

*The Tillamook Forest's Willson River is home to one of the best wild runs of Chinook in Oregon.*

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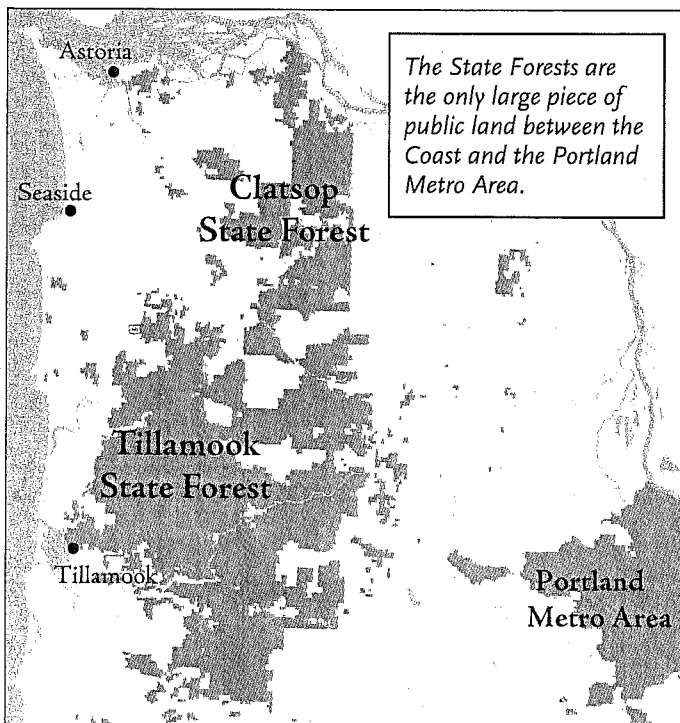
The Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests of Northwest Oregon are managed for the "greatest permanent value" for all Oregonians.

**Acreage:** approximately 550,000 acres

#### Key Resources:

- **Drinking water** for Washington County and dozens of other communities.
- A rich **salmon fishery** that attracts sport fishers from across the nation in search of wild Chinook, Chum, and Steelhead.
- **Diverse recreation opportunities** for hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and off-road vehicle riding.

The Oregon Board of Forestry is composed of seven volunteers who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. The Board went without a chair for almost a year, and the new, full Board met for the first time in January. They need time to balance key resources, not mandates to increase logging from the legislature.



# The Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests

The Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests provide a wide range of values to all Oregonians — from timber harvests and drinking water to recreation and carbon sequestration.

Legislators should oppose attempts to make timber production the primary purpose of these lands.

Sustainable forest management requires a balanced approach that mixes timber harvest with protected areas. Proposals to make timber production the primary purpose of state forests will end the balanced management of these public lands.

## We ask that legislators...

### Oppose HB 3072

Don't change the purpose of the state lands to give timber harvest primacy over all other values.

### Support HB 3249

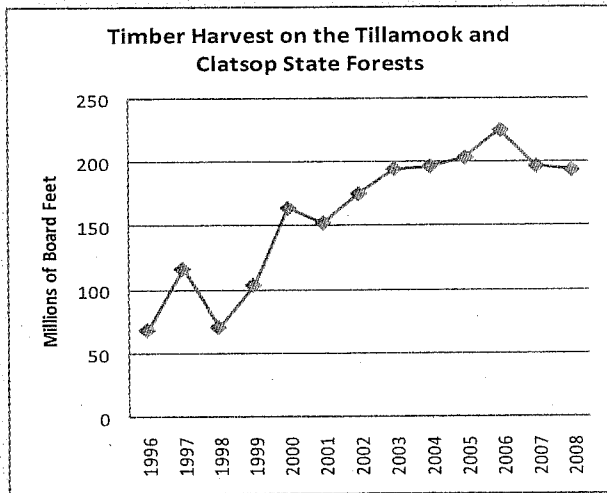
Give the Oregon Board of Forestry the power to designate Natural Resource Conservation Areas. We need more long-range stewardship of our state forests that balances production and protection. HB 3249 would allow the Board of Forestry to permanently designate lands for conservation management.

*Below: State Forests see a mix of harvest approaches, including clear-cutting.*



## Why oppose HB 3072?

State Forest timber harvests have already risen dramatically since the 1990s.



The Counties are beneficiaries of the revenue from the forests, but there is not a trust relationship.

*"Neither the governing statutes nor the deeds conveying the lands nor any other sources of authority establish a fiduciary relationship between Forestry and the counties with respect to the forest lands conveyed by the counties."*

— The Oregon Attorney General's Office Memorandum, October 2006

Timber prices are the lowest in decades; so now is not the time to increase harvest.

*"Right now I doubt you could get a price from anybody because very few mills are taking logs at this time," said Ty Williams, a unit forester for the Oregon Department of Forestry's Astoria District. "The markets are flooded. All the wholesalers, their warehouses are full. Mill yards are at capacity. They can't take any more logs in their yards. They're starting to stack up in the woods."*

— From The Daily Astorian, February 25, 2009

## A Timber-First Plan for State Forests Would...

- Dramatically increase clear-cutting in watersheds crucial for fish habitat
- Increase the risk of killing endangered species, such as coho salmon
- Undermine the state's innovative Oregon Plan to recover coho salmon
- Replace increasingly rare native forests with tree plantations
- Increase the use of pesticides
- Clear-cut over many hiking and biking trails
- Increase landslides caused by roads, fouling streams



Road-caused landslide, Clatsop State Forest, Dec. 2008



The beautiful Kilchis River, October 2008.

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