

North End Umatilla NF- Young Stand Development Opportunities Handout

North end Umatilla NF Background Information

- 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 two districts occur within seven (7) counties:
 - Oregon Counties-
 - Wallowa- 123,699 acres
 - Umatilla-197,146 acres
 - Union-5,949 acres
 - Total Acres- 326,794
 - Washington Counties-
 - Asotin-54,251 acres
 - Garfield-95,258 acres
 - Walla Walla- 2,187 acres
 - Columbia-159,273 acres
 - Total Acres- 310,969
- The two districts manage two wilderness areas (Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness and North Fork Umatilla Wilderness) totaling approximately 197,000 acres.
 - Roughly 27% of the north end is managed as Wilderness.
- The districts also manage 15 inventoried roadless areas (IRAs) totaling approximately 225,000 acres.
 - Roughly 31% of the north end is managed as IRA.

Young Stand Development Opportunities on the North End Umatilla NF

- There are approximately 70,000 acres of previously managed young stands dispersed across the north end of the forest. In some instances these previously managed stands occur on the same acre since multiple entries could have occurred over multiple decades. Therefore the total acres likely display some double counting.
- These stands were harvested over the course of the last 56 years. The acreages for stands treated in each decade are displayed below:
 - 1955-1959: 1,921 acres
 - 1960-1969: 19,394 acres
 - 1970-1979: 22,518 acres
 - 1980-1989: 25,902 acres

- The stands are presented by decade treated as a way to display the likely age class/size class of the trees occurring within a given stand.

Thomas Creek Young Stand Development Area

- The Walla Walla district has identified an area along the 3100 road system that contains stands from each decade. The area is known as the “Thomas Creek Young Stand Development”
- 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
- The area is representative of various project planning activities that occur on the Walla Walla district because it occurs adjacent to large tracts of Wilderness and/or Inventoried Roadless.
 - This particular area has the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness to the northwest and two inventoried roadless areas (Hellhole and North Mount Emily) along the western and southern boundary.