

FOREST GROVE DISTRICT

2005 ANNUAL REPORT



Sunny Ridge Fire

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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT FORESTER

If I were to pick two words to describe 2005 at the Forest Grove District, they would be “ever-changing” and “stable”. That may sound like a contradiction but let me explain.

I’ll start with “ever-changing”. Take a moment to flip to the last page and re-view the Personnel Changes for the year. It looks like a pretty quiet year on the staffing front but that is far from reality.

What aren’t shown are the “Acting” and “Developmental” assignments we had during the year. District Forester Dave Johnson continued his special assignment in Salem as Project Leader for State Forest’s Harvest & Habitat Model Project. Fred Stalard, our Assistant District Forester, filled in as Acting District Forester until August when I took over in that capacity. Fred retired in September and I was appointed to the Assistant District Forester position but continued in my Acting District Forester position. Erik Marcy, our Marketing Unit Forester, filled in for Fred early in the year and Mike Haasken then filled in for Erik. Mitch Taylor, our Protection Unit Forester, spent the early part of the year in a develop-

mental position on the Area Staff and then later in the year filled in for me as the Assistant District Forester while I was Acting District Forester. Brent O’Nion, Malcolm Hiatt and Jeff Peck have all done developmental assignments during the year filling in for

Mitch as our Protection Unit Forester. There were others too, but space in this column is too short to mention them all.

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“Stable” was my other word. Despite the sometimes confusing musical desks described above, the District staff carried on as they have over the years – tending to business and getting the job done. Here are a few highlights:

The 2005 fire season had the potential to be a bad one. In late August and early September we experienced record level fire danger indices and staged severity resources in the District and Area on several occasions. It was effective prevention, preparedness and initial attack by District Protection Staff that kept our fire statistics below our five year average.

As the Harvest & Habitat Model Project neared completion, District State Forests Staff devoted considerable time reviewing the many model runs to verify that the model followed the same “rules” we are required to manage by and to provide a field perspective to the results. In addition, this staff stepped up for dispatch to larger fires and move-ups. While contributing to these larger agency needs, the State Forests Staff completed the 2005 sale program, administered sold sales and project work, maintained our roads and managed our young stands.

In the face of increasing recreation demands on the Tillamook State Forest, our Recreation Staff brought the Reehers Camp Equestrian Campground on line and developed additional trail resources while continuing to work proactively with volunteers and to maintain our facilities and trails.

I have enjoyed my time as Acting District Forester. Looking back on 2005, it was a good year. I appreciate the support of our partners and cooperators, and I thank the District Staff for all their hard work and accomplishments.



Bob Gustavson, Acting District Forester

COVER PAGE

Sunny Ridge Fire

Seasonal firefighter, Bill Huserik, August 24, 2005, on the scene of the Sunny Ridge Fire, a two acre, arson-caused fire.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

The Forest Grove District protects approximately 815,000 acres of private, county, state and federal land as a part of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District. This larger administrative district protects some 1.74 million acres of forestland. The primary goal of the Protection from Fire Program is to minimize the total cost and loss re-



The 33 fires that were suppressed by District resources were close to the previous five-year average of 37 fires. The 25 acres burned by these fires was less than half of the previous five-year average of 57 acres. Statistical fires outside of fire season contributed to 2.1 acres of the 25 acres burned in 2005.

The Industrial Fire Precaution Levels were at IFPL I for 48.5 days, IFPL II for 34 days. Public Regulated Use Restrictions were in effect from August 1st through October 1st, totaling 61 days.



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Burning restrictions in cooperation with other local fire agencies continue to be effective for minimizing debris-burning fires. Daily patrols by Forest Officers are one of our best fire prevention tools. Patrols include regulatory signing, public education and law enforcement.

The 2005 Fire Season began July 13th and ended October 3rd. The total length of the fire season was 82.5 days. This turned out to be a relatively quiet year, but potential was there given several days of high fire danger indices during August and early September.

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The District's fire prevention program continues to maintain a number of approaches to raise fire prevention awareness. Cooperative programs with city and rural fire districts at schools and parks, programs at summer camps and other public events, and participation in parades all help to promote public

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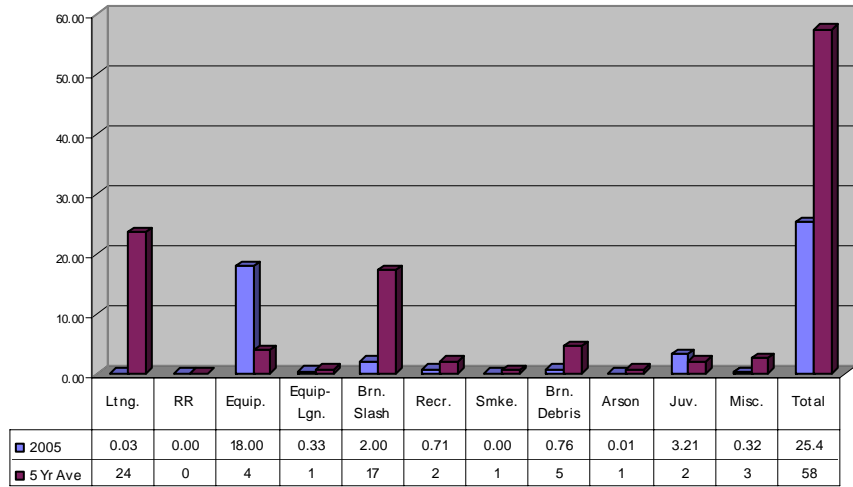
NWOFPA

Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association (NWOFPA) represents forest landowners in the Astoria, Tillamook and Forest Grove Districts and is directed by a board of thirteen members. The Oregon Department of Forestry has had a partnership with the NWOFPA since 1945 (by cooperative agreement) for the fire protection program in the Northwest. The Association analyzes the district's fire protection budgets, maintains cooperation and communication between forest landowners and the Districts, and makes recommendations on the Districts' fire protection plan. The Forest Grove District would like to thank the Association for all their efforts during 2005.

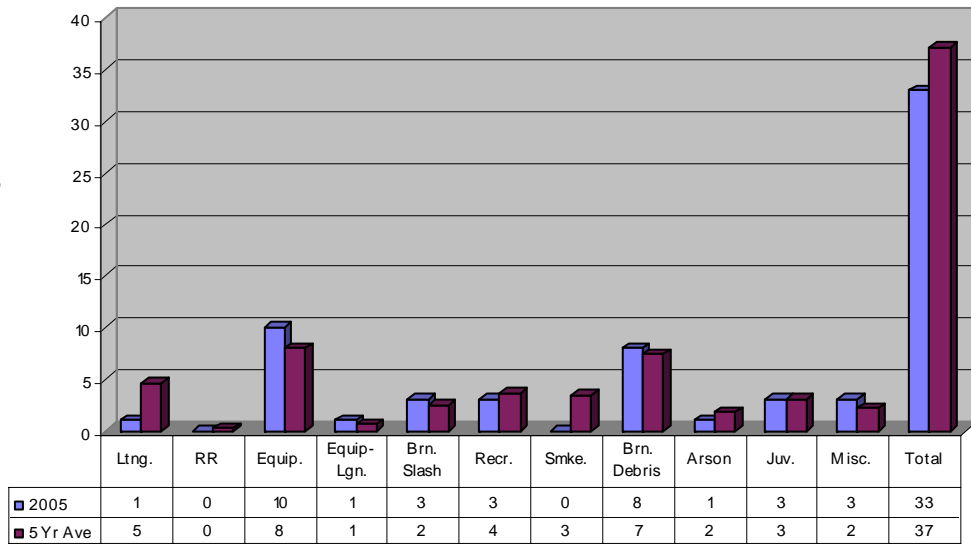


DISTRICT FIRE STATISTICS

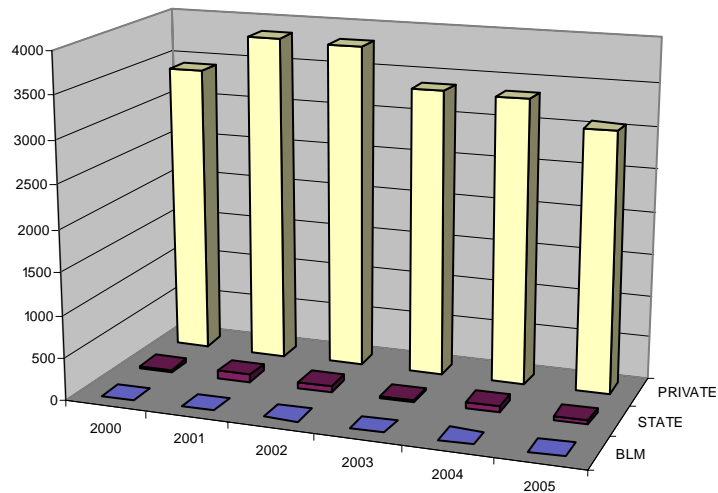
Acres Burned 2005



Number of Fires 2005



Slash Burn Acres



STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT FY05

Timber Harvested	55.8 MMBF	Timber Value Harvested	\$21,7000,000
Timber Sold	46.4 MMBF	Timber Value Sold	\$19,600,000
Special Forest Products	\$25,000	Woodcutting Permits 342	\$3,420
Roads Maintained	260 Miles	Roads Constructed	21.7 Miles
Roads Improved	15.8 Miles	Fish Passage Culverts	2
Bridges—Permanent	1	Bridges—Log Stringer	0
Pre-Commercial Thinning	130 Acres	Hand Release	65 Acres
Tree Planting	393 Acres	Site Preparation	205 Acres
Pruning	88 Acres	Tree Protection	11 Acres
Plantations Monitored	75	Volunteer Hours	7006
Trail Construction	6.5 Miles	Trails Improved	4.2 Miles
Trails Maintained	43 Miles	Overnight Campers	2199
		Campground Revenues	\$35,983

PRIVATE & COMMUNITY FORESTS

Forest Practices

Notifications Processed	2140	Complaints Investigated	30
Pre-Operation Meetings	451	Citations issued	1
Written Plans Processed	348		

Forestry Assistance

Conversions/Planting	10	Release Acres	440
Management Plans	11	Pre-Commercial Thin Acres	30
Riparian Enhancement Project	21		

PERSONNEL CHANGES

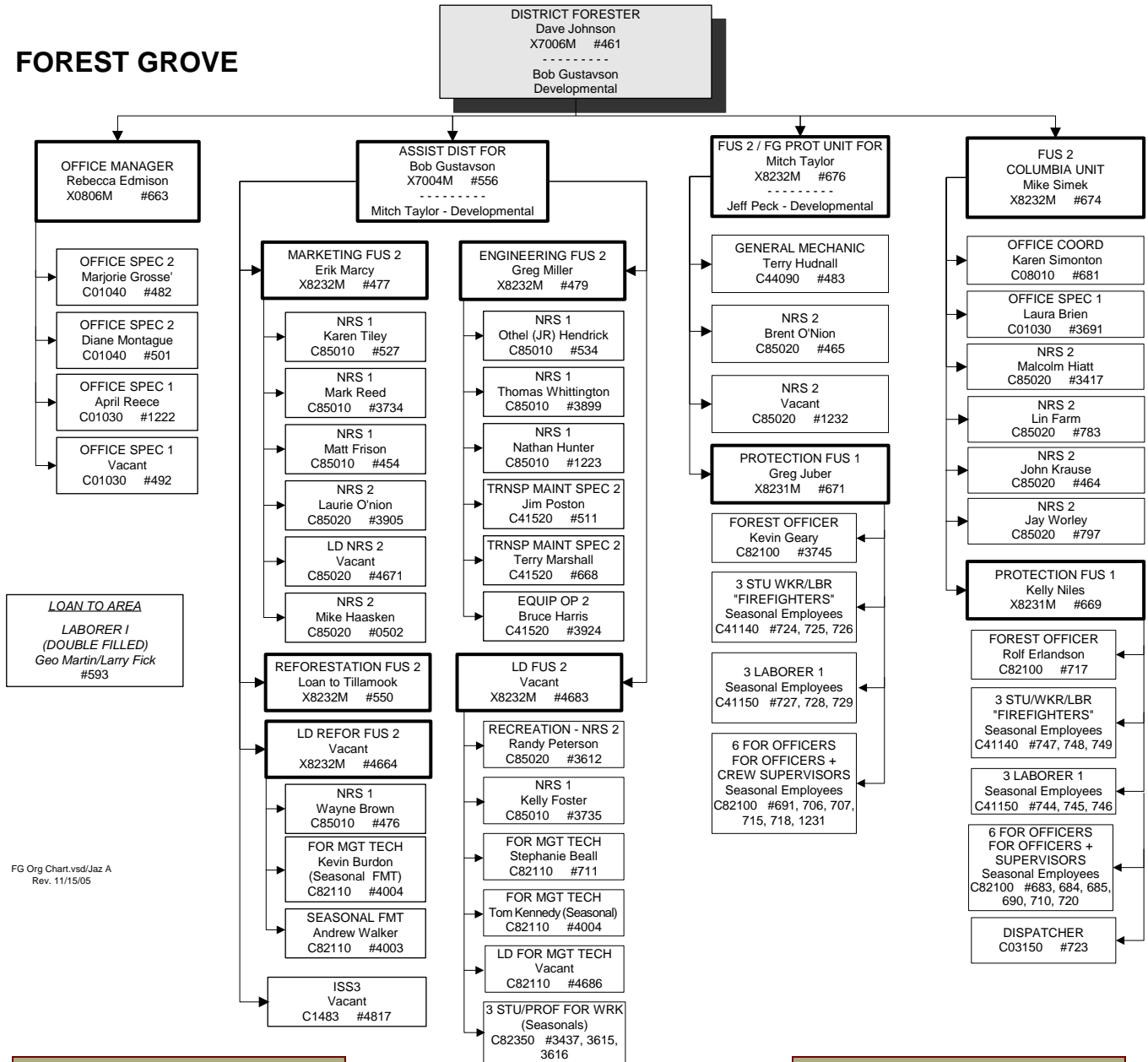
Nathan Hunter, NRS1, Hired 6/05

Fred Stallard, Assistant District Forester, Retired 9/05

Bob Gustavson, Assistant District Forester, Hired 10/05

Mike Cafferata, Promotion, Assistance to the NWO Area Director, 10/05

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