



North Cascade District Annual Report 2007

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Protection from Fire - Santiam State Forest - Engineering - Private Forests
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Cover Photo:

A Clackamas County Title III grant funded Crew 58, a hand crew made up of local high school students. Kayli Robison, from Canby high school, scratches out hand line during live fire training.

This page background:

Crew 58 learns hand line construction from the Zig Zag Hotshots.

Both photos, Interagency Fire School, Sportsman’s Park, Mt. Hood National Forest

2007 Annual Report

Oregon Department of Forestry

North Cascade District

District Forester Comments

The 2007 fire season ended with the number of statistical fires at approximately 68 percent of the number of fires in 2006, however this number of fires is 3 times higher than the District 10 year average of 39 statistical fires. Debris burning caused fires are the largest primary fire cause, a trend common across the state. Our prevention efforts continue to look for additional opportunities to address these types of fire causes that include partnering with other local fire agencies, our prevention co-ops and Keep Oregon Green. The dedication and willingness of district employees to assist with statewide emergency needs (both fire and non-fire) cannot be understated. Employees filled 19 incident assignments that totaled 139 days in support of fire and storm damage efforts in other parts of the state during 2007.

A significant effort has occurred over the past several years in developing the recreational infrastructure including trails and camp sites and developing forest educational programs on the Santiam State Forest. As a result the recreational use on the forest continues to increase. With an eye to future recreation needs, the Department is developing an action plan for addressing findings and recommendations provided in the 2nd Party Recreation Assessment completed in 2007. This effort will identify and prioritize issues to improve consistency in the recreation program across all State Forest lands. Four timber sales and 12 salvage sales (from the 2006 winter storms) were sold during the 2007 fiscal year totaling 12.4 million board feet at a value of over 11 million dollars. The 2007 Annual Operation Plan timber sale contracts were completed totaling approximately 14.5 million board feet valued at \$4.5 million dollars. These contracts will be offered for sale over the next several months. A wide variety of reforestation and young stand management activities were completed on 3,520 acres.

The District planned, organized and provided the logistics for the Oregon Board of Forestry Tour in September that visited four forest operation areas in Clackamas County to promote insight and understanding about active forest management in forests within or near Oregon's urban areas. The tour provided a range of perspectives from landowners, county and city planners, stewardship foresters and Department staff about how these urban fringe areas can contribute to sustainable forestry. The six Stewardship Foresters administered the Forest Practices Act on 1,627 operations, reviewed 119 written plans and responded to 55 complaints.

The District also had numerous personnel changes due to retirements, resignations and promotions. Several career developmental assignments were provided to give employees on-the-job experience.

I continue to admire and respect the District's employees in providing quality services and maintaining excellent working relationships with the Clackamas-Marion Forest Protective Association, our stakeholders and federal partners, and the public.

Gregg Cline
North Cascade District Forester

*View from the Natural Arch
Santiam State Forest
Photo credit: Jon Mayer*

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

Fire Season Summary

In the North Cascade District, fire season felt like a roller coaster ride, with indices rising & falling throughout the summer, but for the most part, the season was quieter than the previous year. The season lasted 90 days, compared to the 115 days of 2006. There were 121 Statistical, 21 Non-Stat and 60 Non-Fire Crew Action fires for a total of 202 fires.

Debris burning remains the number one cause of fires in our area, comprising 69 of our 121 stat fires, or 57% of our fire load. Also of concern are escaped slash burns on industrial lands during the fall burning cycle, especially during east wind events. Large fires on the district were kept to just a few, the most significant being the Polly Stout Escape on Santiam and the Glen Avon Fire on Molalla.

Polly Stout

On May 17th, an ODF timber sale unit was ignited for a prescribed burn by a contract crew, monitored by State Forest personnel from the Santiam unit. Shortly after 1300, spotting began to occur outside of the unit onto private ownership, which crews were sent to control. As the prescribed burn progressed, an ODF Type 6 engine was threatened by a change in fire behavior. The ODF firefighter at that location attempted to defend the engine, but was forced to escape the area on a fire trail. The firefighter was injured and the engine was a total loss. The investigation that followed allowed the District to identify specific lessons learned from the burn over.



Glen Avon

The Glen Avon fire was reported around noon on August 31st a little over 5 miles from the Molalla office. The fire was started in a roadside slash pile on industrial land near the Glen Avon Bridge in the Molalla River Corridor. Some interest was generated in the Portland and local media markets. Due to the proximity of homes and steep, unstable terrain, air attack was ordered as well as additional overhead, crews and equipment from out of district. No evacuations were needed. During initial attack, a second active fire was reported a few miles up the same roadway on BLM land (called the Mile Post 12 Fire). This second fire spread IA resources thin, but the cooperation of the Molalla and Colton Rural Fire Departments proved invaluable. Over the course of two days, additional control and mop-up efforts kept the Glen Avon fire to 16.5 acres. Initial reports marked both of the fire origins as suspicious in nature. The ongoing investigation includes the cooperation of an ODF Type I investigator, the Oregon State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

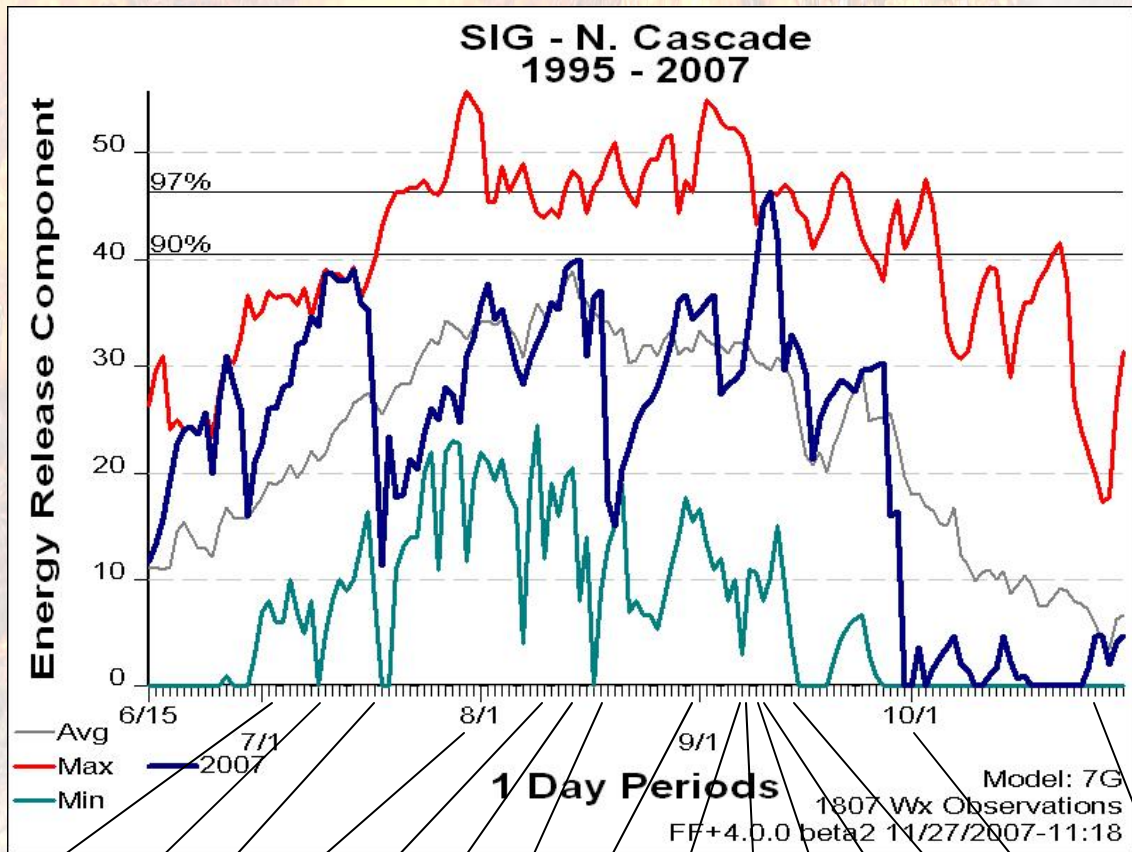
Fire Season 2007 Weather Trends

Elevated ERC Levels
Above 30: 39 Days
Above 40: 5 days

Stat Fires: 121
Non-Stat Fires: 21
NFCA Fires: 60

Northwest Oregon Severity Helicopter Standby:
 Staged at the Mulino Airport on September 8 for a few hours,
 then dispatched to the 1500 Road Fire, Dallas OR.

Days in Fire Season	Days in Regulated Use	Days in IFPL 1	Days in IFPL 2	Days in IFPL 3
90	84	70	19	1



Begin Fire Season And Regulated Use In Molalla River Corridor 7/3	Regulated Use District-Wide 7/9	IFPL I 7/17	IFPL II 8/1	IFPL I 8/10	IFPL II 8/15	IFPL I 8/20	Glen Avon Fire 8/31	Severity Heli. 9/8	IFPL II 9/10	IFPL III 9/12	IFPL II 9/13	IFPL I 9/17	End Fire Season and Regulated Use District-Wide 10/1	Significant East Wind Event 10/27
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PROTECTION FROM FIRE

North Cascade District - Statistical Fires for 2007 and 2006 10 Year Average (1997 Through 2006)

North Cascade District (Combined)

General Cause	2007			2006			10 Year Average		
	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres
Lightning	0	0%	0.00	5	3%	1.63	1	3%	0.24
Railroad	0	0%	0.00	1	1%	0.01	0	0%	0.00
Equipment Use	17	14%	1.22	21	12%	2.24	5	13%	1.25
Recreationist	10	8%	0.67	23	13%	3.46	6	15%	3.39
Smoking	0	0%	0.00	9	5%	3.83	2	5%	0.68
Debris Burning	69	57%	286.81	83	47%	111.37	16	41%	21.87
Arson	7	6%	17.56	13	7%	0.24	2	5%	1.35
Juveniles	1	1%	0.01	1	1%	0.25	0	0%	0.15
Miscellaneous	17	14%	1.10	22	12%	1.10	7	18%	1.10
Total	121	100%	307.31	178	100%	182.28	39	100%	47.91

Molalla Unit (Multnomah and Clackamas Counties)

General Cause	2007			2006			10 Year Average		
	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres
Lightning	0	0%	0.00	3	2%	1.53	0	0%	0.15
Railroad	0	0%	0.00	1	1%	0.01	0	0%	0.00
Equipment Use	11	12%	0.73	13	9%	1.01	3	11%	0.62
Recreationist	8	9%	0.65	19	13%	0.44	5	18%	1.17
Smoking	0	0%	0.00	5	3%	3.60	1	4%	0.66
Debris Burning	57	63%	63.85	72	50%	36.10	13	46%	13.68
Arson	5	6%	17.53	13	9%	0.24	2	7%	1.35
Juveniles	1	1%	0.01	1	1%	0.25	0	0%	0.15
Miscellaneous	8	9%	0.37	16	11%	5.73	4	14%	6.65
Total	90	100%	83.14	143	100%	93.91	28	100%	24.43

Santiam Unit (Marion and Northern Linn Counties)

General Cause	2007			2006			10 Year Average		
	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres	No. Fires	%	Total Acres
Lightning	0	0%	0.00	2	6%	0.10	1	9%	0.09
Railroad	0	0%	0.00	0	0%	0.00	0	0%	0.00
Equipment Use	6	19%	0.49	8	23%	1.23	2	18%	0.63
Recreationist	2	6%	0.02	4	11%	3.02	1	9%	2.22
Smoking	0	0%	0.00	4	11%	0.23	1	9%	0.02
Debris Burning	12	39%	222.96	11	31%	75.27	3	27%	8.19
Arson	2	6%	0.03	0	0%	0.00	0	0%	0.00
Juveniles	0	0%	0.00	0	0%	0.00	0	0%	0.00
Miscellaneous	9	29%	0.67	6	17%	8.52	3	27%	12.33
Total	31	100%	224.17	35	100%	88.37	11	100%	23.48





Jesse Batson, Megan Dyer and Sarah Crowell on the Shelton Fire

Photo credit—Chris Friend

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

Out of District Fire Assignments

The North Cascade District sent several employees out of district over the 2007 fire season. District personnel filled assignments on the Cottonwood, Shelton, Ukiah Complex and 1500 Road fires, provided move up coverage for the John Day, Pendleton, Monument and Prineville areas and assisted in out-of-state fire-

fighting efforts on the Florida Bugaboo Fire and the Buckweed, Witch and Slide fires in California. Protection apparatus were out of district on 10 assignments for a total of 94 days. North Cascade personnel were out on 19 assignments for 139 days, including two activations of ODF Incident Management Team I. North Cascade personnel and equipment were dispatched to assist with Winter Storm efforts in Northwest Oregon in December.



Witch Fire - California



Winter Storm 2007, N. Fork Wilson River



Slide Fire - California



Shelton Fire

TRAINING

North Cascade staff attended training opportunities throughout the year, as well as workshops and conferences on subjects ranging from Riparian Management, Fire Prevention, Administration, Dispatch, the Incident Qualification System, Wildland/Urban Interface Issues, Crew Rep. Northwest and Incident Management Team training. Jon Mayer, Mike Kroon & Keith Baldwin began Agency Leadership training (ALP). ODF staff also provided S-130/190 wildland fire training for the Rural Fire Districts during fire academies and weekend drills. Basic Fire Shelter and OR-OSHA training was provided for our Industrial Cooperators at the annual Operator's dinner.



Wildland Training for Rural Fire Districts



Fire School Mt. Hood



Aviation Training, A-219



Fire School - Sweet Home



Stewardship Forester CREP Training

2007 fire line courses attended by staff included **L-380** Fire Line Leadership, **S-130/190** Basic Firefighter, **S-271** Helicopter Crewmember, **S-270** Basic Air Ops, **Railroad Fire Investigation**, **I-400** Intermediate ICS, **D-110** Dispatch Recorder, **S-339** Division/Group Supervisor, **S-371** Helicopter Manager, **S-450** Logistics Section Chief, **S-341** GIS for Incident Management, **S-491** NFDRS, **S-290** Intermediate Fire Behavior, **M-410** Facilitative Instructor, **S-420** Command & General Staff and **CIMC**, among others.

FIRE PREVENTION - OVERVIEW

The North Cascade District takes part in numerous fire prevention efforts throughout the year. This includes participation in county Fire Prevention cooperatives and working in conjunction with local fire departments and the US Forest Service to bring Smokey Bear school programs to over 7,000 first and second grade students.

Other fire prevention contacts were made with the public through participation in sportsman shows, Clackamas County Tree School (organized by the OSU Extension Service), Smokey Bear Days at Silver Falls State Park and booths and appearances in holiday parades, rodeos, fairs, food drives and other community festivals and events.



Clackamas County Fair

Fire prevention education was presented at Silver Falls State Park, the Molalla River Recreation Corridor, church camps and other privately-owned campgrounds and recreation sites.

The annual Operator's dinner held at the Farmstead Inn in Molalla provided Industrial fire prevention education, training and networking opportunities with Industry representatives. This year's keynote speaker was David Lake, Portland General Electric's Forester and Clackamas-Marion FPA Board Member.

Protection staff also attended the interagency Fire Prevention Conference at Salishan, bringing back ideas for Fire Prevention activities and projects.

Howard Strobel worked with Marion and Linn County agencies on the creation and completion of Community Wildfire Protection plans in both counties.

The District continues to work on action items identified in the Clackamas County Community Wildfire Protection plan. Grant funding provided increased opportunities to provide education to the public in 2007.



Molalla Buckeroo Rodeo



Fire Planning at Trail's End Campground



Ashley Gregg participates in the Operation Santa Claus Food Drive with the Molalla Fire Department

FIRE PREVENTION - GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Clackamas County Title III funds provided resources for two ambitious Fire Prevention projects this year on the Molalla Unit.

The first, funded the purchase of a new Fire Prevention shelter and accompanying trailer for use at public events. Pictured right, the shelter is designed to provide display space for Fire Prevention materials and historic ODF equipment, tools and photographs. It was utilized at several outdoor events including the Clackamas County Fair, the Molalla Buckeroo Rodeo, Fire Prevention Week with the Canby Rural Fire Department, Damascus Day in the Park and at Barlow Park for the Board of Forestry Tour. It proved to be an invaluable tool to engage the public in fire prevention education.

The Fire Prevention Shelter grant project also included an outreach program specifically targeting the 4th of July and fireworks fire prevention and safety. ODF staff participated in a media day event with other fire agencies to 'get the word out'.

Local fireworks vendors were contacted, and were happy to hand out coupons to their fireworks customers. This coupon was valid for a fireworks safety kit, available at the Molalla Unit office. The kit consisted of a plastic bucket filled with prevention literature, defensible space checklist refrigerator magnets and Smokey Bear items. Each visit from fireworks purchasers allowed for another opportunity to educate the public on safety and prevention.

The second County Title III grant, administered by the Clackamas County Fire Prevention Cooperative in cooperation with ODF and the Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District, provided for free or cost-share address signs for rural homeowners in those same high-risk areas identified in the Clackamas Community Wildfire Protection Plan. ODF personnel spent many days installing these address signs.



Clackamas County Fair



Molalla Buckeroo Rodeo

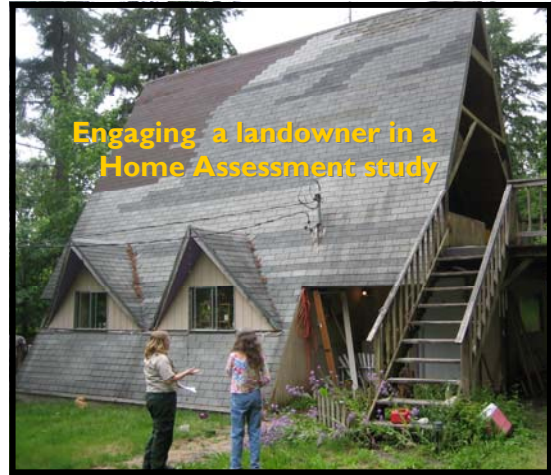


Installing New Address Signs for Homeowners

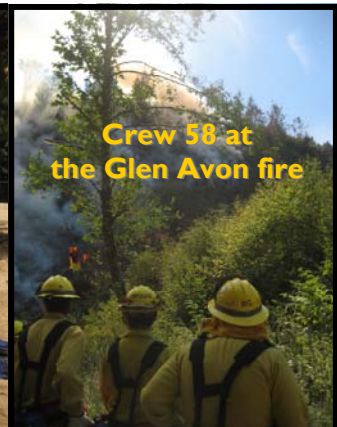
FIRE PREVENTION - GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Western States Fire Manager's grant funding was utilized to do Fire Prevention home assessments in Clackamas county. This funded ODF personnel to visit homeowners in high-risk wildfire areas to talk about defensible space and to rate their properties based on specific fire hazard criteria.

Crews utilized a Global Positioning System (GPS) data recording unit known as a 'Trimble' to collect latitude and longitude information on individual homes, identifying driveway access, distance from the street, etc. The data collected will be maintained in county database systems for fire management planning. Similar work, in cooperation with the South Cascade District also began in Linn County



Another Clackamas County Title III Grant provided for funding to continue defensible space and fuels reduction work identified in the Clackamas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. A crew of 9 was hired from local high schools and placed under the direction of an ODF Crew Coordinator. Work projects included defensible space planning in the Timberline Rim subdivision, clearing around campsites at Barlow Park, roadside work in the Molalla River Corridor and an ambitious fuels reduction project at Canemah Bluff near Oregon City. Working side-by-side with the landowner, Metro Parks, the crew removed invasive plant species and reduced fuel loading in this historically fire-prone location. On their last day of work, the crew also took part in mop-up on the Glen Avon fire.



EQUIPMENT POOL



The District shop provides mechanical services for the fleet of vehicles in the North Cascade District. Oil changes and minor repair work are performed at both Unit offices. Heavy equipment can be repaired on the job site with the use of the service truck.

The District Mechanic also fabricates and constructs fire engines at the shop in Molalla which minimizes construction costs and meets agency equipment development guidelines.



North Cascade District Fleet Vehicles

Passenger Vehicles/Pickups	22
Service Trucks/Flatbeds	3
Fire Suppression Engines	8
Equipment/Trailers/FEPP	13



Statistics

Lube, Oil & Filter	82
Brakes/Suspension	6
Drive Train	7
Electrical	7
New Tires/Repairs	37/5
Heavy Equipment Inspections	13
New Vehicles Placed Into Service	2
Miscellaneous Fabrication (hours)	55
Engine Fabrication/Construction (hours)	206



**Engine 5832
650 gal. Type 3 engine
Placed into service, June 2007.
Built at the N. Cascade Shop.**



The service truck ready to haul a water buffalo trailer to Veneta to aid in the Winter Storm relief.

PRIVATE FORESTS

The Private Forests Program staff continues to provide financial, educational and technical assistance to non-industrial landowners in addition to administering the Forest Practices Act on private forestlands in the North Cascade District. Stewardship Foresters ensure continued compliance with the Forest Practices Rules as well as keeping communication lines open with other agencies and jurisdictions. For the district, citation numbers increased slightly to 7 in 2007 up from 5 in 2006 while the number of written statements dropped from 16 in 2006 to 14 in 2007. During 2007, Stewardship Foresters continued to have a significant workload responding to complaints in and near urban areas and fielding questions regarding the stream reclassification rules that took effect October 1st. They also participated in teaching classes and performing demonstrations at annual events such as Tree School at Clackamas Community College and at Tree City Award presentations for several local cities.

Stewardship Foresters were involved in many agency assignments including Mike Haasken's fire assignments to Florida and California; Shannon Loffelmacher's assistance with updating the Private Forests FPA Field Guide; Keith Baldwin's appointment as board member for the Hopkins Demonstration Forest; Jeff Hepler's continued involvement on the Statewide Labor and Management and Rural Reserve Committee's; and Kristin Cotugno's ongoing participation with the Lower Columbia River Planning Team. Craig Pettinger (Santiam Protection Supervisor) filled a developmental assignment as a Stewardship Forester in Santiam. In addition, Kristin and Mike are working with Salem staff and the City of Damascus in developing a city tree ordinance that would regulate forest practices within their urban growth boundary.

Statistics	Santiam	Molalla	Total	5 year Average 2002-2006
Notification of Operation	716	911	1627	1806
Renewals	140	177	317	N/A
Citations	5	2	7	9
Written Plans	57	62	119	N/A
Written Statements	1	13	14	N/A
Stewardship Plans	1	4	5	7
Complaints	9	46	55	N/A
Tree Farm Inspections	1	0	1	N/A
Oregon Reforestation Tax Credit (acres)	30	41	71	697
CREP: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (acres)	15	43	58	N/A
FLEP: Forest Land Enhancement Program (acres)	15	11	26	N/A
FRT: Forest Resource Trust (acres)	40	22	62	N/A

PRIVATE FORESTS
Smoke Management

The North Cascade District administered a total of 149 units, comprising 2,857 acres and a total of 60,315 tons with no smoke intrusion into designated areas.

COUNTY	UNITS	ACRES	TONS	5 year Average 2002-2006 (Acres / Tons)
MULTNOMAH	5	60	1,390	67 / 1,331
CLACKAMAS	91	1,329	24,413	1,178 / 23,357
MARION	38	945	25,668	1,236 / 28,673
LINN	15	523	8,844	1,493 / 27,063
TOTAL	149	2,857	60,315	3,374 / 80,424

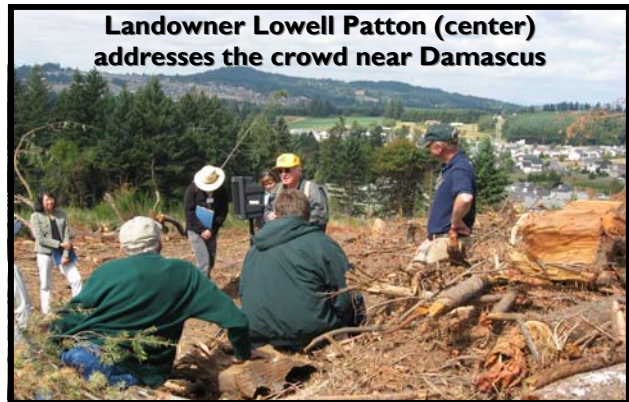


In December, North Cascade personnel toured the Freres Lumber Company Veneer Mill in Lyons. Of special interest was the new Co-Generation plant that came on line this year that is using bio-mass from the veneer mill as well as material from nearby harvest operations. The steam left over from power generation is being reused in the heating process of the raw logs before veneer production. Freres Lumber Company is currently studying the feasibility of being able to use waste material from all their operations in the new facility.



BOARD OF FORESTRY TOUR

Ongoing issues related to the development of forestland, changing demographics and shifting values in Clackamas and Multnomah Counties are impacting sustainability of forest management within rural residential forest areas. As a result, the North Cascade District hosted the Board of Forestry on September 6th. The Board's tour addressed issues such as development pressures, population growth, forest land values, urban interface wildfire risk, FPA administration and loss of green infrastructure. These forests provide an array of values to local communities. The tour was well attended and provided perspectives from landowners, county and city planners, Stewardship Foresters and Department staff. The Board of Forestry is continuing to deliberate on issues raised on the tour.



Landowner Lowell Patton (center) addresses the crowd near Damascus



Tour stop on Ferguson Rd. near Redland



Jeff Hepler Addresses the crowd at a tour stop on Heiple Road



Keith Baldwin, Paul Bell, Ken Cushman and Jeff Hepler enjoying the tour



State Forester Marvin Brown sums up the day



Tyson Losli, Weyerhaeuser Co.

Gregg Cline, Dist. Forester

SANTIAM STATE FOREST

Timber Sales and Sale Layout

As a result of the winter wind storms in 2006, the State Forests personnel prepared and administered 12 salvage sale contracts in addition to the normal workload that included fifteen active timber sales in Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties. Additionally, the foresters completed the FY 2008 Annual Operation Plan for selling 14.5 million board feet over the next year with an estimated value of almost \$4.5 million dollars.

Forest Product Statistics

	Vol MBF	Value
Clackamas		
Timber Sales	1071	\$ 518,041.30
Salvage	80	\$ 21,693.09
		\$ 539,734.39
Marion		
Timber Sales	1211	\$ 5,941,357.50
Salvage	962	\$ 386,111.96
		\$ 6,327,469.46
Linn		
Timber Sales	8573	\$ 4,008,858.65
Salvage	542	\$ 201,150.02
		\$ 4,210,008.67
Sale of Rock		\$ 3,868.80
Fire wood		\$ 5,623.68
Special Forest Products		\$ 2,200.00
Gross Revenue		\$11,088,905.00



Engineering

Normal road maintenance and short spur construction occurred over the district for 2007. The district road crew spent their time grading roads, cleaning culverts, cutting out downed trees from roads, removing slides, spraying brush and spot rocking road surfaces.

The South Rock Creek mainline was repaired in the fall of 2007 as a project of the "SRC Thin" timber sale. This mainline road had been unpassable since the winter storm of 1996 that washed out two road fills & culverts on the road at mile post 6. Recent negotiations with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife allowed the road repairs to be completed along with mitigation work for fish passage enhancement on the South Rock Creek 100 road. A new fish passable culvert and a breach of a small dam were completed on the SRC 100 as part of the road repairs.

Other fish habitat enhancements completed were the replacement of two 18" culverts; one on the Butte Cr. 500 and the other in the Gate Hill timber sale area. These small culverts were barriers to fish passage and were replaced with oversized arch pipes seeded with rock.



SANTIAM STATE FOREST **Reforestation Activities**

Board of Forestry		
Management Activity	Acres Planned	Acres Completed
Initial Planting	389	389
Interplanting	100	20
Underplanting	262	262
Tree Protection-Barriers	178	39
Site Prep-Chemical- Hand	273	332
Site Prep -Slash Burning	1,109	937
Site Prep -Mechanical	50	50
Fertilization	1,100	1,212
Release-Chemical- Aerial	0	3
Pre-commercial Thinning	250	276
Totals	3,711	3,520

Reforestation activities in FY 2007 were at higher levels than normal due in part to a better timber market . Most seedlings were grown at the D.L. Phipps Nursery. The remainder were grown at private nurseries.

All reforestation activities in FY 2007 were performed on Board of Forestry Lands.

The Santiam State Forest has partnered with other agencies as part of the Mid-Willamette Cooperative Weed Management Area. The group focuses on management of noxious weeds.

Seedlings Planted

Species	Number
Douglas Fir	77,000
Western Red Cedar	26,000
Western Hemlock	20,000
Noble Fir	20,000
Red Alder	7,000
Total	150,000



SANTIAM STATE FOREST

Recreation

It was an eventful year for the recreation program at the North Cascade District. Day-use visitation to the forest increased significantly in 2007. Use in some areas doubled or tripled. Staff, volunteers and inmate work crews maintained 28 miles of non-motorized trails, 2 miles of motorized trails, 24 developed campsites, 8 trailheads and 3 day-use areas that support a wide range of dispersed recreation opportunities on the Santiam State Forest.



Riders take a break after a day on the trail.



North Cascade road crew constructs a host site at Santiam Horse Camp.

New construction focused on improvement and continued development of ongoing campground, day-use area and trail system projects. Five miles of non-motorized trail and two miles of motorized trail were constructed. Other highlights consisted of the construction of a host site at the Santiam Horse Camp. The host site will improve safety and service for visitors to the forest. In addition development began on an interpretive shelter at the Shellburg Falls Recreation Area for outdoor education programs and group events.



(Left) Citizen Advisory Committee members tour the forest.



(Right) Youth crews rehabilitate a site once overgrown with invasive weeds.

Across the forest, volunteers made a difference!

A new record was set for volunteer service at the Santiam State Forest. Nearly 1,900 hours were donated by 180 volunteers during 2007. Hardworking volunteers participated in a wide variety of projects.

This includes continued development of the Monument Peak Trail System, Shellburg Free Ride Mountain Bike Area and Crooked Finger ATV Area Trails. Volunteers also assisted in planning, site rehabilitation, construction of a firewood shelter and much, much more.

SANTIAM STATE FOREST

Forest Resource Education

Over 2,200 children participated in 80 forest education programs presented in Clackamas, Marion and Linn Counties. These programs consisted of both in-school and field programs teaching students about a wide variety of forest resource and management topics. A very rewarding program for children was the six week forest education curriculum. The same group of students attended two field trips and six in-school programs that began with the basics of tree science and then advanced into topics such as forest wildlife, forest stewardship and careers in forestry. Evaluations by Oregon State University have shown that this program increases students knowledge and creates positive attitudes and behavior towards forestry.



Rural Dell Elementary students play "Oh Deer" while learning about forest habitat and carrying capacity.



A Maple Grove Elementary student studies invertebrates during a riparian area lesson at Butte Creek Falls.

Our partners help make forest education at the Santiam State Forest a success. ODF continued our partnership with Clackamas County 4H Extension Service to promote and teach students about forest resources throughout Clackamas County. This was the third year in which the District received a Title III Grant from Clackamas County that funded a part-time position and purchase of educational supplies. The knowledge and experiences that over 900 students gained this year from these programs can last a life time. Other valued partners included the Boy and Girl Scouts, Oregon Forest Resource Institute, Marion County 4H, local schools and libraries.



(Left) Recreation/education technician Josh Travers helps a Rural Dell student make a tree model during the "All About Trees" program. (Right) Mari-Linn Elementary students pose during a nature hike along the Monument Peak Trail System near Santiam Horse Camp.



"Some kids never get a chance to learn about animals, trees and other discoveries in the forest. I'm one of the lucky ones. I live in Oregon, and I have foresters to teach me everything about the forest. So I thank you all for your hard work. I have been in forestry (program) before and would love to be in it again and again"

- Fifth Grade Student from Rural Dell Elementary in Clackamas County

ADMINISTRATION

NORTH CASCADE DISTRICT CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

- * Ashley Gregg accepted the OS1 position at Molalla, effective 1/02/07.
- * Christina Edwards accepted a permanent NRS 1 position in Santiam, effective 01/08/07, then resigned 7/06/07.
- * Jerry Chetock, Unit Forester-State Lands Supervisor at Santiam, retired 4/30/07.
- * Howard Strobel, Assistant District Forester at Santiam, retired 4/30/07.
- * Jodi Kroon, GIS Planner at Santiam, resigned 7/11/07.
- * Robin Biesecker accepted the GIS Planner position in Santiam, effective 8/20/07.
- * Steve Kendall went from temporary to permanent NRS1 in Santiam, effective 10/01/07.
- * Sharon Wong, District Office Manager, resigned effective 10/31/07.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENTS (all at the Santiam office)

- * Scott West, NRS2, filled Howard Strobel's Assistant District Forester position.
- * Eric Foucht, Forest Mgmt. Specialist at Philomath and Mike Kroon, Reforestation Forester, both filled Jerry Chetock's Unit Forester position.
- * Shannon Loffelmacher, Stewardship Forester, filled Steve Kendall's NRS1 position and took on special projects.
- * Craig Pettinger, Protection Supervisor, filled Shannon Loffelmacher's Stewardship Forester position.
- * Steve Kendall, NRS1, filled Craig Pettinger's Protection Supervisor position.
- * John Shepard, Equipment Operator, returned from Iraq to resume his position, then was re-deployed.
- * Tracy Brostrom, Equipment Operator, filled Steve Kendall's NRS1 position.
- * Steve Breitenstein, Labor 2, filled Tracy Brostrom's Equipment Operator position.
- * Tom Dayton, seasonal Labor 2 in Protection, filled Steve Breitenstein's Labor 2 position in State Forests.
- * Charlie Bovey, NRS1, filled Scott West's NRS2 position.
- * Fred Patterson, Forest Officer, filled Mike Kroon's Reforestation Forester position.
- * Pat Swehosky, OS2, filled Sharon Wong's Office Manager position.
- * Char Rambeau, Revenue Technician, and Katie Hampton, Fire Ops Support Specialist, both from Salem, did a job-share to fill Pat Swehosky's OS2 position.

ADMINISTRATION **(continued)**

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND TEAMS

- * **Keith Baldwin**, Stewardship Forester at Molalla, served on the Board of Directors for the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.
- * **Jesse Batson**, Forest Officer at Molalla, served as Treasurer for the Clackamas County Fire Prevention Co-op.
- * **Robin Biesecker**, Planning/GIS Forester at Santiam, served on the Exhibit A Committee.
- * **Jodi Blackburn**, OS1 at Santiam, served on the District Safety Committee.
- * **Alan Brog**, Stewardship Forester at Santiam, served on the District Safety Committee.
- * **Gregg Cline**, District Forester, served on the District Safety Committee as Chair, as Resource Unit Leader on ODF Team 3, and on the Labor & Management Committee.
- * **Kristin Cotugno**, Stewardship Forester at Molalla, served on the Lower Columbia River Planning Team and as Support Branch Director on ODF Team 3.
- * **Ken Cushman**, Molalla Unit Forester, served on the Equipment Development & Standardization Committee and represented ODF on the Clackamas County Fire Defense Board.
- * **Mike Haasken**, Stewardship Forester at Molalla, served on the Forest Resource Trust Advisory Board.
- * **Jeff Hepler**, Stewardship Forester at Molalla, served as Vice-President of the SEIU Union, on the Urban Rural Reserve Sub-Committee, on the Labor & Management Committee and as the Service Branch Director on ODF Team 3.
- * **Mike Kroon**, acting Management Unit Forester at Santiam, served on the ODF Noxious Weed Committee, the Reforestation Task Force, the NOCTIC and Seed Orchard Committee, the Mid-Willamette Valley CWMA, the Nursery Technology Cooperative and the Hardwood Silviculture Co-Op.
- * **Christian Paul**, Protection Supervisor at Molalla, served on the District Safety Committee, as Deputy IC for the Interagency Fire School at Mt. Hood National Forest and represented ODF in the Clackamas County Fire Operations Group (CFOG) and Juvenile Firestarters Intervention Network (JFIN).
- * **Jamie Paul**, Office Coordinator at Molalla, served on the ROSS Implementation Committee, and the FIRES Committee.
- * **Craig Pettinger**, Protection Supervisor at Santiam, served as a Division Supervisor on ODF Team 1.
- * **Scott West**, Acting Assistant District Forester at Santiam, served as Safety Officer on ODF Team 2.

*Dew on a Spider Web
Sunrise at Canemah Bluff
August 2007*

ADMINISTRATION AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Molalla unit received the honor of being one of six teams across the agency to be awarded the Oregon Department of Forestry Team Award in recognition of significant team efforts or accomplishments. Team members traveled to Salem to receive their awards from State Forester, Marvin Brown.



**Molalla Unit staff in Salem receiving
Team Award plaques**

Pictured left to right:
Christian Paul Protection Supervisor
Kevin Cole District Mechanic
Kristin Cotugno Stewardship Forester
Jamie Paul Office Coordinator
Jesse Batson Forest Officer
Ken Cushman Unit Forester
Mike Haasken Stewardship Forester

Not pictured:

Keith Baldwin Stewardship Forester, **Joey Goldsby** Crew Coordinator
Jeff Hepler Stewardship Forester, **Ashley Gregg** Office Specialist I

Service Recognitions

Jesse Batson, Forest Officer: 10 years
Alan Brog, Stewardship Forester: 30 years
Jerry Chetock, Unit Forester State Lands: 30 years
Pat Swehosky, Office Specialist 2: 15 years
Scott Wilbrecht, State Lands Engineering Forester: 30 years



The North Cascade District Forest Education Program was awarded a
Clackamas County Friend of 4-H Award for their efforts over the last few years.



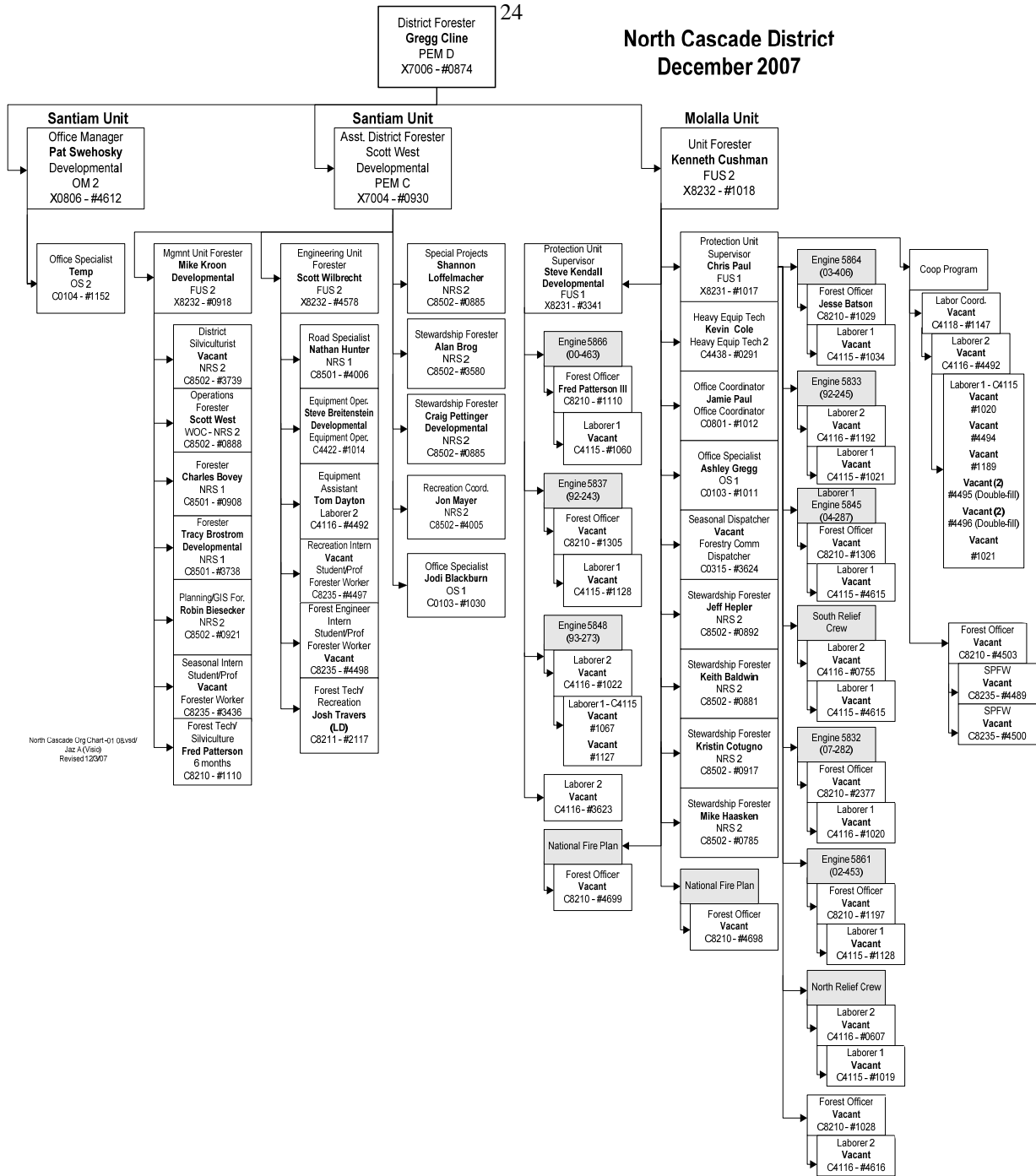
The Molalla Unit proudly won the 2007 Oregon Department of Forestry State Employees Food Drive award for Outstanding Unit with a total of 4,425 pounds of food donated per employee.

The Molalla Unit has a unique record of success in this annual fundraiser for the Oregon Food bank, having won the Outstanding Unit award nine of the last ten years, and the last five years in a row.

Clackamas-Marion Forest Protective Association Roster

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North Cascade District December 2007



Winter Logging Operation



Glen Avon Fire



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