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Goal 1 - Reduce excessive soil erosion and nonpoint source pollution to tolerable levels in Morrow County.

Accomplishments - Conservation Plans were written and revised. CRP contracts have been completed and re-seeded where needed. GWEB application was submitted but not funded.

Goal 2 - Improve and develop water resources in Morrow County to assure an adequate quantity and quality of water for all beneficial uses.

Accomplishments - John Day Basin, Rock Creek Watershed and Lower Umatilla Basin meetings were attended. LeFevre Prairie Project was completed and monitored.

Goal 3 - Oversee a weed control program in Morrow County to reduce, control or eradicate serious or noxious weeds.

Accomplishments - Advisory Board meetings were held, SWCD Board was kept up to date on progress and required seminars were attended, fair booth was displayed and public was kept informed. Contracts were completed and a hydro-seeding project was begun on county road construction sites.

Goal 4 - Develop a Soil and Water Conservation Program geared at addressing the resource issues in Morrow County.

Accomplishments - Annual Work Plan was developed and approved, monthly board meetings were scheduled, agendas and minutes of

meetings were circulated. Payroll reports were kept up to date and accounting kept current. State and national dues were paid in full.

Goal 5 - Promote soil and water conservation through education.

Accomplishments - Annual report

Two important activities at Fossil Service Forester

Two important activities have received a significant amount of time invested by the Fossil Service Forester this past year: 1) forest health and the 2) Stewardship Incentive Program.

1)The Fossil Service Forester coordinated drafting of a forest health plan for the Blue Mountains entitled: Restoring Forest Health in the Blue Mountains, A Strategy and Action Plan For State and Private Lands This plan was adopted by the Board of Forestry at its July meeting in John Day and will serve as the Department of Forestry's action plan for the next 10 years. In short, the plan calls for four actions:

- Promote landowner and public awareness of the forest health problems and the corrective actions needed.

- Improve forest conditions by: a) stocking level control (thinning for overstocking and tree planting for understocking), and b) maintaining more pest-resistant forest tree species in the Blue Mountains (more pine and larch, less fir).

- Aggressively minimize damage from insect outbreaks (in other words, let's save our current stands

was published and an annual meeting held. Pine and fir trees were made available to the public. Soil Stewardship materials were distributed and Goodyear contest was completed. A teacher in-service tour was held.

where it makes sense operationally and financially).

- Develop an operational data base and GIS type mapping in order to accurately inventory private forest lands.

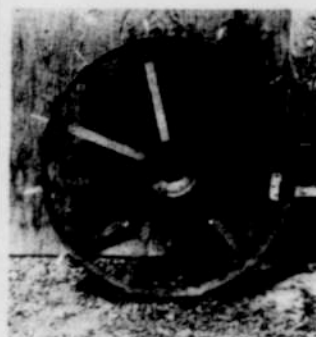
2)The second activity centered around the new Forest Stewardship Incentive Program. This is a new cost-share program for forest landowners that offers more activities than the existing cost-share programs. These can include wildlife habitat improvement, riparian area and fisheries improvements, addition, the traditional practices of tree thinning and tree planting are included.

Sign-ups are anticipated for the first part of 1992. In order to qualify, you must own forestland, employ no more than 10 people in the forest products business, and have a Forest Stewardship Plan written for your forestland. If the Service Forester is unable to write a plan for you in the near future, you can cost-share the development of the plan with a forestry consultant. The program has a \$10,000 annual limit and is generally 75% cost-share. The local

ASCS office will be handling the sign-ups for this new program.

If anyone has any questions concerning forest health, the Steward-

ship Incentive Program, or any general forestry questions, they're encouraged to call Tim Keith at the Fossil office, 763-2575.



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