



# Forest and Timber Management Program Data Sheet

The Clackamas County Forest and Timber Management program manages over 4,000 acres of forest and park lands within Clackamas County under sustainable guidelines, and is subject to U.S. federal environmental laws and regulations, as well as the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Forest lands owned and managed by Clackamas County are managed to protect and enhance natural resources now and into the future.

- Forests are a key to the quality of life in Clackamas County. Over 70% of the land in Clackamas County supports growing forests which in turn provides fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, carbon sequestration, recreation areas, jobs, forest products, and revenues that pay for Forest program operations and help to support Clackamas County Park improvements.
- The Forest program receives no County General Fund support (no taxpayer dollars) for operations.
- The Forest Program's 10-Year Forest Management Plan, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 2018, guides the program's goals.
- In order to pay annual operating costs and generate revenue for County Parks' the Forest program strives to harvest approximately 1million board feet of timber per year.
- The County Forester develops a harvest plan for each proposed timber sale. That harvest plan is reviewed by our Forest Advisory Board, comprised of Clackamas County citizens who are Professional Foresters or who have backgrounds working in the forest products industry.
- Public input is then sought through a meeting conducted by Forest program staff, held in the local community or rural area where the timber harvest is proposed.
- After the public meeting, there is a 30 period for the public to submit comments on the proposed harvest plan to the County Forester..
- At the end of the 30 day comment period, the Timber Sale Advisory Committee convenes a public meeting to hear details of the proposed harvest plan, and consider public comments received. The Timber Sale Advisory Committee is comprised of two members of the County Parks Advisory Board, two members of the Forest Advisory Board, and one citizen member representing the community in which the proposed timber harvest is planned.
- The Timber Sale Advisory Committee (TSAC) can propose changes to the harvest plan, or approve the plan as presented by the Forester. Most times any public comments received have already been considered and adjustments have been made to the harvest plan before the Forester presents the plan to the TSAC for consideration.
- The proposed harvest plan is then presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval at a regularly scheduled business meeting.
- Once approved, the County Forester can choose to sell the timber sale as a lump-sum stumpage sale whereby the highest bidder would log and haul the trees to mills and pay the county directly based on total highest bid price. The other option used is for the County Forester to negotiate pricing for logs with local mills in order to retain the highest and best pricing for each log species. When this method is used the County then procures logging and hauling services only, based off of the lowest bid for those services, and the County Forestry staff manages the sale activities.
- Where possible, the County Forest program will enhance the value to local economies by employing local contractors, and producing products that can be milled at local sawmills.

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For more information on the Forest Management and Dump Stoppers programs please visit us at <https://www.clackamas.us/forests> and <https://www.clackamas.us/dumpstoppers>

Send your comments on our harvest plan to Clackamas County Forester, Andrew Dobmeier, at [ADobmeier@clackmas.us](mailto:ADobmeier@clackmas.us) who can also be reached by phone at (503) 488-9416

Are you a Professional Forester and have an interest in a citizen volunteer opportunity? We are recruiting for two Forest Advisory Board members. Email [CDannenbring@clackamas.us](mailto:CDannenbring@clackamas.us) for more information.