Benefits and Values of Managing east-side State Forests

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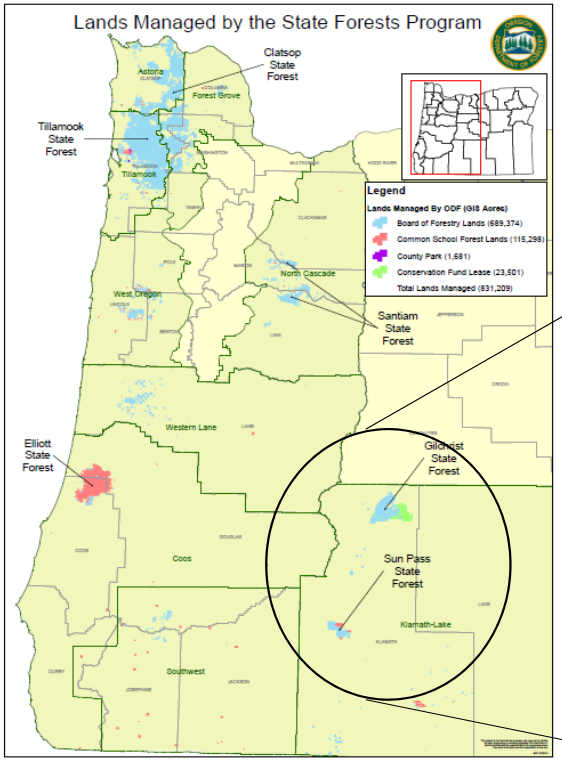
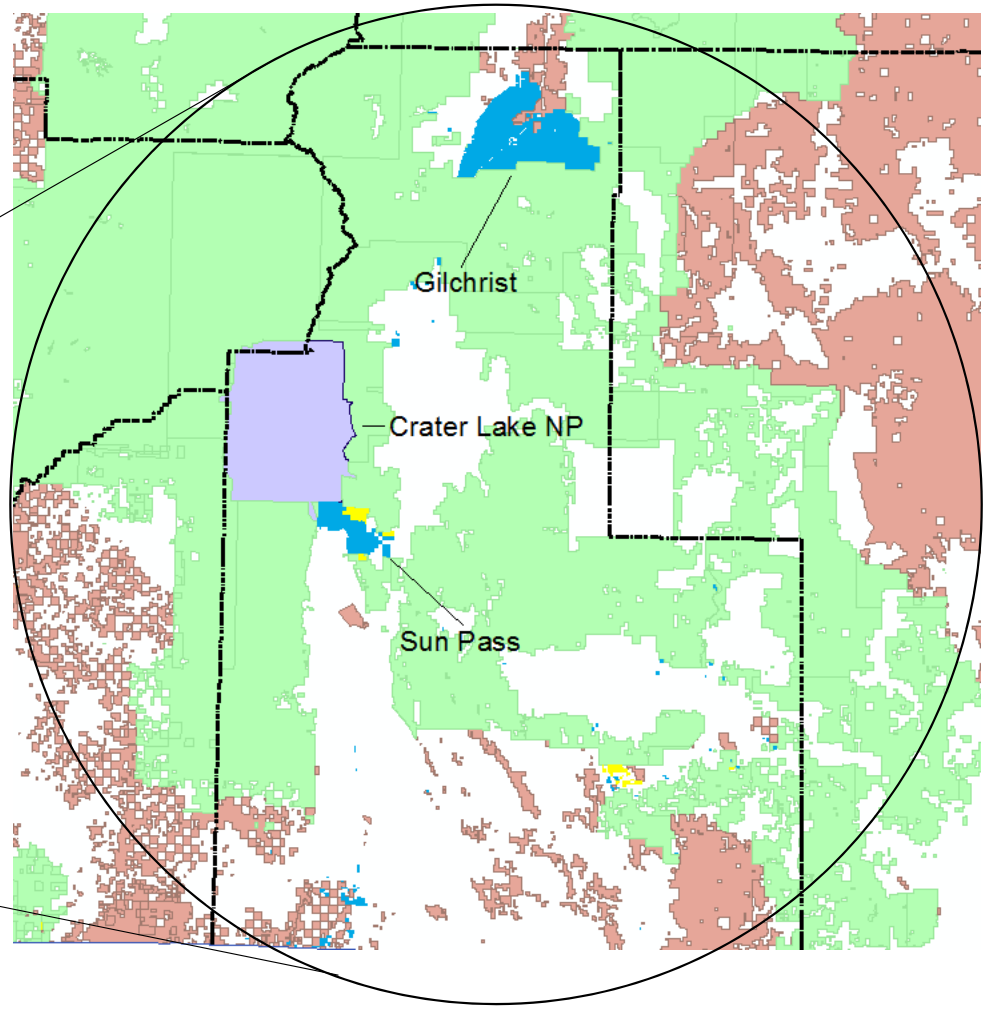
Summary


Lands Managed by the State Forests Program
Clatsop State Forest
Tillamook State Forest
Santiam State Forest
Elliott State Forest
Gilchrist State Forest
Sun Pass State Forest
Legend
Lands Managed By ODF (Gis Acres)
Board of Forestry Lands (689,374)
Common School Forest Lands (115,298)
County Park (1,681)
Conservation Fund Lease (23,501)
Total Lands Managed (831,209)


Gilchrist
Crater Lake NP
Sun Pass

Background

- Sun Pass
  - Located about 40 miles north of Klamath Falls
  - First acquisition in 1943
  - 20,804 acres in Sun Pass
  - 12,928 acres in scattered parcels
  - 33,732 acres total

Background…

- Gilchrist
  - Located about 95 miles north of Klamath Falls
  - First new State Forest in nearly 70 years
  - 48,595 acres currently
  - 23,090 acres will be added with acquisition
  - 71,685 acres total after acquisition

Gilchrist Acquisition

- Goals are to conserve working forests, generate revenue for Klamath County, and to provide other social and environmental values through integrated management of these lands
- Process began in 2007
- Gilchrist Forest acquisition completed in Summer 2015

Management

Sun Pass

- Mostly partial cut harvest
  - Produces volume
  - Generates revenue
  - Promotes healthy forests
- 5-year average (values are annual)
  - 1039 acres of partial cut
  - 53 acres of regen
  - 6.7 MMBF harvested
  - 362 acres reforested

Gilchrist Management

Before

After

Benefits

- Keep working forests working
- Jobs
- Recreation opportunities
- Ensure public access
- Provide revenue to Klamath County
  - Guaranteed amount equal to property tax assessment ~$23,000
  - ~ 5 times more revenue to the county than property taxes alone

Local Operational Partners

- ODOT
- OSU Extension
- Crescent Water Supply
- Gilchrist High School
- Walker Range Forest Protective Association
- USFS

Walker Range

- Established in 1927
- Assessment rate in 1928 was one cent per acre per association member
- The contract to protect state forestlands within Walker Range boundaries was signed May 2, 1931

Board of Forestry Tour – Gilchrist State Forest

Stop #1 – Federal Forest Stop

Stop #2 – Gilchrist Acquisition/Commemoration

Stop #3 – Rural Economies/Community Vitality

QUESTIONS?