



Family Forest (10+ Acres) Ownership Characteristics

2018

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WHO IS THE PRIMARY DECISION- MAKER?

65 YEARS
(AVERAGE AGE)

61%
COLLEGE DEGREE

67% MALE

4% MINORITY

PAST 5 YEARS Forest Management Activities

CUT TREES FOR SALE

28%

CUT TREES FOR OWN USE

35%

INSECT/DISEASE MITIGATION

13%

INVASIVE PLANT MITIGATION

64%

IMPROVED WILDLIFE HABITAT

25%

REDUCED FIRE HAZARD

57%

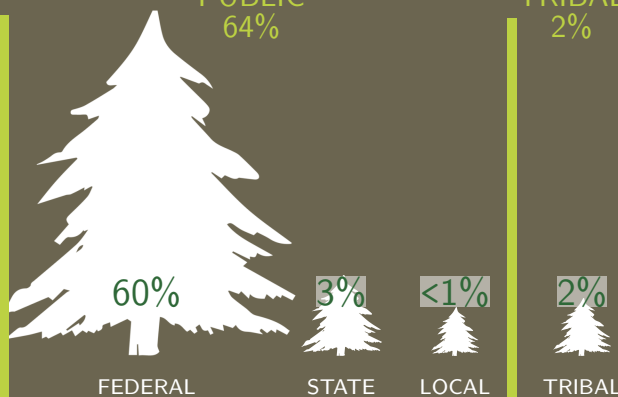
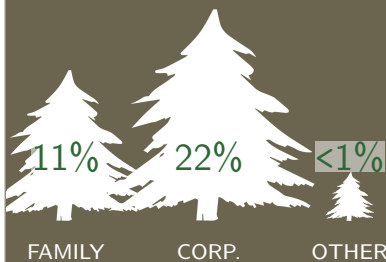


WHO OWNS OREGON'S FORESTS?

PRIVATE
34%

PUBLIC
64%

TRIBAL
2%



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Management advice **49%**
Property tax program **38%**
Management plan **18%**
Cost-share programs **10%**
Green certification **1%**
Conservation easements **1%**

TOP 5 CONCERNS

Wildfire
Property taxes
Dumping or vandalism
Trespassing or poaching
Water pollution

BY THE NUMBERS Oregon's Family Forest Ownerships

3,024,000 ACRES

32,000 OWNERSHIPS

69,000 OWNERS

MEAN SIZE

94 acres

Median = 28 acres



TOP 5 REASONS FOR OWNING

Beauty or scenery
Nature protection
Privacy
Wildlife habitat
Water protection



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Data in this report come primarily from the USDA Forest Service, National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS). The NWOS is implemented by the Forest Inventory and Analysis program to answer questions related to who owns the forests, why they own it, what they have done with it in the past, and what they intend to do with it in the future. The family forest ownership results are based on random sample of 152 family forest ownerships from Oregon who participated in the NWOS in 2017 and 2018. The sampling errors provided below are important for assessing the reliability of the estimates. Additional results from the NWOS are available in USFS General Technical Report NRS-199 and can be accessed via the [NWOS Dashboard](#) and additional documentation and resources can be found on the [NWOS website](#).

TABLE 1. Forest Ownership

OWNER GROUP	ACRES	SE
Family	3,352,000	121,000
Corporate	6,628,000	132,000
Other private	148,000	30,000
Federal	17,805,000	100,000
State	952,000	41,000
Local	216,000	35,000
Tribal	496,000	54,000

TABLE 2. Totals, family forest (10+ ac)

UNITS	TOTAL	SE
Acres	3,024,000	191,000
Ownerships	32,000	4,000
Owners	69,000	12,000

TABLE 3. Demographics, family forest (10+ ac)

DEMOGRAPHIC	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
	Percentage			
Age (65+)	64	4.4	52.9	7.8
Education (College)	67.5	4.5	60.7	9.3
Gender (Male)	75.1	2.7	67.1	5.9
Minority	2.9	<1	3.9	1.6

TABLE 4. Size of forest holdings, family forest (10+ ac)

SIZE OF HOLDINGS	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
(ACRES)	Percentage			
10-49	16.6	2.4	68.1	9
50-99	12.7	2.2	16	3.1
100-499	26.7	3	13.4	2
500-999	8.2	1.8	1.2	<1
1,000+	35.8	3.1	1.3	<1

Mean size = 94.2 ac (SE = 9.1); Median size = 28 acres

TABLE 5. Reasons for owning, family forest (10+ ac)

OBJECTIVE	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
	Percentage			
Beauty or scenery	76.3	4.3	83.9	6.8
Nature protection	65	4.4	79.7	7.3
Privacy	72.2	4.6	79.3	9
Wildlife habitat	68.3	4.1	78.3	6.6
Water protection	63.9	4.2	72.4	7.1
Recreation	50.1	3.8	57.6	7.7
Land investment	58	3.9	56.7	8.3
Family legacy	65.6	3.8	50.3	6.9
Raise family	46.4	3.6	44.4	7.2
Timber products	47.1	3.8	33.3	7
Hunting	43.9	3.8	21.5	5.1
Firewood	27.3	3.1	19.9	3.9
Nontimber products	7.6	1.8	13.3	3.7

TABLE 6. Concerns, family forest (10+ ac)

CONCERN	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
	Percentage			
Wildfire	86.5	3.7	82.8	5.2
Property taxes	80.4	4.3	77.5	8.8
Vandalism	66.3	4	77	7.3
Trespassing	78.9	4.1	73.8	8
Water pollution	48	3.8	72.1	7.8
Keeping land intact	78.7	3.9	70.3	7.7
Drought	64.8	4.1	69.2	8
Government regulation	74	4.2	65.8	8.7
Climate change	37.4	3.4	65.1	7.6
Insects or diseases	75.2	4.1	63.6	7.7
Invasive plants	64.8	4.1	58.8	7.9
Development	39.2	3.7	58.4	7.4
Air pollution	35.8	3.6	56.9	8.2
Off-road vehicles	28.3	3.2	48.7	7.6
Wind or ice storms	42.6	3.5	48.7	7.2
Animal damage	32.4	3.2	38.2	7.2

TABLE 7. Management activities, family forest (10+ ac)

ACTIVITY	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
	Percentage			
Controlled burn	17.2	2.4	11.5	3.3
Cut trees - own use	42.9	3.8	35.4	5.7
Cut trees - sale	43.1	3	28.4	5.9
Insects management	11	2	12.5	5.8
Invasives	58.6	3.3	63.7	5.8
Livestock grazing	48.5	3.3	18.4	3.7
Nontimber products	23.3	2.6	39.2	5.8
Reduced fire hazard	54.7	3	57.2	5.8
Roads	42.3	3.4	28.7	5.9
Trails	18.4	2.9	24.1	5.3
Wildlife habitat	34.7	3	25	5.4
None	4.7	1.3	5.7	1.8

TABLE 8. Management programs, family forest (10+ ac)

PROGRAM	ACRES	SE	OWNER-SHIPS	SE
	Percentage			
Advice	57.0	3.1	48.6	6.0
Conservation easements	5.5	1.0	<1	<1
Cost-share programs	28.0	2.6	10.4	2.7
Green certification	8.3	1.6	<1	<1
Management plan	30.8	2.9	18.2	5.0
Property tax program	26.1	2.8	37.9	6.0