

V. FORESTRY

General Forestry Statement **5.001**

1 The state forestry laws and rules must be built on a sound basis for
2 the general benefit to natural resource industries and for encouraging
3 individual enterprise. (07)

Forestry **5.010**

1 We support clear cutting as a forest management practice west of
2 the Cascades Crest.

3 We support necessary silvicultural practices according to sound
4 management principles, developed and used by foresters and
5 landowners.

6 We support legislation requiring the owner that was responsible for
7 the logging to be responsible for the reforestation.

8 We urge that controls be established to regulate the kinds of seeds
9 or plants utilized for reseeding of burned over forest and rangeland, and
10 that all seeds or plants have a known origin.

11 We request research by Oregon State University to ascertain that the
12 seeds or plants used are not harmful to agriculture production. We also
13 request that the research for small woodland owners be continued.

14 We support strong service forestry and/or extension service
15 programs with an emphasis in the field.

16 We urge a continued program of seeding public lands with grasses
17 and legumes to increase forage for livestock and wildlife.

18 We support Right to Practice Forestry laws.

National Forest Receipts **5.020**

1 Issues raised in national forest planning should be resolved to
2 sustain a continuing and economically viable supply of timber from
3 national forests. It is of extreme importance that the flow of revenues to
4 the counties from national forests be maintained to provide support to
5 counties, citizen employment and community stability.

6 We support the return to logging of O&C (Oregon & California
7 Railroad) lands.

8 We support a state constitutional amendment that would allow
9 counties to exceed the property tax rate limitation to replace federal
10 forest receipts that were only used for property related services. All
11 counties should petition the state for revenue to provide for non-property
12 related services. (02), (04), (07)

Forestry Programs

5.030

1 The future health of the timber industry demands intensified
2 management of small and medium sized timber parcels by the
3 landowners.

4 We support education programs, incentive programs, capitalization
5 rates and tax policies that encourage private landowners to achieve
6 optimum production.

7 We support the present method of funding the Department of
8 Forestry programs with the funds going before the Ways and Means
9 Committee for their review of General Fund appropriations.

10 We support monitoring of the USDA forest service initiative regarding
11 coordination of public and private forest lands. (Referred to AFBF 2012)
12 (12).

Oregon Department of Forestry Jurisdiction on Rangelands 5.040

1 We oppose the actions of the Oregon State Department of Forestry
2 to expand their jurisdiction over the management of and activities on
3 lands classified as rangelands including juniper dominated rangelands.
4 (05)

Forest Practices Act

5.100

1 The Forest Practices Act (FPA) should be administered only by the
2 Oregon Department of Forestry. County overlay zones should not be
3 used for this purpose. The Forest Practices Act should be adequately
4 funded to accomplish its objectives.

5 We oppose FPA requirements that forest operators notify all
6 residents within 500 feet of a pesticide spray project.

7 Crops grown under agronomic cultural practices should be
8 considered an agricultural crop and not be subject to the Oregon Forest
9 Practices Act.

10 We support amending the Forest Practices Act to reduce the time of
11 reforestation to three years and to increase the minimum stocking rate to
12 200 trees per acre in western Oregon. (04), (05)

Fire Protection

5.200

1 Government should manage public lands regardless of how the land
2 is classified in order to assure that fire prevention, suppression and
3 control measures are taken to prevent the spread of fire on those lands
4 and also on private lands.

5 We believe that the public owes a responsibility to contribute to fire
6 suppression costs on private land. The state should fund a minimum of
7 50% of the fire protection costs and landowner in-kind contributions
8 should be counted as part of the landowner's share of the costs.

9 We support a fire protection policy in high-risk wild land/urban
10 interface fire zones that offer an incentive based approach to fire
11 protection.

12 We support national public land policies that prevent wildfires
13 through fuel load reduction by thinning, selective harvesting and grazing.

14 In order to prevent wildfires and reduce the fuel load caused by the
15 government's decrease in public lands grazing, we strongly support the
16 expansion and prioritization of grazing by livestock on lands managed by
17 the government, as it is the most economical method of fuel load
18 reduction on rangelands. (15)

19 We support changes in policy that all state, federal and local
20 agencies should promptly conduct an analysis once a fire is declared
21 controlled and move expeditiously to salvage reforest and restore the
22 burned landscapes. (02), (07), (08)

Salvage Logging 5.210

1 We support a state and national policy that promotes prompt salvage
2 logging in areas of burned, diseased, or pest damaged forests on public
3 lands. (02), (04), (05)

State Forests 5.300

1 Forests managed by the Department of Forestry should be managed
2 in such a manner as to best insure the maximum production in the long
3 run, and to provide the highest possible payments of forest generated
4 revenues as payments to counties and school districts in the form of an
5 offset to property taxes. (04)

Forest Service Timber Harvest Policy 5.400

1 It is in the best interest of the State of Oregon to continue to allow
2 the states to determine the distribution of U.S. Forest Service timber
3 sales receipts. We favor the present 25/75 ratio used when determining
4 the distribution of such sales receipts. We oppose efforts to allow use of
5 these funds for social programs.

6 We support the planned allowable harvest levels set by the U.S.
7 Forest Service.

Timber Product Export Restrictions 5.600

1 We oppose any restriction or limitation on exports of Oregon forest
2 products unless negotiated by treaty.