

Oregon Land Utilization

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***What It Means To You,
And What You Can
Do About It***



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A most critical land management issue now developing in Oregon—the proposed land use plan for the Willamette National Forest—is entering a crucial stage.

This brochure explains why the issue is much more than land management . . . how the decisions reached in the short period remaining for public response will have a deep and lasting impact on the social and economic well-being of every citizen of the state of Oregon, as well as the needs of the nation.

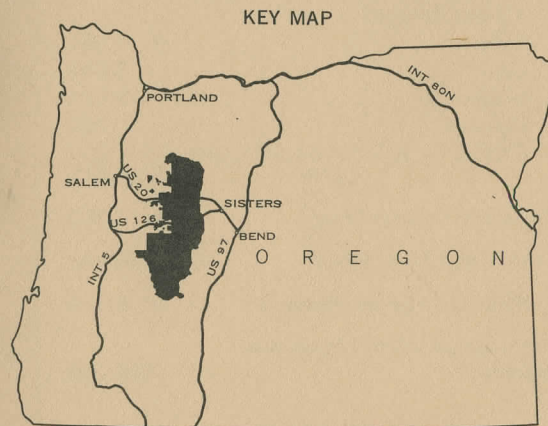
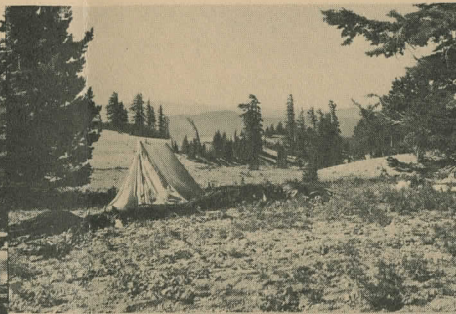
The Willamette National Forest is the heart of Oregon—it is the economic heart of this state's No. 1 industry, wood products manufacturing. It also includes invaluable water, mineral and wildlife resources, and some of the most beautiful and varied scenery in the country.

While the Cascade Rim represents a scenic and recreational resource of unparalleled quality, the surrounding areas of low elevation drainages are heavily clad with timber and are rich in soil capable of sustaining impressive forest growth.

Timber is America's great renewable resource for homes and our every day needs. In these days of the energy crisis, it is the one resource dependent on solar energy of which there is no shortage of supply.

Land which is best suited for permanent designation by Congress as Wilderness will be preserved forever without roads or other human development. There are presently 254,744 acres (15 percent) in the Willamette designated wilderness from a total of 1,666,642 acres.

There are presently 16,000 acres under study for inclusion into the Wilderness system, and 280,000 acres (17 percent) managed as roadless back country (Roadless back country would provide primitive recreational



opportunities but would not permit regular timber harvest or motorized travel.)

WETA recommends continued multiple use management. We support substantially enlarging the general mass recreational potential for the motorized public as well as the continued harvesting and management of forests.

The land use plan must be considered in terms of the needs and desires of the largest number of citizens. This is a National Forest. The greatest benefits, for the greatest number of people, will come from effectively combining a wide variety of environmental, recreational, and economic values.

What Does All This Mean To You,

residents of Oregon where forest based jobs, supported by multiple use forests, are the mainstay of the economy? Jobs, recreation—boating, skiing, hunting, fishing and camping, tax revenues, Forest Service receipts for our counties and our schools, and water conservation are all at stake.

What You Can Do . . .

The Forest Service will make several alternative land use plans. In August, 1974, the Forest Service will select one of these plans. Before July 19, 1974, write a short letter to the Service outlining your desires on how you would like the forest managed to meet your needs.

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THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF ONE MILLION BOARD FEET OF TIMBER ANNUALLY FROM NATIONAL FOREST LAND

1. Employment: Forest Products

Industry Jobs 8

2. Income

Forest Industry Payrolls . . . \$ 77,000

Total State Income . . . \$285,000

3. County Share of Forest Service

Timber Receipts

Lane \$ 14,589

Linn 7,009

Marion 2,073

Douglas 764

Clackamas & Jefferson: less than 200

TOTAL . . . \$ 24,413

4. State and Federal Taxes . . . \$ 8,700

5. County and Local Taxes . . . \$ 36,500

6. School Share Forest Receipts . . \$ 6,100

7. Total Output (Gross Economic

Measure) \$298,000

(One million board feet of timber
will build 97 homes)

