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Oregon's State Forests

COMMON STATEMENT ON "GREATEST PERMANENT VALUE"

1) Multiple Use to Maintain, Enhance, Restore

The state forests should be managed through a multiple use approach that maintains, enhances, and restores the forest ecosystem.

2) Permanent Conservation Areas

The state forests should include areas that are permanently protected and managed for long-term conservation of fish and wildlife, non-motorized recreation, carbon sequestration, and protection of water quality.

3) Not Timber Primacy

Timber production is but one of many uses of the forest, and should not take priority over other values like clean water, recreation, carbon sequestration and fish and wildlife conservation. We oppose the call for timber primacy by some county governments. Timber management that does occur should focus on thinning and long-rotations over clear cutting, and the use of pesticides should be minimized.

4) Seek Other Revenue Sources

The Board of Forestry should seek opportunities for generating revenue on state forests through green-forestry certification programs such as the Forest Stewardship Council, and payments for ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration.



Multiple Values of State Forests



Recreation

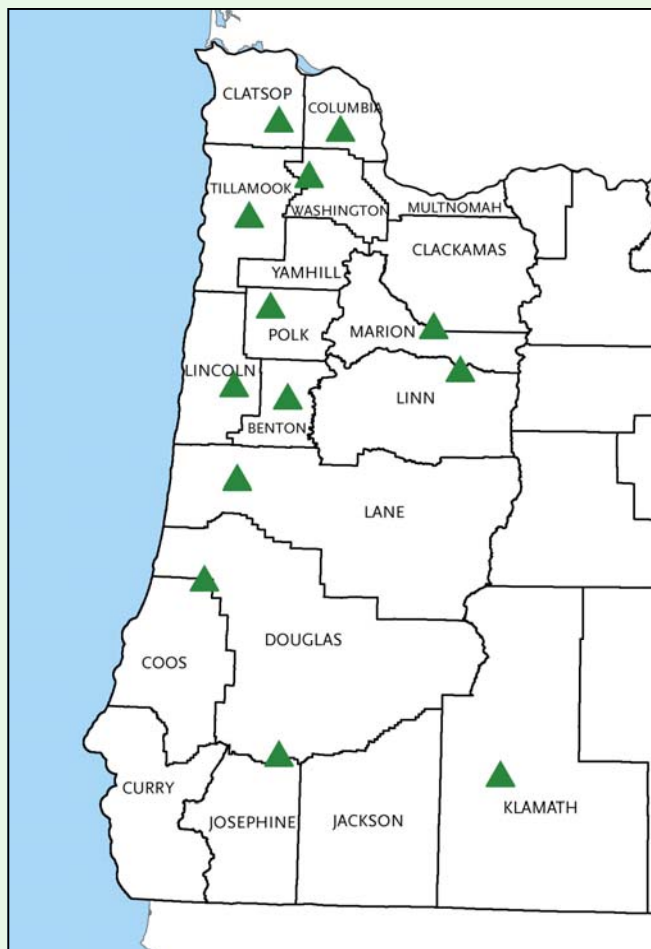


Salmon Anchor Habitat



Water Supply for Hundreds of Thousands of Oregonians

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Oregon's Board of Forestry directs management of over 650,000 acres of state forests owned by all Oregonians. Law mandate that the forests provide the "Greatest Permanent Value" to Oregonians.

A coalition of county governments has formally proposed that timber production be made the dominant use of the state forests. They have proposed ending laws that require restoration of aquatic habitat and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

A wide coalition of groups has endorsed a common statement in favor of a more balanced approach that maintains, enhances, and restores the forest — while still allowing timber harvesting.

Acres of State Forests By County

COUNTY	ACRES
Benton	8,194
Clackamas	7,266
Clatsop	147,012
Columbia	6,459
Coos	7,220
Douglas	8,625
Josephine	2,482
Klamath	26,912
Lane	24,734
Lincoln	15,488
Linn	21,357
Marion	18,329
Polk	6,122
Tillamook	310,624
Washington	46,886
TOTAL	657,710

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