



Tillamook District Annual Report 2014



Our mission statement:

To serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forest to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

Service Awards

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| Macy Yates | 25 years |
| Colleen Kiser | 15 years |
| Mark Main | 10 years |
| Jim Neuman | 10 years |
| Nick Stumpf | 10 years |
| Josh White | 10 years |
| Tracy Wilcock | 5 years |



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Dave Wells—Statewide Safety Award 2014.

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Protection and Private Forest statistical information included in this report is based on the calendar year. State Forest Management statistical information is based on the fiscal year to coincide with reporting completed by the agency as a whole.



Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association

The Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association and the Astoria, Forest Grove and Tillamook Districts work together to maintain an effective fire prevention and suppression system in northwest Oregon. The association is controlled by a Board of thirteen members who are, or represent, forest landowners in the protection District. The Association's objective is the achievement of effective communication with other organizations and agencies, in order to ensure wise policy decisions affecting forest protection and fire suppression.

2014 Officers:

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| President | Walt Shields Hancock Forest Management 503-838-6952 |
| Vice President | Steve Keniston Weyerhaeuser 503-372-5923 Steve.keniston@weyerhaeuser.com |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Mary Beaver Campbell Global 503-738-6351 |

Budget Subcommittee:

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| Jon Wehage, Stimson Lumber Company |
| Clint Gregory, Bureau of Land Management |
| Barb Moore, Oregon Department of Forestry |
| Josh Miller, Olympic Forest Resources |

Protection Unit Manager Ed Wallmark with Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi.



District Forester Comments



This annual report highlights the Tillamook District's accomplishments in 2014. It provides insight into the good work that the District does and some of the important contributions of our employees.

The one topic that overshadowed all others was another tremendous fire season effort. In January 2014, Astoria District was fighting a fire that started when fall slash burns rekindled under east wind conditions. It was an unfortunate predictor for another challenging fire season at the statewide level.

Statewide fire efforts started with IMT deployment in first week of June to the Two Bulls fire. The rest of the summer months were honestly kind of a blur of employees coming and going on the district and late night calls and coordination. Tillamook District supported the complete and coordinate system with 29 employees on out of district assignments for a total of 648 personnel days and over 7,700 hours. The statistics are easy to report, but the effort and personal sacrifice each employee made at fires or keeping the business running at home can't truly be captured. One statistic that stands out to me for the summer months is only 1 personal injury and 0 vehicle accidents related to fire dispatches.

At the district level, the leadership in Protection and strong relationships with landowners, fire districts, and cooperators was clear. The district stats again show less than an acre burned but when an operator fire did start during east wind conditions, the partnership between ODF, RFD, USFS, landowners and operators resulted in quick response and action.

The Private Forests program was able to continue to protect forest resources and administer the Forest Practices Act, due to good prioritization of operations and a team effort. The District's Private Forest staff also helped develop training opportunities for operators and landowners about Wet Weather Haul requirements and water quality standards. Similar to the partnership during fire season, the Stewardship Foresters have built relationships with landowners and operators and the resulting communication and work on the ground shows the fruits of these efforts. 2014 was the roll out of on-line FERNS notification system. Private Forest staffed was stretched further by questions and public information request on herbicide use in the forest.

In the State Forest Division, the hot summer brought 25% increase in public use to the forest in campgrounds, day use sites and river access. This caused challenges in managing resource impacts and sanitation. Due to the many fire dispatches, annual operations plans were delayed or deferred into 2015. The district still participated in the development of long term Forest Management Plan and met site prep deadlines.

In June Dan Goody transferred to the District Forester position in Astoria District and this started a domino effect of personnel changes and backfilling workloads. I promoted to District Forester in July from Assistant District Forester in State Forest. Barb Moore then promoted in September to Assistant District Forester.

When I reflect on the last fire season as a new District Forester, I honestly had a steep learning curve in Fire and Private Forests issues. Every step of the way though, I've had assistance from district staff, adjacent districts and all of our partners and stakeholders in getting me up to speed on issues, contacts, or process. I would like to thank everyone for assisting in this transition. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the significant role of the Tillamook County Fire Departments, Northwest Oregon Fire Protective Association, forest industry, operators, landowners and many other local agencies and private organizations in the success of the District.

http://www.oregon.gov/odf/field/tillamook/docs/administration/tl_annual_report_2014.pdf

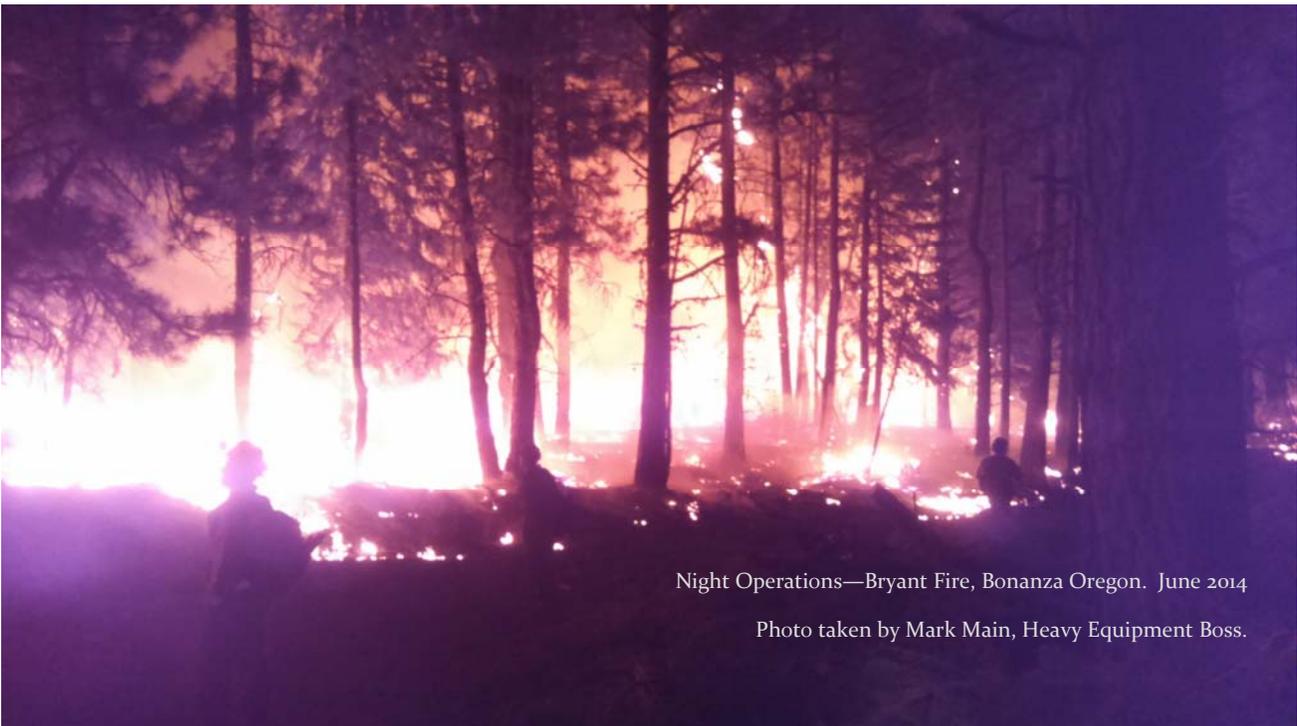
Protection from Fire

The Tillamook District provides forest fire protection to over 523,000 acres of private, county, state and federal land as a part of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective District. This larger administrative district protects some 1.74 million acres of forestland.

The goal of the Department's largest Division, Protection from Fire, is to devise and use environmentally sound and economically efficient strategies which minimize the total cost to protect Oregon's timber and other forest values from loss caused by wildland fire.

The Protection Unit maintains fire prevention efforts by educating a large number of people while on patrol in forestland, and by providing Smokey Bear and other prevention presentations to grade school classes. Personnel took part in several summer parades to promote fire safety, fire prevention and strengthen interagency cooperation.

During the spring and fall, the Department's meteorologist issues a daily set of prescribed burning instructions. These instructions are used by field foresters to plan the location and amount of burning that can be done each day. The successful coordination and cooperation between landowners, operators and department foresters effectively keep smoke from impacting populated areas. As a result of smoke management policies, prescribed burning continues to be available for foresters to use as a tool to reforest and efficiently manage forestland in Oregon.



Night Operations—Bryant Fire, Bonanza Oregon. June 2014

Photo taken by Mark Main, Heavy Equipment Boss.

Protection from Fire



Kevin Hill, Protection Supervisor



Protection Crew working on hose tower.



Falcon fire in January, 2014.



Joel Carlson and Russ Truman enjoying a lunch break.

Fire Season 2014

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Beginning of Fire Season | July 8 |
| Start of Regulated Use | July 14 |
| End of Fire Season | Oct 14 |

| Cause of Fires | 5 Year | | | | | Average |
|----------------|--------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debris | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2.4 |
| Equipment | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lightning | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Railroad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3.6 |
| Smoking | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | 5 Year | | | | | Average | |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|---------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | | |
| Total Fire Calls | 51 | 81 | 56 | 59 | 66 | 62 | |
| Uncontrolled Stat Fires | 7 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 11 | |
| Acres Burned | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Cost in Thousands | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 5.6 | |
| Smoke Management Units 2014 | | | | | | Acres | Tons |
| 60 slash units | | | | | | 4,310 | 23,950 |
| 0 broadcast burns | | | | | | | |

Private Forests

Through technical assistance, financial incentives, education, regulation and other tools, this Division helps forest landowners manage their lands to meet their objectives. Division responsibilities include implementation of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which provides for timber harvest using techniques that are consistent with conservation and environmental protection.

Mark Main and Jasen McCoy continue to serve as Stewardship Foresters, administering the Forest Practices Act at the ground level. Jasen, who is stationed at the Astoria office, services the areas north of the Wilson River Highway, and Mark services the areas south of the Wilson River Highway. Both work with forest operators and landowners in planning forest operations, making recommendations on the implementation of their plans, and ensuring the operations are in compliance with the Forest Practices rules.

For the majority of the operations, Mark and Jasen were able to meet with the operators on site before they started. Pre-operation inspections allowed both parties to mutually determine the necessary resource protection measures. Many of the operations require protection for fish bearing streams as well as significant wetlands, estuaries, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, blue herons, osprey and spotted owls.



Private Forests

2014 Private Forests Statistics

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| New Notification of Operations | 359 |
| Renewed Notification of Operations | 130 |
| Pre-Operation Inspections | 181 |
| Written Plans Processed | 104 |
| Alternate Practice Plans Processed | 11 |
| Complaints Investigated | 64 |
| Citations Issued | 2 |
| Follow-up Inspections—Free to Grow | 206 |
| Follow-up Inspections—Reforestation | 143 |
| Industrial Fire Inspections | 36 |



Ed Wallmark and Keith Baldwin check private landowner culvert installation for logging access.

State Forest Management

State Forest manages Board of Forestry lands to achieve the greatest permanent value and manage Common School Forest Lands to maximize revenues consistent with protecting environmental values. The management includes a full range of social, environmental, and economic benefits including: sustainable and predictable forest products, properly functioning aquatic habitats, native wildlife habitat, and recreation. Tillamook District accomplishes these goals through an organization of functional units: Planning, Contracts, Reforestation, Forest Roads, and Recreation.

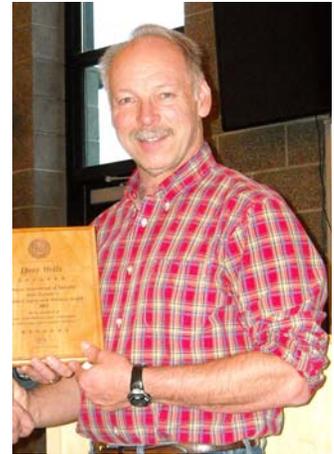
Acres Managed by the Tillamook District

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|----------------|---|
| 245, 551 | Board of Forestry Land |
| 5,035 | Common School Lands owned by State Land Board |
| <u>1,743</u> | <u>Tillamook County Land</u> |
| 252,329 | Total Acres |

Two-thirds of the revenue from Board of Forestry Lands are distributed to the counties in which the lands are situated for distribution to local taxing districts. The State retains one-third of the revenue to cover land management costs. Revenue from Common School Lands go into the State Common School Fund.

2014 was another challenging year for State Forests. In addition to working on annual goals for harvest levels, reforestation, site prep and road projects, the district supported both the fire program and longer term planning for State Forest Management. State Forest district employees supported the statewide fire efforts with IMT participation and 14 employees going off district for a total of 315 days. These efforts went from June to September and the district supported date fall fires in Astoria.

State Forest staff worked hard at the district level filling in workloads left by those on fire assignments. The hot summer weather also saw 25% increased use by the public which was challenging for sanitation and resource protection. The team effort helped meet as many annual plan objectives as possible but others have been deferred into 2015. The BOF gave direction in November to move forward on a new management plan for State Forest called Land Allocation or Zoned Approach. District staff supported these efforts by reviewing model results and participated in strategy development.



Dave Wells—Statewide Safety



Howard and Barb receive award from David Witbeck.



Joe Travers and Scott Bushnell

State Forest Management

2014 Product Sales

| Forest Product | Number | Estimated Volume | Estimated Revenue |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| Advertised Timber Sales | 8 | 26,868 | \$5,454,379 |
| Modified Clear Cut Acres | 956 | | |
| Partial Cut Acres | 971 | | |
| Negotiated & Informal Sales | 3 | 21 MBF | \$7,535 |
| Miscellaneous Forest Products | 76 | | \$8,400 |
| Commercial Firewood Sales | 5 | 185 cords | \$3,925 |
| Wood Cutting Permits | 785 | 1,570 cords | \$15,700 |



Tona Mortensen, NRS2 in the Reforestation Unit.

2014 Reforestation Statistics

| | Acres |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Initial tree planting | 1,537 |
| Interplanting | 1,040 |
| Release—Aerial | 0 |
| Release—Manual | 195 |
| Release—Mechanical | 436 |
| Site Prep—Aerial | 1,623 |
| Site Prep—Manual | 23 |
| Tree Protection, Direct Control | 4,204 |
| Surveys | 6,107 |
| Pre-Commercial Thin | 0 |
| Total trees planted | 1,138,325 |

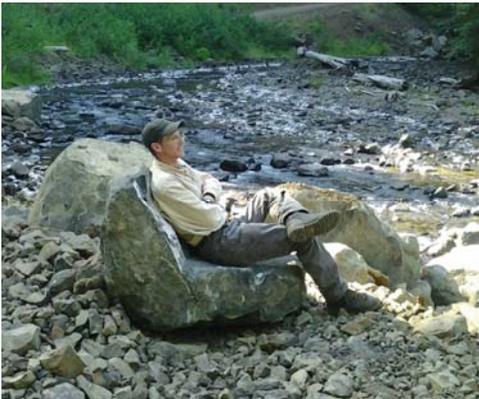
State Forest Management

2014 Engineering Accomplishments

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| Roads maintained | 315 miles |
| Roads improved | 46.6 miles |
| Roads constructed | 18.4 miles |
| Roads vacated | .8 miles |
| Roadside Brush Control | 218 miles |
| Bridges installed | 1 |



Road crew equipment.



Troy Ramsell beside the North Fork Wilson River.



Large rock drill on the Rippleberry Timber Sale.



OHV volunteer trail work on Pothole Trail.



Admin staff on Recreation Tour with Clyde.



Sunset over the Tillamook State Forest.

2014 Recreation Statistics

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| Registered Overnight Campers | 12,768 |
| Visitor Nights (one person for 12 hours) | 24,662 |
| Campground Revenue | 63,215.46 |
| Non-motorized trail maintenance | 7.1 miles |
| OHV Trail Bridge Repair | 1 |
| OHV Trail miles maintained & reconstructed | 35.9 miles |
| Volunteer Hours (SOLV, hosts and OHV) | 2,841.5 hrs. |



Forest Deputies

Brent Seaholm

Landon Myers

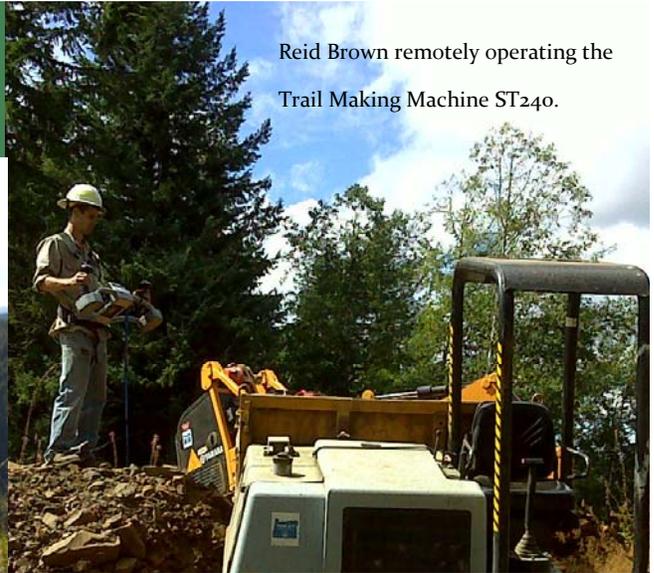
Dean Burdick

Employees

Back Row: Justin Butteris, Scott Bushnell, Jennifer Magby, Erick Finnell. Front Row: Clyde Zeller, Kate Skinner



Reid Brown remotely operating the Trail Making Machine ST240.



Nick Stumpf, Bob Teran and Gary Baker



Jennifer Wallmark

Colleen Kiser



Vicki

Debbie

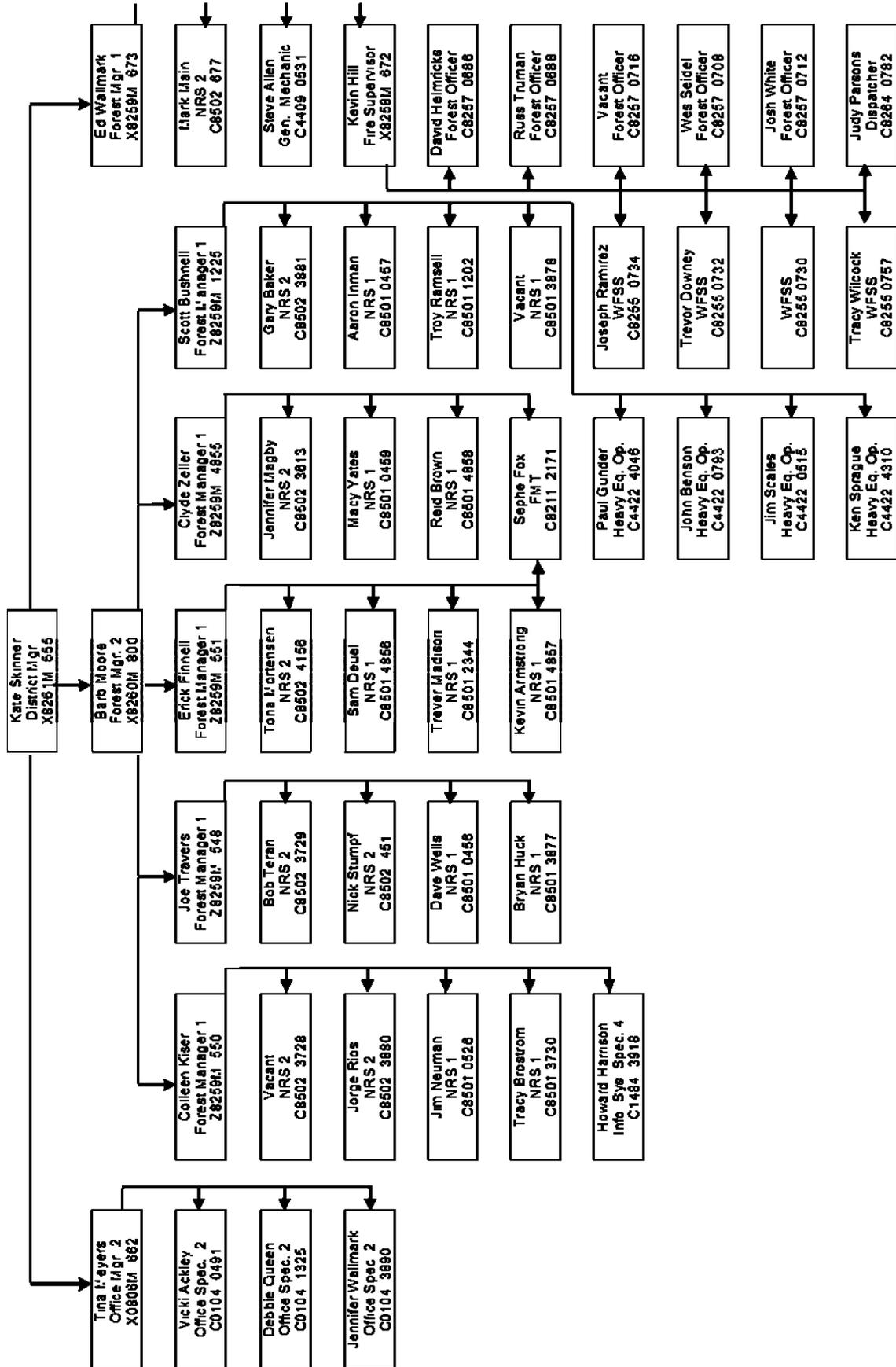
Jennifer



District Employees, December 2014



2014 Organization Chart



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