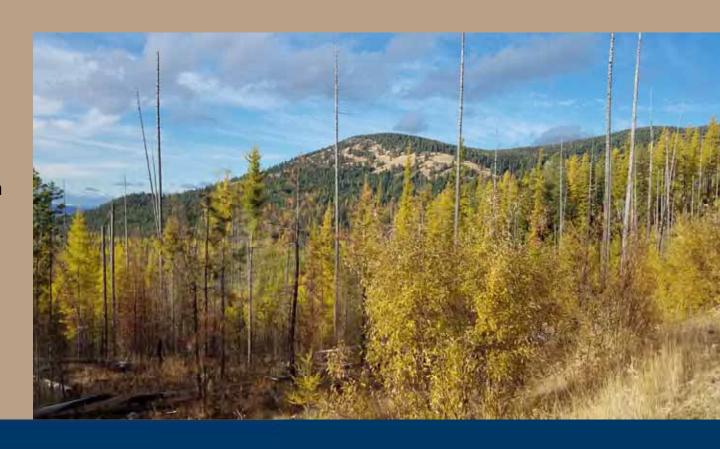


Washington DNR **Forest Health and Timber Sales Update Dave Richards Denise Roush-Livingston Timber Measurement Society** Coeur d'Alene, Idaho **April 4-6, 2018**



Forest Health Today

- Eastern Washington forest health continues to be a threat to today's and future forests.
- 10,000,000 acres of forestland in E. Washington many of which are facing serious threats from fire, insects and disease.
- In 2015 Washington taxpayers paid \$89 million for fire fighting costs.





Forest Health Policy

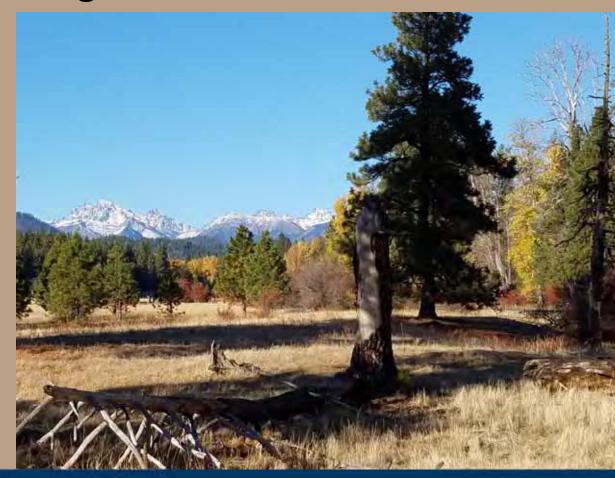


- 2004 Commissioner of Public Lands designated as the lead to improve forest health.
- 2012 The Forest Health Hazard Warning Areas are identified to help prioritize forest health investments.
- 2016 Senate/House Bill 2376 provided funding and direction to develop a 20 Year Forest Health Strategic Plan
- 2017 Senate Bill 5546 and House Bill 1711 were passed directing the DNR to assess and treat one million acres by 2033.
- 2017 The DNR entered into agreement with the USDA Forest Service under the Good Neighbor Authority.



Mission

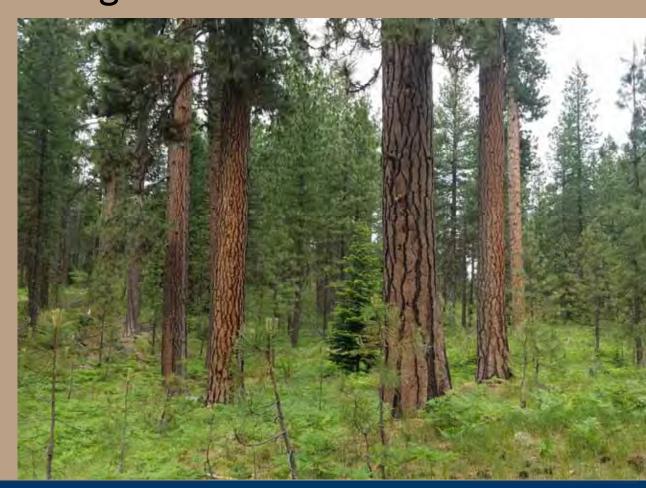
Restore and manage forested landscapes at a pace and scale that reduces the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires and increases the health and resilience of forest and aquatic ecosystems in a changing climate for rural communities and the people of Washington State.





Goal 1

Conduct 1.25 million acres of scientifically-sound, landscape-scale, cross-boundary management and restoration treatments in priority watersheds to increase forest and watershed resilience by 2037.





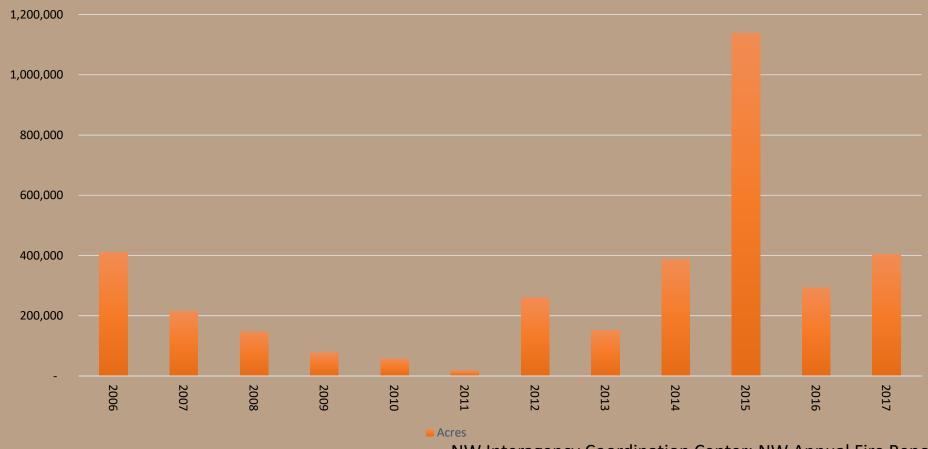


Goal 2

 Reduce risk of uncharacteristic wildfire and other disturbances to help protect lives, communities, property, ecosystems, assets, and working forests.

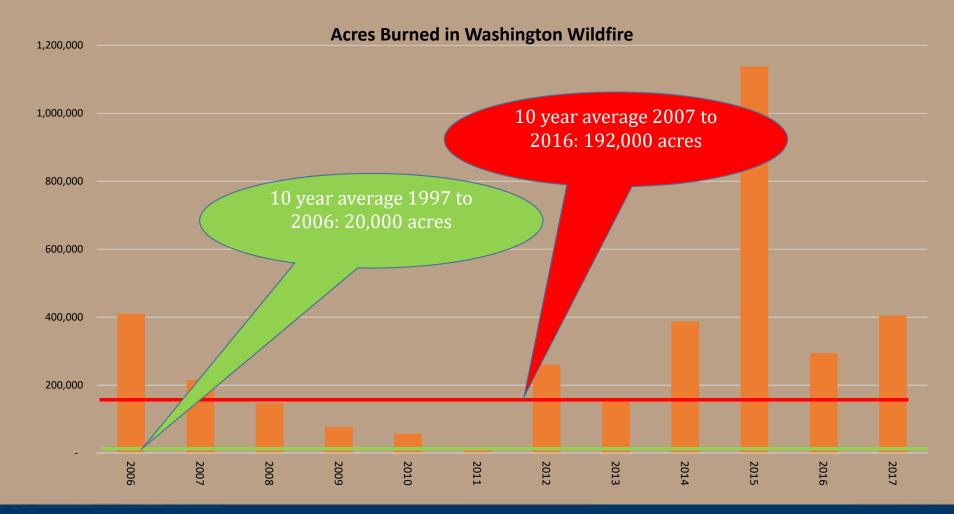


Acres Burned in Washington Wildfire



NW Interagency Coordination Center: NW Annual Fire Report





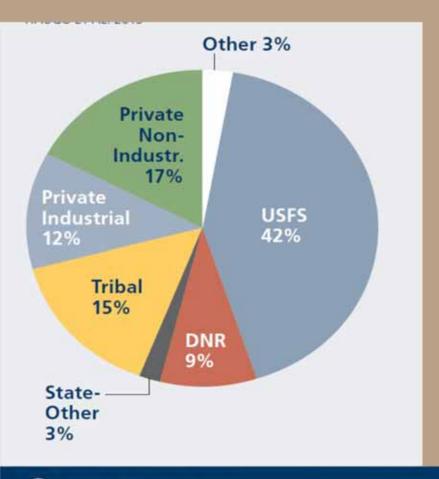


Goal 3

 Enhance economic development through implementation of forest restoration and management strategies that maintain and attract private sector investments and employment in rural communities.







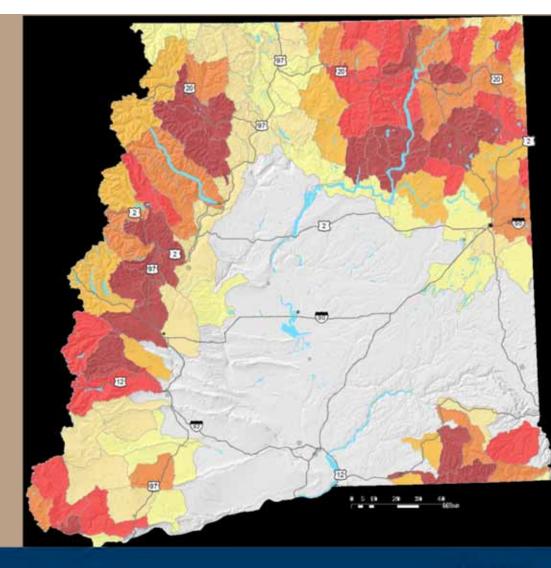
Goal 4

 Plan and implement coordinated landscape-scale forest restoration and management treatments in a manner that integrates landowner objectives and responsibilities.



EASTERN WASHINGTON FOREST HEALTH PRIORITY HUC 5 WATERSHEDS









Goal 5

 Develop and implement a forest health resilience monitoring program that establishes criteria, tools, and processes to monitor forest and watershed conditions, assess progress, and reassess strategies over time.



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Contract Harvest Program



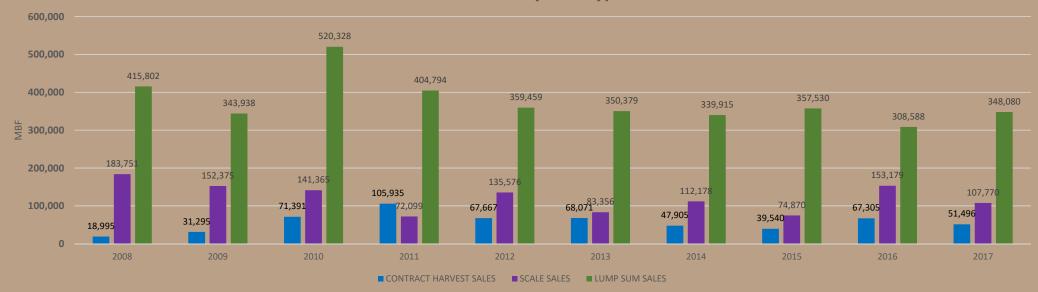
- 2004 Contract Harvesting added as a method of selling timber with the creation of the Revolving Account.
- 2017 Contract Harvest became a permanent tool for the DNR timber sales program.



Contract Harvest Program

- Since 2007 more than 510 mmbf have been sold in the contract harvest program.
- Average of 54 mmbf sold each year.

Volume Sold by Sale Type

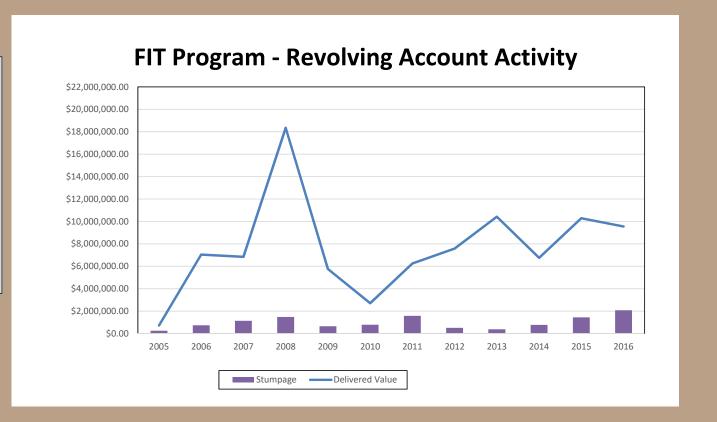




Contract Harvest Program Revolving Account

Delivered logs sales

Provides DNR a mechanism to pay costs up front and then distribute net proceeds to the trust beneficiaries

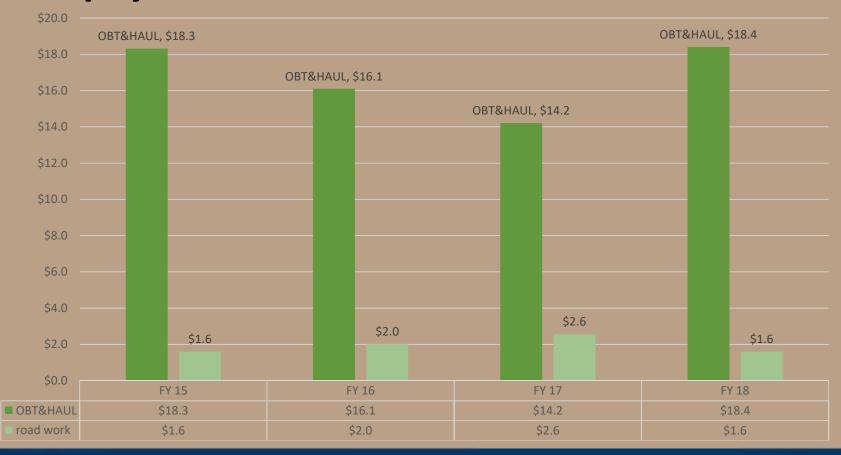




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Make this Money JONES, KEITH (DNR), 11/29/2017

Harvester payments in millions





Delivered Log Sales

WA DNR's purchaser base grew from 50-80 companies to over 130 purchasers

which now includes many small mills

WDFW contracts with DNR to manage the log accounting on WDFW sort sales

Provides the DNR some flexibility in respect to the timing of revenue flow

Increased revenue

Data on each log and load is managed in house with the CT3 Log Management System

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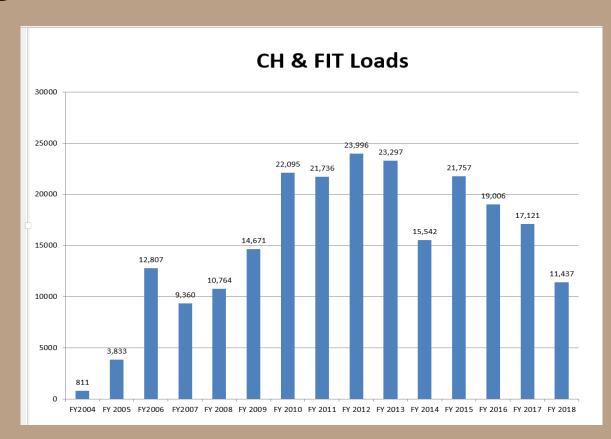


Contract Harvest Program Growth

Limited by legislature to 20% of the sold volume per fiscal year

Depends on market conditions and product mix in a give sale

Daily reports are sent to compliance foresters Lengths, diameters and quality can be reviewed within 24 hours





Questions ???

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