

Comment period on plans for state's forests ends on March 30

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ville, at Salem headquarters, and on the ODF Web site http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/2008_AOP_Draft.shtml.

Plans can also be requested from ODF planning specialist Roger Welty in Salem. Comments may be sent to Welty or to any of the nine ODF districts with state forestland. Welty can be reached by phone 503-945-7258 or e-mail at <rwelty@odf.state.or.us>.

The 2007-08 timber harvest levels for Tillamook and Clatsop state forests are projected to total 186.3 million board feet

(mmbf), about the same as the current year. The Tillamook and Clatsop state forests total 500,000 acres of the 780,000 acres of state-managed public forestland.

Total harvest volume for all nine districts is projected to be 250 mmbf. A board foot is a unit of wood that measures a foot square and an inch thick. There are about 13,000 board feet of framing lumber in an average house.

All state-managed public forests are actively managed as working forests under management plans adopted by the Board of Forestry to provide

economic, environmental, and social benefits to Oregonians. Most of the revenue from timber sales is distributed to county governments and local taxing districts, and to the Common School Fund to benefit schools throughout the state. From July 2005 to June 2006, timber revenue from state forestlands produced \$58 million for counties, local school and local taxing districts, and \$9.6 million for the Common School Fund.

The Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan provides guidance for the 616,000 acres in the following districts:

Astoria (Clatsop State Forest), Tillamook (western two-thirds of the Tillamook State Forest), Forest Grove (eastern one-third of the Tillamook), Cascade (Santiam State Forest), West Oregon (scattered tracts in Benton, Polk and Lincoln counties), and Western Lane (scattered tracts in Lane County).

Public participation on state-managed forest issues – other than on annual plans – occurs throughout the year. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Forestry, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee and State Forests Advisory Committee have time set aside for

public comments. At any time, questions or concerns may be directed to field and Salem staff, including program director, Lisa DeBruyckere at 503-945-7348, or public information officer Jeff Foreman at 503-945-7506.

When reviewing and commenting specifically on an annual operations plan during this comment period, it may be helpful to use the less-technical summary document as a starting point. If questions arise, refer to the more detail-oriented pre-operations reports. Written

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