

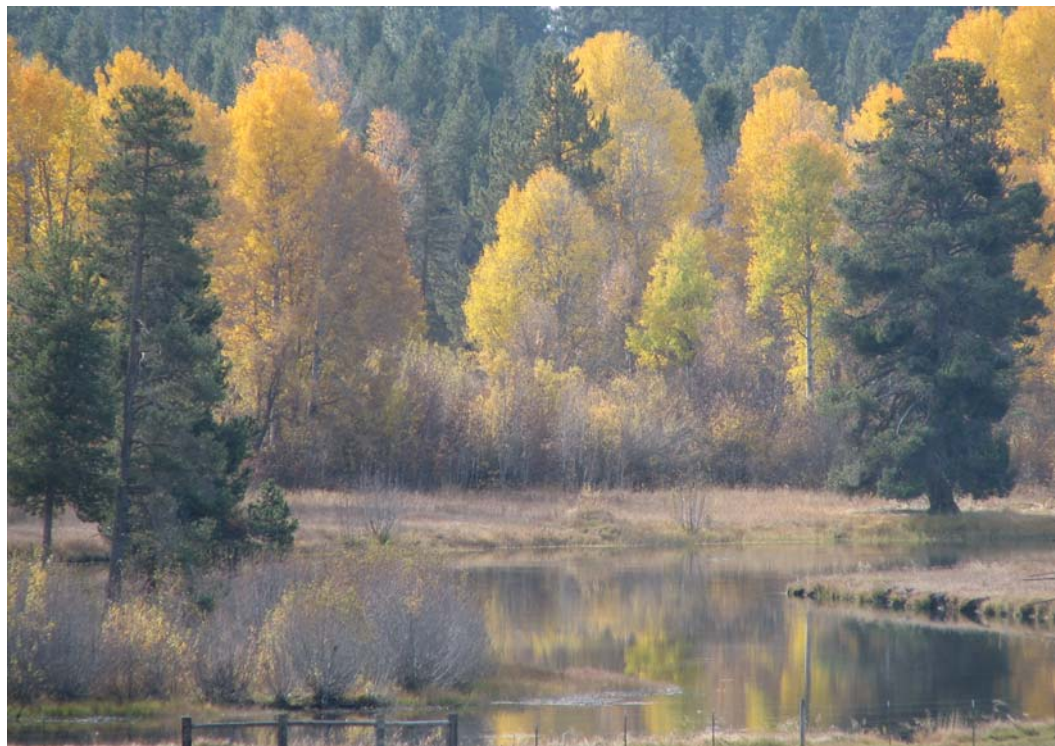


# Annual Report 2006

Klamath-Lake District



## Sun Pass State Forest



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### Special points of interest:

- District Wellness Program begins in 2006
- Increased lightning and initial attack
- Sun Pass State Forest becomes official home of Klamath Outdoor Science School

## The Klamath-Lake District

The Klamath-Lake District administers Department programs on 1.4 million acres in Klamath and Lake Counties located in south central Oregon. The District stretches north from the California border to Crater Lake National Park and east from the crest of the Cascades to Lakeview.

The District carries out the programs and policies of the Oregon Department of Forestry through the following local programs:

- ❖ Management of 34,000 acres of state-owned forestlands.
- ❖ Protection from wildfire on more than 1.4 million acres of forest land in Klamath and Lake Counties.
- ❖ Administration of the Forest Practices Act.
- ❖ Forestry and Community Assistance.
- ❖ Involvement in local and federal land use planning targeting forest sustainability and wildfire issues.

The District maintains two offices, one in Klamath Falls and one in Lakeview. The District's 24 permanent employees are organized into four units: District Administration, Lake Protection, Klamath Protection, and State Forest Management. In addition, approximately 50 employees are hired each year in seasonal positions for summer fire fighting jobs in the Protection program.

## District Forester Perspective



Bill recognizes Les Hathorn's 20 years of dedicated service.

This 2006 Annual Report highlights some of the more notable Klamath-Lake District accomplishments during the past year. As you read through the statistics, the charts, and look at the data for the past year, please realize that the most important aspect of success is our staff and the efforts they put forth.

Klamath-Lake District is blessed to have professional employees who are devoted to delivering the mission of the Department of Forestry. Collectively we have hundreds of years of service to local landowners, partners, cooperators, ODF, and the public. Whether it's addressing a tough fire season, reading to child, providing excellent resource management, contributing to local food banks, or digging out a neighbor's driveway during a blizzard, the face of ODF shines through our employees.

2006 was an extremely successful year, full of difficult challenges. The relationships we share and our employees desire to deliver the best of service continue to be the cornerstones of accomplishment. Behind every statistic there are a number of faces, thanks for your support in making synergy a way of life in the District.

*Bill Hunt*

## Personnel News

Joe Reif	30 yrs
Mindy Sherrieb	25 yrs
Ed DeBlander	20 yrs
Les Hathorn	20 yrs
Ed Scheick	20 yrs
Randy Barleen	15 yrs
Craig Plumondore	10 yrs
Kevin Burton	10 yrs
Randy Baley	10 yrs

Nine employees received a Department Service Award during 2006. These folks have made remarkable contributions to the District's successes over the years. Their hard work and dedication are appreciated, congratulations!

In February, Kevin Burdon promoted from the Forest Management Tech position in Forest Grove to the Forest Unit Supervisor position in Lakeview.

In October, Carrie Ann Capp transferred from the Natural Resource Specialist (NRS2) position in Klamath Falls to a NRS 2 position in Springfield.



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## Safety



All employee safety meeting at Sprague River Park



District employees place a high priority on safety and wellness both at work and at home. The District's Safety Committee is seen as support for all employees to reach goals in safety and wellness.

Safety Committee members for the year were Craig Leech (Chairman), Randy Baley, Bill Hunt, Dennis Lee, Garry Renicker, Greg Pittman, Roger Yazzie, Dan Tague, and Tony Reasoner. The committee continued to implement and improve the District Safety Plan, and ensure Unit safety meeting documentations were reviewed and all building inspections were accomplished.

The following action items were completed to help accomplish the District's 2006 Safety Strategies:

- ❖ Updated the ATV/Snowmobile policy.
- ❖ Updated the speaker system at the Klamath Office.
- ❖ Completed JHA notebooks for the guard stations and crew quarters.
- ❖ Insured completion of Snowmobile JHA and updated Chainsaw Use JHA .
- ❖ Reviewed and developed an action plan of the 2005 safety perception survey.
- ❖ Appointed a wellness coordinator who developed our Annual District Wellness Plan.

## Summer Safety Message

The District Safety T-shirts were distributed at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety BBQ meeting held in July at Sprague River Park. This year's uniform shirt displayed the message "**Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire." Fire Order 3.**

The safety award for 2006 was a "Leatherman Mirco" given to employees in recognition for successfully completing a safe year of work.



## Safety and Wellness Program

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The year ended with a safety and wellness luncheon held at OIT. The meeting focused on Winter Driving and also introduced the District's Wellness Program. Employees listened to guest speaker Patty Case, a local registered dietitian, as she shared information about the State's Healthy Worksite Initiative. She also encouraged District employees to participate in

the 2007 Healthy Active Klamath Challenge. This annual six week event held in April is part of a grassroots effort to make Klamath county a healthier community to work, play and live in.

The District recorded six preventable personal injuries and six preventable vehicle incidents in 2006. The following table outlines the mileage and exposure hours for the last three years:

Exposure Hours and Miles Driven	2006	2005	2004
Employee Exposure Hours	94,650	102,593	95,868
Vehicle Miles Driven	375,624	393,897	622,725

## Klamath Forest Protective Association

The Klamath Forest Protective Association (KFPA) is a non-profit organization that represents all private landowners in the Klamath-Lake District.

Established in 1908, KFPA was responsible for fire suppression and other fire protection activities on private land.

At that time, associations were created to handle forest fire suppression in the state of Oregon. Over time, however, many associations began turning their fire fighting responsibilities over to the state. In 1975, KFPA transferred its fire fighting duties by signing a cooperative agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry. Today KFPA works closely with the District Forester, providing advice and direction in the general operation of the District's fire protection program. Members also provide input into and approve the annual Protection operating budget.

KFPA works hard to make positive contributions to the local community through its various programs. In addition to

protection of private forest and range resources from wildfires, KFPA also has the following objectives:

- ❖ To preserve the private forests of Klamath and Lake counties for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing timber and forest production.
- ❖ To protect private forest and range resources from loss by insect and disease attacks.
- ❖ To enlist the aid of other organizations in accomplishing these objectives.

KFPA's members collectively own and manage approximately 836,000 acres of private land in the District. Members elect a 13-person board of directors each year. Board members volunteer a lot of time to handle the association's affairs and work on various related committees. KFPA also promotes and sponsors forest fire prevention education for children, recognizing that our key to success in the future lies with them.



### 2006 Board of Directors

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## Protection From Fire



Fire School at Sun Pass State Forest

Fire season was officially declared on May 17<sup>th</sup>, with additional public use restrictions put in place for the Klamath River Canyon. Similar public use restrictions were put in place for the remaining portions of the District on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The District remained in fire season and these public use restrictions until Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, for a total fire season length of 157 days, and a public use restriction period of 115 days.

During the season, the District experienced 126 fires on state protected land that burned a total of 202 acres. Overall the District experienced 129% of the ten year average in terms of fire numbers, only burning 5% of the ten year average in terms of acres. The potential for large fires and the resultant damage was a concern throughout the season, as evidenced by record high indices during August and September. Critical conditions during the season were also reflected in some eleven Fire Weather Watches and/or Red Flag Warnings issued during the season.

Despite heavy lightning activity, the District was able to implement aggressive initial attack. Initial attack, coupled with the strategic use of severity funded resources and great coordination with our cooperators and landowners, led to a very successful fire season.



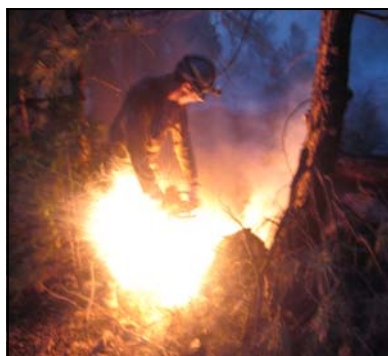
### 2006 Fire Season Summary

Approximately 76% of the fire season was spent in High or Extreme fire danger. In total, the District experienced 37 days of lightning, resulting in 149% of the ten year average number of lightning fires. Human caused fire numbers were slightly up this year, with 105% of the ten year average.

Due to significant effort, the District experienced only one large fire during 2006; the White King fire which burned a total of 119 acres in the Lake Unit.

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SIGNIFICANT FIRE	TOTAL ACRES	PRIVATE ACRES	CAUSE	DATE
White King	119	119	Miscellaneous	July 11, 2006

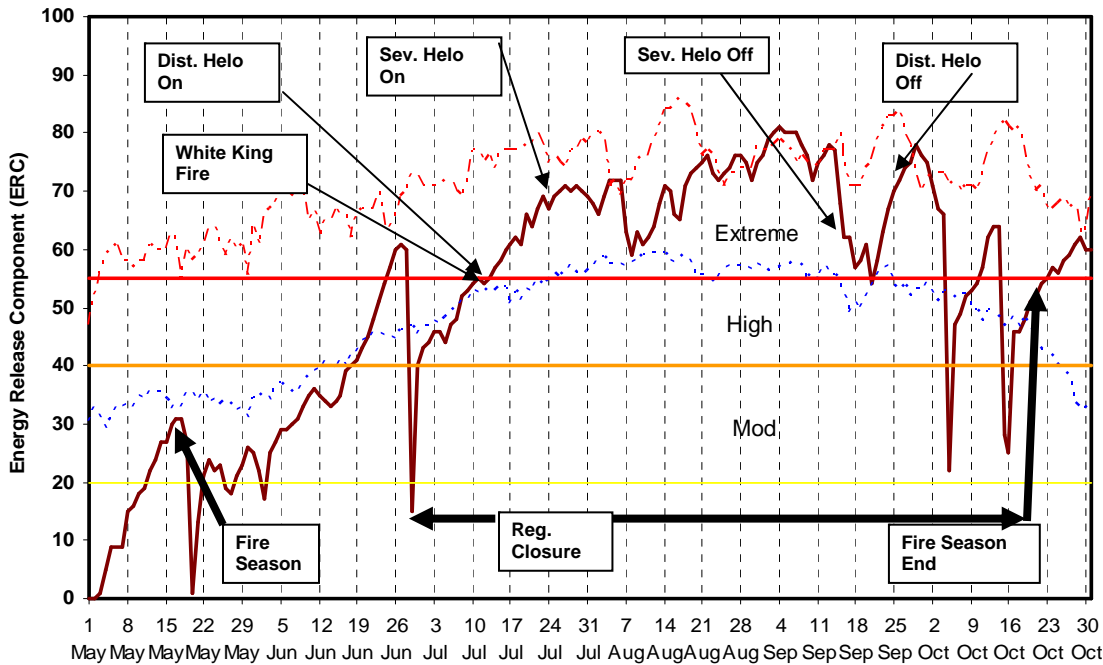


Chainsaw work on August 10 Senior Punching Bag Fire

FIRE CAUSE	NUMBER OF FIRES			NUMBER OF ACRES		
	2006	10-YEAR AVERAGE	% OF 10-YEAR	2006	10-YEAR AVERAGE	% OF 10-YEAR
Railroad	0	0	100%	0	0	100%
Equipment	8	8.1	99%	3.9	269.27	1%
Recreationist	7	8	88%	8.84	15.19	58%
Smoker	2	2.7	74%	1.10	5	22%
Debris Burning	13	12	108%	37.7	104.25	36%
Arson	1	2.8	36%	.10	234.83	0%
Juveniles	1	2.3	43%	.25	15.83	2%
Miscellaneous	14	8.1	173%	121.58	17.64	689%
Total Human Caused	46	44	105%	173.47	662	26%
Lightning	80	53.8	149%	29.02	3603.73	1%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>202.49</b>	<b>4265.73</b>	<b>5%</b>



2006 SCO Fire Danger - Pumice Area  
WIMS, Chiloquin 353310, Model G



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## Prevention

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Fire prevention is an integral part of the District's Fire Protection Program. Prevention efforts are emphasized and presented through education, public outreach and enforcement.

The District was aggressive this year in providing information to the public through media press releases and a variety of display ads and newsprint publications. The display ads highlighted current fire restrictions in place during critical fire danger periods.

Educational information was also presented to the public during the Klamath Home Show, Fire Prevention Cooperative Workshop, Klamath & Lake County Fairs, and the annual Child Safety Day program.



2006 Fire School

The Wildland Fire Prevention Poster Contest was presented to students throughout Klamath and Lake Counties. The goal of the contest is to increase wildland fire prevention awareness. This annual event helps students understand the importance of preventing wildland fires, and then partners them within the communities by sharing their message through posters they create. The posters are used throughout the summer in a variety of displays, newspaper display ads and restaurant place-mat distributions.

The program was presented to 618 second and fourth grade students with 455 posters were turned in to "get the message out". The schools participating included Gearhart, Fremont, Roosevelt, Conger, Fairview, Pelican, Triad, Mills, and Hosanna Elementary Schools. The program is supported through partnerships with the schools and solid financial support from the KPFA, area banks, local businesses, industry representatives and Klamath County Title 3 funding assistance.

## Grant and Cooperative Projects

The District continues to see reductions in available funding opportunities through Federal Grant Programs. Locally, a "Pass through Grant" to the Chiloquin Fire District was the only grant received in 2006. Several previous grant projects are still on going, while two were completed during 2006.



Moore Park Fuels Reduction

Fuel treatment began on the Bly grant project with plans to continue work during the coming year. Final plans have been completed for the Rocky Point grant project, with work to also be accomplished next year.

The District was also involved in several cooperative-partnership fuel reduction projects:

The Lake Unit assisted The Nature Conservancy with a 460 prescribed burn near Sycan Marsh, and assisted Oregon State Parks with a 21 acre burning project in Booth State Park .

The Klamath Unit worked with JELD-WEN Company in burning and mapping approximately 1400 machine piles in the Longbell Tract north of Chiloquin and in burning 670 piles just east of Klamath Falls.



Booth State Park Project  
Before (top) and After (bottom)

*"The District was involved in several cooperative partnership fuel reduction projects..."*

GRANT SOURCE	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Pass Through Grant to Chiloquin Agency Lake Fire District	850 Home Assessments 58 Acres of Fuel Reduction
Moore Park	10 Acres of Fuel Reduction 35 Acres of Hand Pile Burning 40 Acres of Hand Pile Burning ( <i>Keno</i> ) 200 Acres of Hand Pile Burning ( <i>Scott Valley</i> )
BLM Contract	20 Acres of Understory Burning 32 Acres of Machine Pile Burning
Title 3 Grant	Klamath County CWPP Provided assistance to Poster Contest Project Completed Klamath County Home Assessments
Bly - Western States Grant	21 Acres of Burning ( <i>Booth Park</i> ) 40 Acres of Thinning ( <i>Pinecrest</i> )

## Community Wildfire Protection Plans

The Klamath County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Klamath Falls Community Wildfire Protection Plan are expected to be completed in 2007. Both are running simultaneously and are using a program called Geobook that enables the reader to use an interactive mapping display as well as be connected to various useful web links.

As part of the Klamath County CWPP effort, approximately 10,000 structures in the county were assessed for vulnerability to fire. This assessment was taken electronically and stored in an electronic database that can be easily displayed on CWPP and operations maps. Fire managers will have the ability to gain information on structures more quickly and be able to pass important information on to fire personnel on the ground.

The CWPP effort has had good participation from other agency and fire district personnel, the local planning departments, as well as private contractors. The original goal of the effort was to produce a document that not only satisfies the requirements of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, but also acts as a tool for fire personnel before and during fire incidents. The group is well on its way to achieving this goal.



2006 Klamath Falls Homeshow display outlining Senate Bill 360 information.



## Private Forests Program



JELD-WEN Forested Wetland (Post Operation 2006)

The Private Forests Program integrates what was previously known as the *Forest Practices Program* and the *Forestry Assistance Program*. Services encompass various aspects of promoting and supporting landowners in improving forest health, timber, fish and wildlife habitat, soil and water quality, recreation opportunities and aesthetics of private and community forests through information, technical assistance, financial incentives and regulation.



### 2006 Notification of Forest Operations

NOTIFICATION	KLAMATH UNIT	LAKE UNIT	TOTAL
New Applications	353	223	576
Renewed Applications	128	63	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>767</b>

### Private Forests Program Awards

Klamath-Lake District was proud to have two nominees for the 2006 Operator of the Year Award. This award program recognizes operators and/or landowners who “go the extra mile” in sensitive and complex forest operations.

Lakeview operator, Holgate Logging & Contracting was awarded the overall 2006 Operator of the Year for the Eastern Oregon Area. The operation involved working around Kelley Creek located 12 miles South of Lakeview. Holgate Logging redesigned and installed a stream crossing culvert which allowed for improved fish passage for Speckled Dace and Red Band Trout.

Dave Holgate and his crew worked closely with several local agencies to produce a successful outcome. They took great care to improve and stabilize the stream bank and to minimize the environmental impact that could occur from such a project. This remarkable operation also included removing trees from a mixed conifer stand of Ponderosa Pine and White Fir using a dozer for skidding on the steepest portions thereby minimizing ground disturbance.

JELD-WEN Logging Company was also nominated for Eastern Oregon Area Operator of the Year for a forested wetland operation that took place on JELD-WEN’s Longbell property.

JELD-WEN Logging did an excellent job entering the wetland only during snowy weather, on frozen ground and adjusting their logging locations according to the weather. More trees were left than the minimum required. Completion revealed a healthy forested wetland with no re-

source damage and very little evidence of entry. Wildlife reentered the area and used it heavily throughout the following summer. Although JELD-WEN Logging did not receive the EOA Operator of the Year, they did receive a well deserved Merit Award for their efforts.



*“Holgate Logging redesigned and installed culvert.”*





## Landowner Assistance

Forestry assistance accomplishments and activities for 2006 included:

- ❖ Assisting landowners in completion of 20 acres of site preparation and planting, 72 acres of pre-commercial thinning, 236 acres of stand release treatments, 410 acres of fuel reduction, 398 acres of wildlife habitat enhancement, 1860 acres of insect and disease diagnosis and one culvert replacement.
- ❖ Reviewing and commenting on 20 Klamath County land use planning requests.
- ❖ Coordinating the Tree Farm program and annual inspections for Klamath and Lake Counties.

- ❖ Organizing the Forest Management stations at Resources and People Camp (RAP) and the annual Sixth Grade School Forestry Tour.
- ❖ Responding to requests from local watershed working groups and agencies for input on forestry recommendations and regulations.
- ❖ Continuing participation in several outreach activities including Klamath Outdoor Science School (KOSS), Klamath Tree League (KTL), Society of American Foresters (SAF) and Project Learning Tree (PLT).



Classroom at KOSS

## Forest Health

*“The District continues to participate as a member of the Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership supporting various local projects.”*

The Oregon Department of Forestry’s Forest Health Program is designed to survey, evaluate, and monitor forest insects and tree diseases. ODF then provides technical advice and training in the use of integrated pest management principles to help professional foresters and landowners meet their management goals and objectives.

Some of the highest increases in tree mortality in the state were observed in Klamath and Lake Counties during the 2006 aerial

survey for insect and disease damage. This was primarily due to damage from mountain pine beetle in lodgepole pine stands along the Winter Rim area south and southwest of Summer Lake. The District also experienced large increases in balsam wooly adelgid damage in true fir and non-native satin moth defoliation in aspen stands.

As part of the local Forest Health Program, cost-share funding was available to private landowners during 2006 for pre-commercial

thinning to prevent bark beetle mortality in pine stands. This US Forest Service sponsored grant will continue on the District in 2007.

The District continues to participate as a member of the Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership supporting various local projects: planning interpretive trails at Moore Park, Lake-of-the-Woods and Sun Pass; and reviewing the District’s State Forests Annual Operating Plans.

## Additional Forest Practices Data for 2006

FOREST PRACTICES DATA	KLAMATH UNIT	LAKE UNIT	TOTAL
<b>Written Plans</b>			
Significant Wetlands	14	30	44
Threatened & Endangered Species	10	1	11
Waters of the State	3	38	41
<b>Forest Practices Citations</b>			
Civil Penalty Citations	2	0	2
Criminal Citations	0	0	0
Uniform Citations (Fire)	2	0	2
Uniform Citations (Warnings)	2	2	4

*“The Private Forests Program integrates what was previously known as the Forest Practices Program and the Forestry Assistance Program.”*

## Urban and Community Forestry



Community Arboretum at OIT



Urban forest ecosystems contribute to quality of life, and to the environmental and economic well-being of Oregon's cities.

In 2006, the City of Lakeview initiated a citywide public tree inventory with technical expertise and tools from ODF and the assistance of community volunteers, including staff from the Lake Unit.

Klamath Falls continues to be the Klamath-Lake District Tree City USA community, being recertified in 2006 for 2005 activities. The Tree City USA, a program of the National Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by the Oregon Department of Forestry, recognizes cities that have developed programs that plant and care for trees. This year, a record high of 43 Oregon communities received the award. In addition to Tree City USA status, Klamath Falls received a Tree City Growth Award for going beyond the Tree City standards. This award recognizes the completion of special projects and environmental improvement, while encouraging higher levels of tree care.

The District is an also active member of the Klamath Tree League. The group continues to improve the livability of the local urban area by helping to develop and maintain a local urban forestry program. Working with Title III Grant funding, the League completed plans for two water features to be installed at the community arboretum located at Oregon Institute of Technology. These features will be constructed in 2007.

## State Forest Management Program

The Klamath-Lake District manages 33,739 acres of state forest lands. Sun Pass State Forest is the largest single block within that total, at 21,317 acres. This forest is located 40 miles north of Klamath Falls near the southeastern corner of Crater Lake National Park. Remaining state-owned land is scattered in a number of small parcels throughout the District, with the exception of two larger blocks of land – Bear Valley and Yainax Butte.

The mission of the State Lands program is to actively manage state lands in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner. State forest lands are managed to maintain major resources for the benefit of the public and produce revenues for counties and the Common School Fund. Of the 33,739 acres managed by the District, 26,912 acres are County Forest Trust lands, and the remaining 6,827 acres are Common School Forest lands.

Management activities accomplished on state forest lands during the year included

planting 84,774 seedlings in Sun Pass State Forest, the North Block, and in the Yainax Tract. Pre-commercial thinning was completed on 1,169 acres of recently completed timber sales, including the Leo's Landing Timber Sale, the Haywire Timber Sale, and the Smokestack Timber Sale. Noxious weed control was completed on over 400 acres in the Yainax Tract. In addition, 99 acres of site prep spraying was completed on the 3-P and Hole in One Timber Sales. Active harvesting occurred on the Timber Sales listed in the chart below.



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COMMON SCHOOL FOREST LANDS		
Sale Name	MBF Volume	Value
Siderod	3,711	\$ 777,661
BOARD OF FORESTRY LANDS		
Leo's Landing	2,488	\$ 476,009
Haywire	902	\$ 159,383
Slipshod	1,084	\$ 275,028
Chopper Salvage	46	\$ 14,645
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>\$ 925,065</b>
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>8,231</b>	<b>\$ 1,702,726</b>



## Klamath Outdoor Science School

The District worked with the Klamath Outdoor Science School (KOSS) to locate and begin to develop a permanent location for an outdoor science school in Sun Pass State Forest. KOSS provides community outdoor science education that highlights the unique features of the Upper Klamath Basin, serving primarily the youth of the region. In 2006 over 500 students, parents and teachers attended the outdoor school. By 2010, KOSS expects to be at 50% of full capacity, with attendance of 1,000 students for an average of 2.5 days per student during the 9 month school year.

The District believes that having the Sun Pass State Forest serve as the primary setting for this experience provides a critical educational opportunity related to positive and progressive forest management.



KOSS and volunteers constructed two 30-foot diameter yurts and 24 bunk beds for sleeping quarters.



## Timber Sales Sold in 2006

*“State forest lands are managed to maintain major resources for the benefit of the public and produce revenues for Counties and the Common School Fund.”*

BOARD OF FORESTRY LANDS			
Sale Name	Acres	MBF Volume	Value
Lucky Logger	180	543	\$115,783
Anomalous	154	1,452	\$407,065
Full A Bull	745	5,966	1,536,758
<b>TOTAL SOLD</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>7,961</b>	<b>\$2,049,633</b>

## District Administration

The District administrative staff provides fundamental service and support to all District programs in both Klamath Falls and Lakeview. The admin staff is responsible for the operation of a variety of business management functions, including processing payroll, purchasing, fire billings and payments, motor pool tracking and reporting, word processing and budget preparation. During the fire season months, admin staff provided support to the Protection from Fire Program in both Lake and Klamath Units.

The Klamath Admin Unit’s organization changed in 2006. Pam Brown officially joined the Unit taking on the receptionist and motor pool administration functions. Pam continues to support the Private Forests program working with the stewardship foresters and being responsible for FACTS requirements.



Pam and Deanna distribute Safety T-Shirts

## Community Service



Lake Unit employees adopt Hwy 140



The Klamath-Lake District employees are committed to their communities in a wide variety of ways. Together they support the Klamath and Lake Counties Food Bank, read to students participating in the SMART program and keep the highway clean as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. The effects of these efforts are priceless!

Start Making A Reader Today is Oregon's leading nonprofit early literacy program, serving kindergartners through third graders. Every SMART student is read with twice a week and receives 14 new books to take home and keep. This year, six employees participated by reading to children at Fairhaven and Conger Elementary schools in Klamath Falls, and Fremont Elementary school in Lakeview.

The Lakeview employees donated their time to the Adopt-A-Highway program in their area. They are responsible for four miles of Hwy 140 East removing debris from the roadside. These employees are committed to helping in this program twice every summer.

## Annual State Employees Food Drive

District employees participated in the 2006 Governor's State Employee Food Drive raising \$7190 in cash and 1,238 pounds of food. They accomplished this by soliciting food donations and monetary gifts, and conducting fundraising activities throughout the year. The local Food Bank

receives 17 lbs of food for every dollar donated. This year's donation totaled 123,468 pounds of food to help communities in the District.



Klamath Falls employees fundraise for hunger.

## Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank

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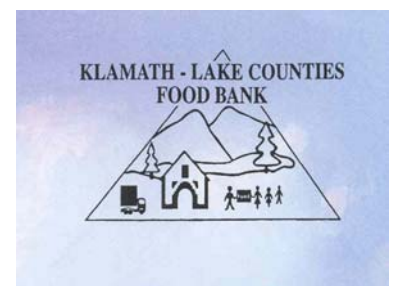
The Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank receives approximately 49% of their food from the community. Local grocery retailers, ranches, individuals, food processors, schools, service organization and businesses donate.

Niki Sampson, Food Bank Director shared that "the impact District employees have on what the Food Bank can do to help the communities is phenomenal."

In 2006, the Food Bank provided 1,300 food boxes every month to feed a household of four for 4-7 days, and about 8,000 people in Klamath and Lake Counties ate from a food box over the last 12 months.

The long cold winter increased the need for emergency food assistance by 30%. Utility costs were one of the huge culprits in 2006.

"The State Employee Food Drive is so important to us", Niki stated, **"You guys are awesome!"**



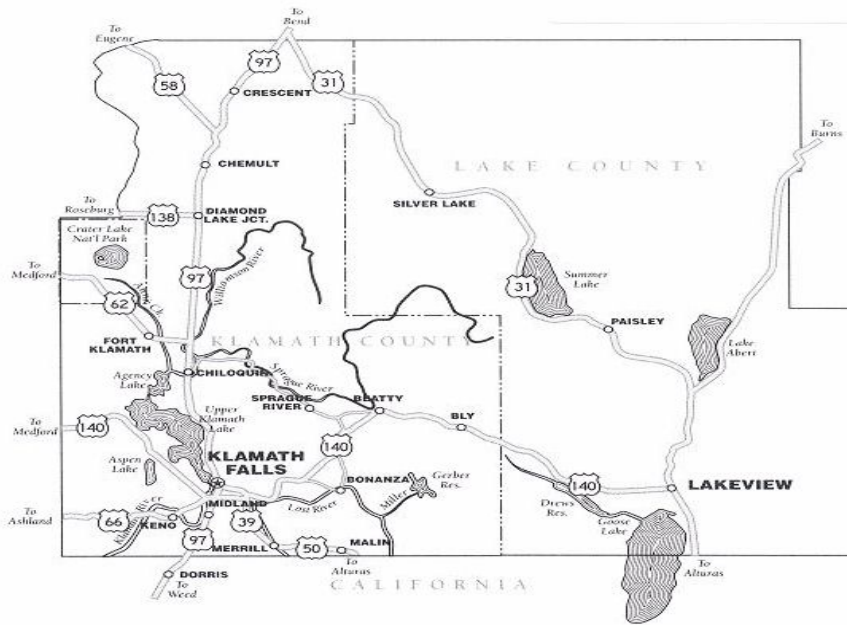


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