

Oregon timber harvesting decreased in 2015, says forestry report

After two years at slightly above 4 billion board feet, Oregon's timber harvest dropped below that in 2015 to a number on par with the 2012 harvest, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry's annual timber harvest report, issued last week.

From 2014 to 2015, there was an approximate decrease in harvest of eight percent, for a 2015 total of 3.79 billion board feet harvested.

Decreases occurred across all ownerships except for state-owned forest lands; approximately 49 percent, or 30.2 million acres, of Oregon is forested.

Federal forest lands account for 60 percent of these forest lands, industrial forest lands for 19 percent, family forest land owners own 15 percent, state-owned forests comprise three percent, and all other forest land owners (counties, Tribal, etc.), three percent.

Bureau of Land Management recorded a decline of eight percent from 2014 to 2015. Likewise, the U.S. Forest Service experienced an overall statewide decrease of five percent, from 386 million board feet to 367.

However, the U.S. Forest Service saw an increase of approximately 14 percent on Oregon's east side, notably in Grant and Harney counties, where stewardship contracting work is underway on the Malheur National Forest — the second consecutive year of increases in locations where these collaborative agreements are in place.

These east-side harvest levels were offset, however, by the

decrease in harvest on national forests in western Oregon.

State forestlands increased from 230 million board feet in 2014 to 290 million board feet in 2015, for an overall 26 percent increase in timber harvest.

Private industry harvest decreased statewide by ten percent from 2014 to 2015 to 2.36 billion board feet.

These decreases were present on both sides of the Cascades, but were most prominent on the

west side, as a percentage, where private industry harvest declined by approximately nine percent.

Non-industrial private landowners had an approximate 19 percent decrease in harvest, statewide, for a 2015 total of 453 million board feet. Harvests on Native American forestlands decreased approximately nine percent from 57 million board feet in 2015 to 52 million board feet in 2015.

The decrease in timber har-

vest was largely driven by the slowdown in exports to Asia.

Along with the decrease in log exports, the expiration of the Softwood Lumber Agreement in the fourth quarter led to an increase in imports of lumber from Canada, affecting demand

for Oregon logs.

Finally, an active fire season, along with a wet and warmer than usual winter, created issues for logging and hauling.

The 2015 Oregon Timber Harvest Report is available online at www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/Reports.aspx.

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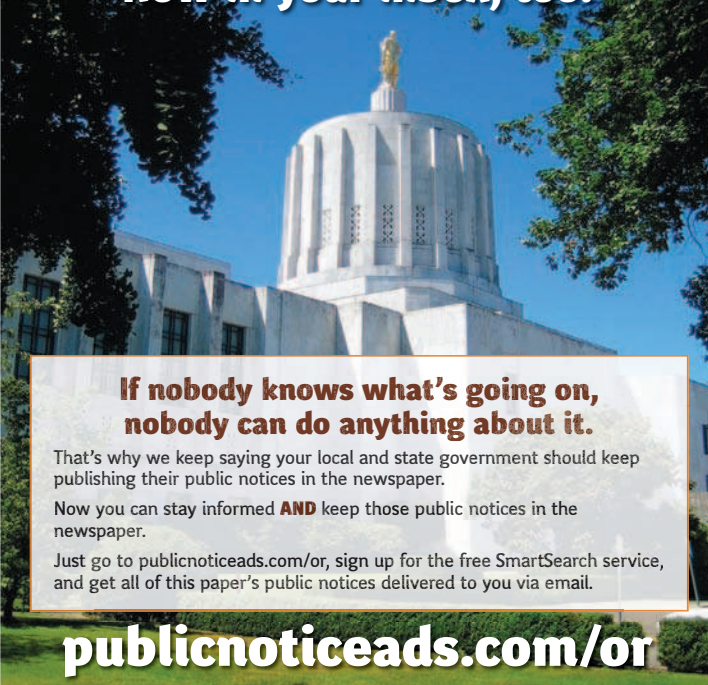
Note: One board foot of lumber is one foot wide, one foot long, and one inch thick, or the equivalent in volume.

Construction of an approximately 1,800 square foot house requires about 10,000 board feet.

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Book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will be sponsoring a book sale today, Aug. 6, and Sunday, Aug. 7, at 1460 Ninth St.

The sale opens to the public on both days at 10 a.m., and runs until 4 p.m.

The book sale will be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

Memberships to the Friends of the Library can be purchased at the sale.

Marilyn Wetstein, chairwoman of the book sales, urges everyone to take advantage of the excellent prices for books, CDs and DVDs.

Since joining the Friends just a year ago, Wetstein has become an important contributor to the sales. The most recent event she organized was in February, which raised \$2,287.

"It's a lot of work but highly gratifying," said Wetstein. "I like to see books not on the shelves but in peoples' hands."

A popular feature of the book sales is the table of special books run by Geraldine McMahon. This table will be set up in the library lobby and McMahon will be on hand to talk about the passion of her life: books.

This sale has 230 boxes of books to set out with another 20 boxes still on the shelves.

Duane Fowler, who's worked on the book sorting and sales for 10 years, finds the boxes stacked head high. These all have to be moved into the Bromley Room and onto the tables. A cadre of hard working, dedicated volunteers takes care of that chore on the Friday before the sale.

Fowler is also active in stocking the sale shelves in the Friends Book Store inside the library left of the entrance.

This corner store includes greeting cards, books, magazines, audio books and music CDs.

Magazines sell for 25 cents each or five for \$1. Hardback fiction is \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. Nonfiction, children's books, audio books and CDs are individually priced as are the note cards which are made from material culled from the library.

Relay For Life of Florence

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Here's your 2016 Theme Schedule:

- 1:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Purple Rain
What To Wear: Anything Purple
- 2:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Hawaii Five-O
What To Wear: Hawaiian attire
- 3:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Great Gatsby
What To Wear: 1920's attire
- 4:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Grease
What To Wear: 1950's attire
- 5:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: All Disney
What To Wear: Any Character from a Disney Movie
- 6:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Independence Day
What To Wear: Red, White, and Blue
- 7:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Pretty in Pink
What To Wear: anything pink or 80's
- 8:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Outlander
What To Wear: Scottish Highlander or British Soldiers Attire
- 11:00 PM
Themed Lap - Movie: Saturday Night Fever
What To Wear: 1970's Disco
- Midnight
Themed Lap - Movie: Pillow Talk (1959)
What To Wear: Walk with your Pillow
- 1:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Wizard of Oz
What To Wear: Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Munchkin, Glenda, etc.
- 2:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean
What To Wear: Pirate Attire
- 3:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Lord of the Rings
What To Wear: Wizard, Elf, Hobbit, Dwarf, Orc, Troll, or Aragorn Attire
- 4:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Gone With The Wind
What To Wear: 1860's American South Attire
- 5:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Superman
What To Wear: Superhero Costumes
- 6:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Pajama Party (Doris Day)
What To Wear: Pajamas and Snuggles
- 7:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Cat In The Hat
What To Wear: Striped hats & bow tie
- 8:00 AM
Themed Lap - Movie: Bring it On
What To Wear: Cheerleader Outfits, Pom Poms, etc.



Relay For Life Celebrates its 17th Year in Florence

August 13th - Registration tent opens at 10:00 am
Opening ceremonies begin at 11:00 am
Survivor and Caregivers lap immediately after.
Luminaria ceremony is at 9:00 pm
August 14th, Closing ceremonies are 9:30 am.

Where: Miller Park, Florence

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