

North End Umatilla NF- Young Stand Development Opportunities Talking Points

Background Information about North End Umatilla-

- The North End of the Umatilla National Forest encompasses approximately 728,000 acres.
- The north end is managed by two ranger districts:
 - Pomeroy Ranger District
 - Walla Walla Ranger District
- The districts cover a total of 7 counties within the states of Oregon and Washington.
- Both districts manage a wilderness area (Wenaha-Tucannon on the Pomeroy RD and North Fork Umatilla on the Walla Walla RD).
- Wilderness accounts for approximately 27 % of the total lands on the north end (approximately 197,000 acres)
- There are 15 Inventoried Roadless Areas on the North End of the Umatilla covering approximately 225,000 acres (or 31%) of the land area.

Introduction to Young Stand Development Opportunities on the North End Umatilla-

- There are approximately 70,000 acres of previously managed stands spread across the north end of the Umatilla National Forest (Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts). Some previously managed stands have had treatment to occur on the same acre multiple times over the last 5 ½ decades. Therefore the total acres above likely display some double counting.
- These stands are spread across the entirety of the two districts and occur in numerous different forest types, topographies, and watersheds.
- These previously treated stands were harvested over the last half century and represent many different individual projects which likely had differing objectives.
- The stands represent management activities that have occurred over the last 56 years. The treatments by decade are as follow:
 - 1955-1959: 1,921 acres
 - 1960-1969: 19,394 acres
 - 1970-1979: 22,518 acres
 - 1980-1989: 25,902 acres
- We stopped displaying treatment acres at 1989 due to the assumption that stands from 1990 to the present would not be of a size class in need of treatment aside from pre-commercial thinning activities.

Thomas Creek Young Stand Development Area-

- The Walla Walla District has identified an area located along the FR 3100 road system known as the **Thomas Creek Young Stand Development Area**.
- The area is located in a portion of the district which reconnaissance activities are occurring to identify any potential project needs within the area (i.e. FR 3100 road system). The area was identified during initial discussion of Young Stand Development activities because it provided the full breath of expected age classes found on the north end (i.e. 1955-1989).
- Thomas Creek Young Stand Development breaks out by decade in the following way:
 - 1955-1959: 567 acres
 - 1960-1969: 1062 acres
 - 1970-1979: 945 acres
 - 1980-1989: 1028 acres

Overview of Maps-

- **North End Umatilla Young Stand Map displays the following:**
 - Stands are color-coded to represent each decade which harvest initially occurred.
 - Main forest arterial roads are identified on the map to aid in district orientation.
 - All inventoried roadless areas located on both district have been added to the map:
 - There are 8 IRAs on the Walla Walla District
 - There are 7 IRAs on the Pomeroy District
 - Wilderness areas have also been identified:
 - Each District manages a wilderness area
 - Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness- Pomeroy RD
 - North Fork Umatilla Wilderness- Walla Walla RD
 - The Thomas Creek Young Stand development Area is identified on the map as well.
- **Thomas Creek Young Stand Development Map**
 - Stands are color-coded using the same format identified on the north end map
 - The full range of age classes is represented in this area.
 - The stands represented on the map occur within Umatilla and Union Counties, Oregon.
 - The stands occur within four (4) HUC-6 watersheds.
 - Upper Umatilla- containing the majority of the units displayed on the map
 - Grande Ronde River
 - Meacham Creek
 - Willow Creek
 - The southern portion of the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness extends into view on the map.
 - The Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA) is visible along the entire western and southwestern portion of the map

- North Mount Emily IRA is also visible along the southern edge of the map to the east of Forest Road 3100.

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