beatty, Oregon, was probably one of the most complex fires he has ever been on. The fire scorched more than 400,000 acres and was the third- largest fire in Oregon since 1900.

"The Bootleg Fire was the most consecutive days of heavy concern that I've ever had on fires. Normally, the Forest Service uses our equipment as a contingency tool. You're cutting line a mile out in front, or they're going to back burn off your line to box in the fire. The Bootleg, we were right up tight to the fire a lot of times. And the fire was moving at such a rate. It was a bizarre fire for a lot of seasoned firefighters," Driscoll said.

Saving the Mitchell Monument

In July 2021, Driscoll and crew were on the Bootleg Fire clearing timber from the area surrounding the Mitchell Monument, located in the Fremont-Winema National Forest near the town of Bly, Oregon.

The stone monument commemorates the only Americans killed as the result of enemy action in the continental United States during World War II. The site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and honors six people who were killed by a Japanese balloon bomb more than 75 years ago.

Melsness Logging had begun prep work on the area but had been pulled by the Forest Service the previous day. When the fire started moving in the direction of the monument, the Forest Service asked Driscoll to move in to help save the monument.

Driscoll studied the fire and determined where he could put his people and equipment. He brought in the skidder first. Then Driscoll went in with his feller buncher and took out a patch of reprod across the road from the monument as the fire was coming at it.

"We continued to cut and skid out the reprod that was adjacent to the monument. We didn't go all the way around it. Hand crews had done some really good work clearing brush and stuff like that."

With pyrocumulus clouds developing, Driscoll raced to clear the site. "Looking back, when we got on the low boy in the afternoon

about 6:30 p.m., we were about five to six miles away when the clouds collapsed," he said.

When they returned the next morning, Driscoll says, "A bunch of the turns that we couldn't skid out because we ran out of time were all burned up, everything was gone."

Driscoll noted that the air support, the work done by Melsness Logging, and the hand crews were a big part in saving the monument. Due to the efforts of everyone involved, the monument remained unscathed.

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STOP #2

J & J TIMBER RESOURCES, INC.

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 8th, 2026



OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		



2026 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: *Operator of the Year / Merit Award*

REGION (NW/SW/East): **East**

DISTRICT: **NEO - Baker**

NOMINATED BY: **Jana Peterson**

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: **J & J Timber Resources**
Company Address: **14101 Launchpad Lane Haines, OR 97833**
Company Phone No **541-403-1420**
Company Email: **jandjtimber@gmail.com**
Company Primary Contact Name **Josh Cobb**
Contact Cell Phone No. **541-403-1420**
Contacts Email: **jandjtimber@gmail.com**

Operation Information (*Operation as example of work with RFPC tour*)

Activities: Harvest ☒ Site Prep ☐ Reforestation ☐ Road Construction ☐
Stand Management ☒ Other ☐

Date of Operation: **November 2025**

NOAP No. **2025-972-10201**

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): **Hunt Mtn T8S R38E Sec 2&3**

General Description of Operation: **commercial thinning for fuels reduction, increased forage and disease management on ODFW ground**

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved:

Operated on an ODFW wildlife area that is managed for deer and elk grazing

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples):

For over 12 years, J&J Timber Resources has offered a wide array of forestry services to the landowners of Baker County. Josh has guided his business through many uncertain times in the forest industry by diversifying his services by operating a Woodmizer sawmill, cleaning irrigation ditches, tailoring his business to small landowners and by sometimes being the sole operator at his business. He has maintained a dynamic approach that allows him to ramp up his workforce when more work is available, help balance the workload and meet deadlines. Josh's business is family-based with his wife, Jacque, helping him run the business and his two sons, Colt and Orrin, as well as his uncle and father helping run machines over the years. Josh is always looking for ways to meet his landowners' objectives, mitigate issues, and make the forest healthier. He constantly looks for input from ODF stewardship foresters on all of his operations.



Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regards to protection of forest resources:

The ODFW logging operation done by J&J Timber Resources was a difficult operation from an economic standpoint and it was highly visible to the public. With the high price of fuel and low price of logs, it was an operation that wasn't attractive to many operators. Josh thought of creative ways to make the operation not only feasible but also profitable. He utilized hauling logs to his own mill as well as using his own and his father's self-loading log trucks to do his own hauling. This was a sensitive operation as it occurred on ODFW ground that is used for winter feeding grounds for elk and deer and was also very publicly visible. The ODFW operation also treated a severely mistletoe infected stand. Josh worked with Sarah Andersen, ODFW Forester, to make sure that everything went smoothly.

Describe how the operator was **Innovative/Extra Efforts** (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

J&J Timber Resources has used multiple innovations over the years to complete operations. On the ODFW operation, Josh was able to partner with another operator who brought in a grinder to utilize the smaller logs for hog fuel. On several past operations, Josh has used a tree shear designed for smaller diameter trees to make it more efficient to cut and pile the trees. Josh's efforts to come up with creative solutions to problems have even extended into his irrigation ditch cleaning where he had a moss rake specifically built for scraping heavy moss out of the ditches without disturbing the bed and banks of the ditch.

Describe **Results** in resource protection and forest management benefits:

Over the past decade, J&J Timber Resources has been instrumental in doing fuels reduction, logging and slash treatment on 4,000 acres of forestland in Baker County. This work has contributed to lower fire risk around communities, improved forest health and more active forest management. For the ODFW operation, Josh's work contributed to improved forest health by removing mistletoe infested ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir and created more room forage for wildlife to grow. As a forestland owner himself, Josh understands what active forest management and healthy forests mean for the future of forestry in Eastern Oregon.

Describe the **Financial Risk** assumed by the operator as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

With commercial logging operations in Baker County declining over the past few years due to high fuel prices, taking on a logging operation as a small operator was a risk. Due to Josh's outside-the-box thinking and the efforts mentioned in previous sections of this nomination, he was able to make it work and create a better stand. ODFW has been working on more active forest management on their wildlife areas throughout Northeast Oregon for the past 10 years which included funding a forester through ODF to help manage their forests. Josh was able to make the operation work financially and help ODFW with their forest management.



OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

Josh has built his business to be flexible to meet the demands and challenges of the forest industry. It truly is a family owned and ran business that has successfully tackled a tough business and found innovative ways to make it work. As lifelong Oregonians, Josh and Jacque are dedicated to helping improve forests for future generations. Josh also never hesitates to show up with his dozer to help fight fire when called by ODF or his neighbors. During the historic 2015 and 2024 fire season in Baker County, Josh was instrumental in helping suppress several fires that had potential to be large fires as well as working on large fires. He also has a track record of working with landowners and ODF to establish best management practices and address potential problems before they happen. J&J Timber Resources is not the traditional logger we are used to but they are a business that has found ways to adapt and thrive during changing times in the forest industry.

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Agency/Company: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Contact Name: Dan Marvin
Title: Wildlife Area Manager
Email: daniel.r.marvin@odfw.oregon.gov
Phone No. 541-898-2826

Nominator(s):

Name: Jana Peterson
Agency/Company: ODF
Title: Stewardship Forester
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Phone No. 541-207-6095

Name:

Agency/Company:

Title:

Email:

Phone No.

Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for operators history and experiences:

- NOAP
- Written Plan/PFAP
- Location Map
- Operation Map
- Aerial Photo
- Photographs of operation/activities/efforts/etc.
- Letters of Reference/Support
- Any additional documents to support nomination
 - Other landowners
 - Other agencies involved with the nominee on projects
 - Other ODF staff
 - Neighbors/community (ie. Mayor of city or neighbors next to op that have input, etc.)

Nominations are due no later than Friday June 19, 2026

Please email nominations to: ooynominations@odf.oregon.gov





Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Forestry

Northeast Oregon District

La Grande, OR

Phone: (541) 963-3168

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March 23, 2026

Eastern Oregon Forest Practices Committee
Bob Messinger, Chair

Dear Bob and Committee members,

Within my current position with Oregon Department of Forestry, I collaborate with ODFW and provide support for various forestry-related projects on the wildlife areas within the Northeast Oregon District. I confidently express my support for Josh Cobb of J & J Timber Resources Inc. as the operator of the year. I have had the privilege of working with Josh on fuels reduction projects as well as a commercial timber harvest project on ODFW lands in Baker County.

In Baker County, ODFW manages a couple of smaller parcels that have a timber component. Even though it was a small-sized business, Josh was able to purchase the timber sale and was a good fit for the project. This timber sale yielded 293 MBF of sawlogs and 54.5 tons of pulp wood. Owning his own trucks, Josh was able to haul the product its destinations. Additionally, he subcontracted with a local chipping operator to create hog fuel out of the slash piles, which was then hauled to a local mill facility.

Josh has also shown interest in educating himself about lumber grading and hopes to be able to provide graded lumber from his personal sawmill to various customers within the area. It is also very encouraging to hear about his future succession plan, integrating his children into the business. His goals, along with his forward-thinking practice, sustain the future of forestry.

Josh has provided a great service for many small landowners as well as public land managers within Northeast Oregon. Thank you for considering Josh as operator of the year.

Best Regards,

Sarah Andersen
Wildlife Area Forester
Oregon Department of Forestry





NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2025-972-10201C
Operation Name: Hunt Mtn ODFW



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

The Operator must report on all activities on this NOAP by December 31 of the NOAP's Activity year unless a continuation has been issued. Continued NOAPs must be reported by the end of the following year.

Person Submitting the NOAP:	NOAP La Grande	This NOAP was CONTINUED on 12/15/2025
Date NOAP Submitted:	November 5, 2025	and will expire on 12/31/2026
Report Generated:	June 18, 2026	
Landowner Status:	The Landowner is not a Small Forestland Owner	

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the ODF Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, *but you must wait the full 15 days unless the ODF Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.*

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Baker City
2995 Hughes Ln
Baker City, Oregon 97814
Phone: (541) 523-5831
ODF Forester: Jana Peterson
Email: jana.peterson@oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Josh Cobb
Phone: (541) 403-1420

Landowner(s)

ODFW Elkhorn Wildlife Area
61846 Powder River Lane
North Powder, Oregon 97867
(541) 898-2826

Notice to Landowner(s)

Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting.
The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws.
Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.



Timber Owner

Josh Cobb
J&J timber Resources
14101 Launchpad Lane
Haines, Oregon 97833
541-403-1420

Notice to Timber Owner

If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

Written Plans

A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the ODF Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](#) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your ODF Forester for more information.

Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the ODF forester to withdraw this consent.

Compliance Monitoring: Landowners are required to provide access to their operation sites for ODF compliance monitoring studies in accordance with OAR 629-678-0100.

Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

Pesticide Use: Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.

Operations Near Utility Lines: If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

Registrants & Subscribers: There may be registrants and/or subscribers who receive this Notification. See the Notification Summary page within the E-Notification system or contact ODF for more details.

NOAP Changes: The notifier must inform the Oregon Department of Forestry of any changes in a NOAP before the activity takes place. A new NOAP may be required.



Protection of Cultural Resources: Under ORS 358.920 a person may not excavate, injure, destroy or alter an archaeological site or object or remove an archaeological object located on public or private lands in Oregon unless that activity is authorized by a permit issued under ORS 390.235. ORS 390.235 (5) exempts forestry operations on private lands from the permit requirement unless the site contains human remains, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony, or objects associated with a prehistoric Indian tribal culture. This exemption does not impact the applicability of the remainder of Oregon's cultural resource laws (ORS 97.740 – 97.994, 358.905 – 358.961, and 390.235 – 390.240). If human remains are encountered ORS 358.920 and ORS 97.745 require all excavation to stop and the find be reported to the landowner, the state police, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Commission on Indian Services. ODF Staff cannot provide cultural resource advice or guidance, and landowners are encouraged to contact the State Historic Preservation Office [here](#) or at 503-986-0690.



Unit 1 of 1: 2025 Logging

145.4 acres Baker County(s)

T8S R38E Sec3,T8S R38E Sec2 Regulated Use Area: NE-3

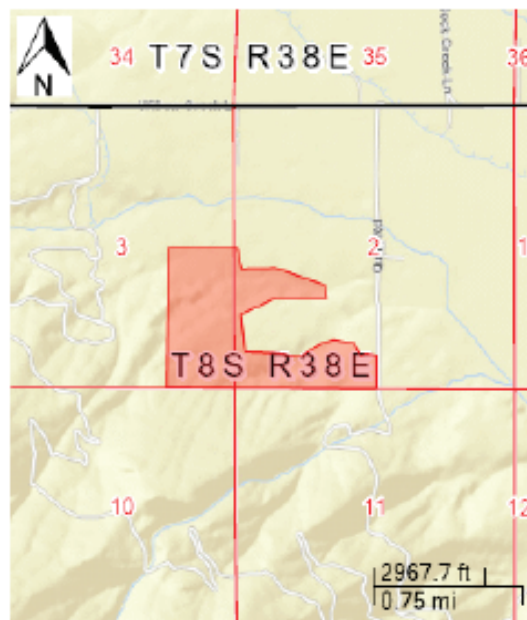
Operator: Josh Cobb J&J Timber Resources 14101 Launch Pad Lane Haines, Oregon 97833 541-403-1420	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 11/14/2025 End: 12/31/2026 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 400.00 MBF
Operator: Josh Cobb J&J Timber Resources 14101 Launchpad Ln Haines, Oregon 97833 541-403-1420	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 11/14/2025 End: 12/31/2026 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Mechanical

Resources on or near this Unit**Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of****Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of**

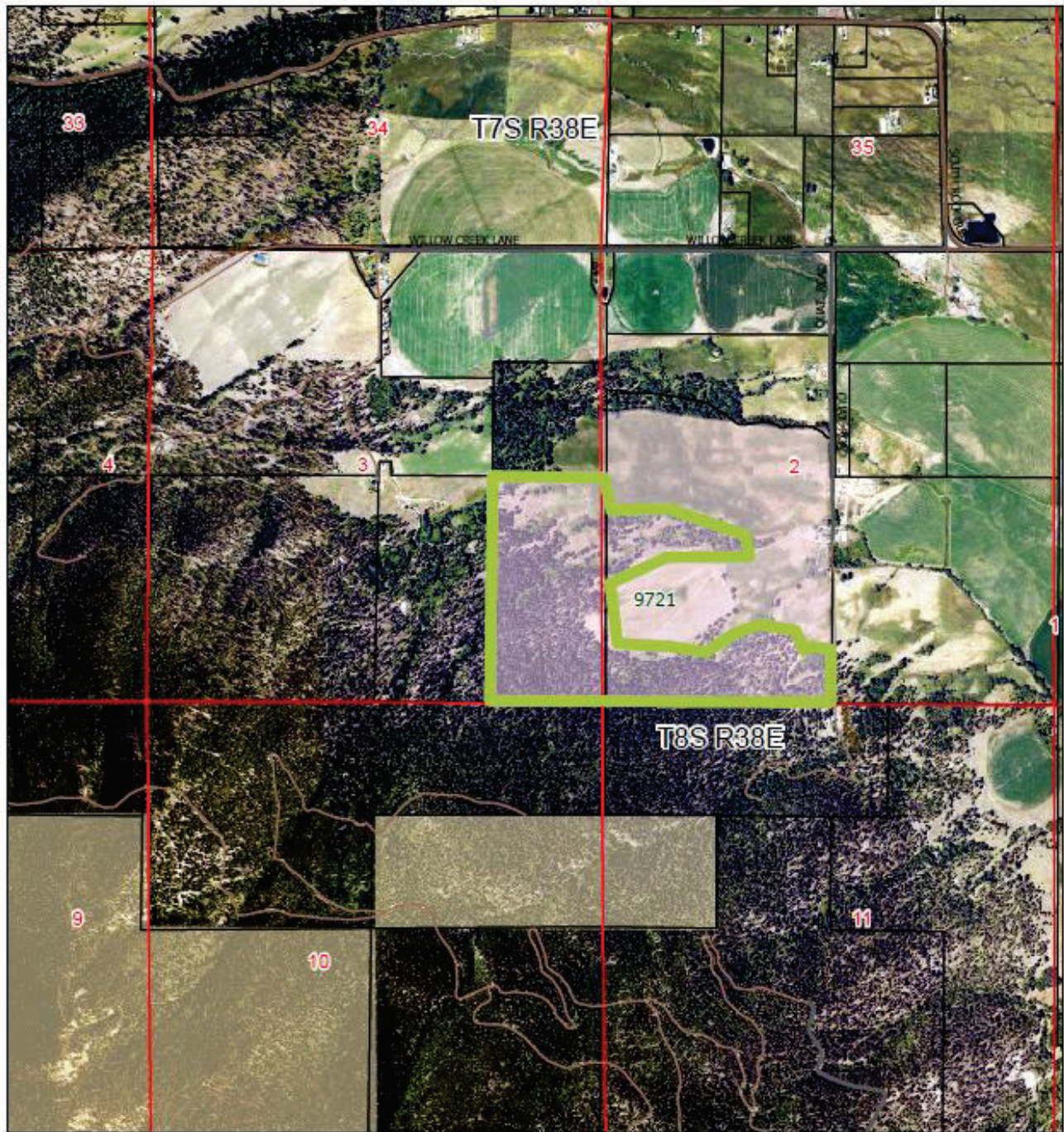
Unknown: Small - Type F Stream

Wetlands: Freshwater Emergent Wetland, Freshwater
Pond, Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland**Notes:**

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your ODF Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: 2025 Logging

Aerial Photo/Map



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FERNS Notification Polygon

- Treatment of Slash
- Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting
- Stewardship Forester Area
- Township Range
- Sections
- Ownership Statewide Taxlot (FS)

Ownership Land Management

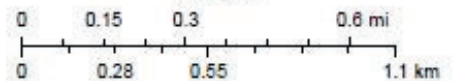
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- United States Bureau of Land Management

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- Red: Red
- Green: Green
- Blue: Blue

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ODFW Operation



Masticating and
Logging operation
from 2023



NRCS hand
thinning job from
early 2025





Small landowner
(less than 10 acres)
logging and thinning
job to prevent bark
beetles after wind
damage



Orrin Cobb working on a
small landowner operation



Josh and his dad using their
log trucks on the ODFW
operation





Boards sawed by Josh
on his sawmill



NRCS thinning job in
remote NE Grant
County completed by
Josh; extremely
dense (2000+ TPA)



Josh's two machines that
are used for masticating
and irrigation ditch
cleaning





Josh & Jacque Cobb,
owners of J&J Timber
Resources



Josh's log truck and
shop



EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE: NEXT STEPS

- Viewing Nomination video
- Utilize the score card to score each of the nominations
- Committee members discussion for Operator of the Year
- ** Committee members Vote for selection of Operator of the Year
- Committee members discussion on Merit Award awards for any Operator of the Year nominee not selected as Op of Yr winner
- ** Vote for Merit Award recognition winners

