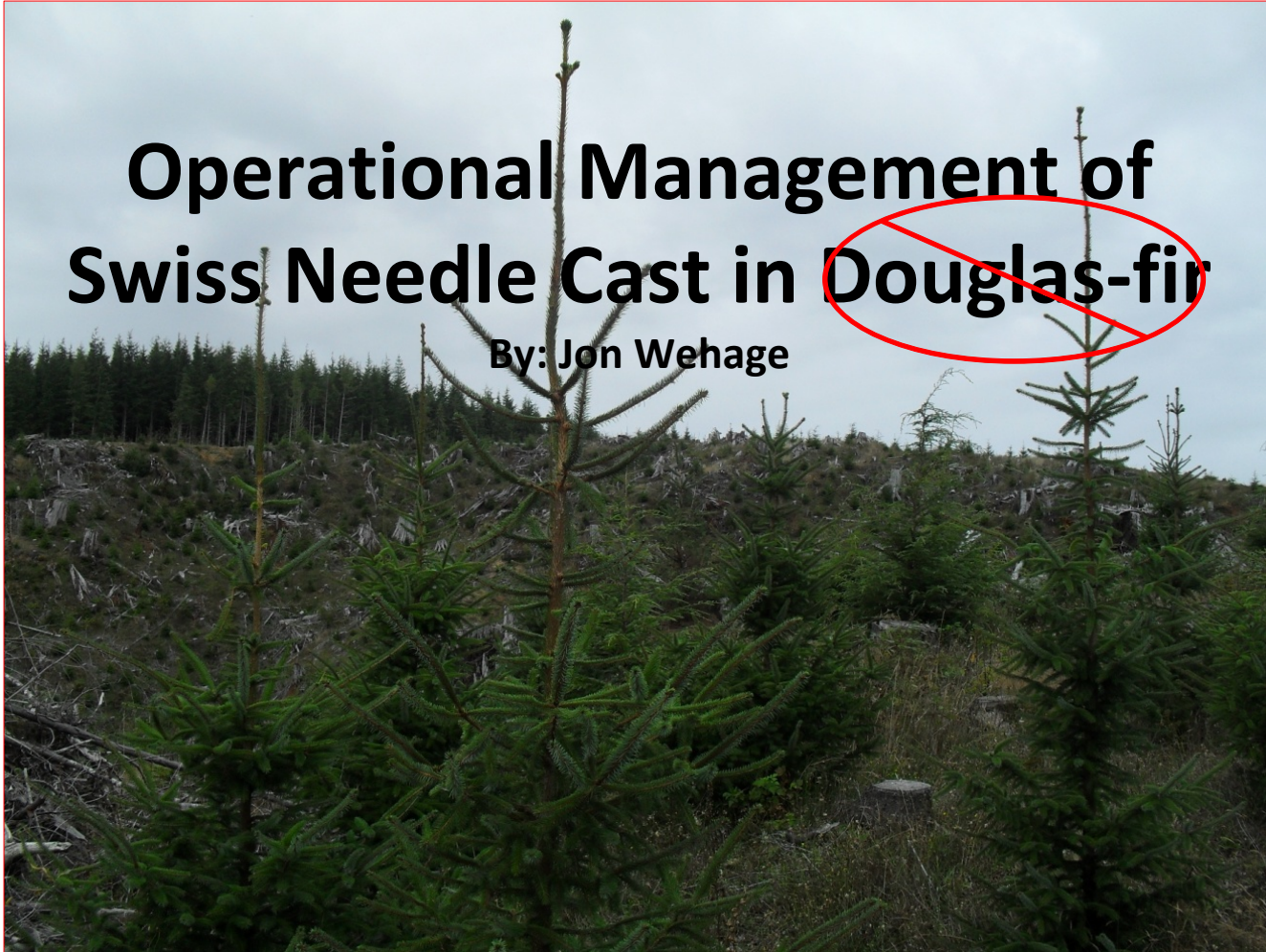


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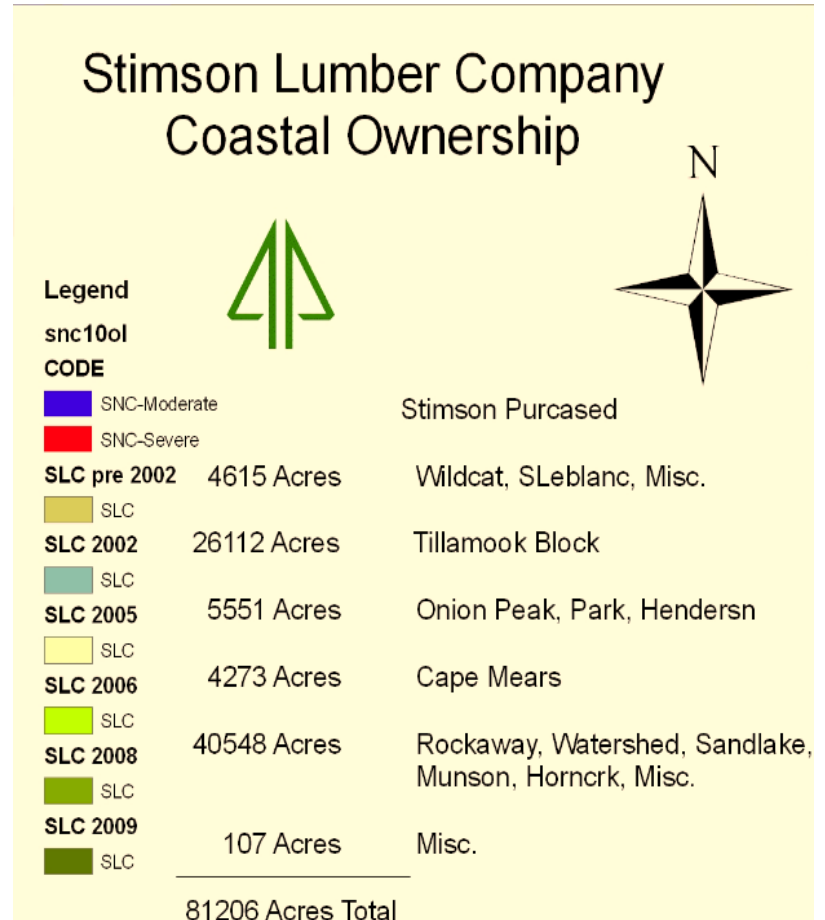
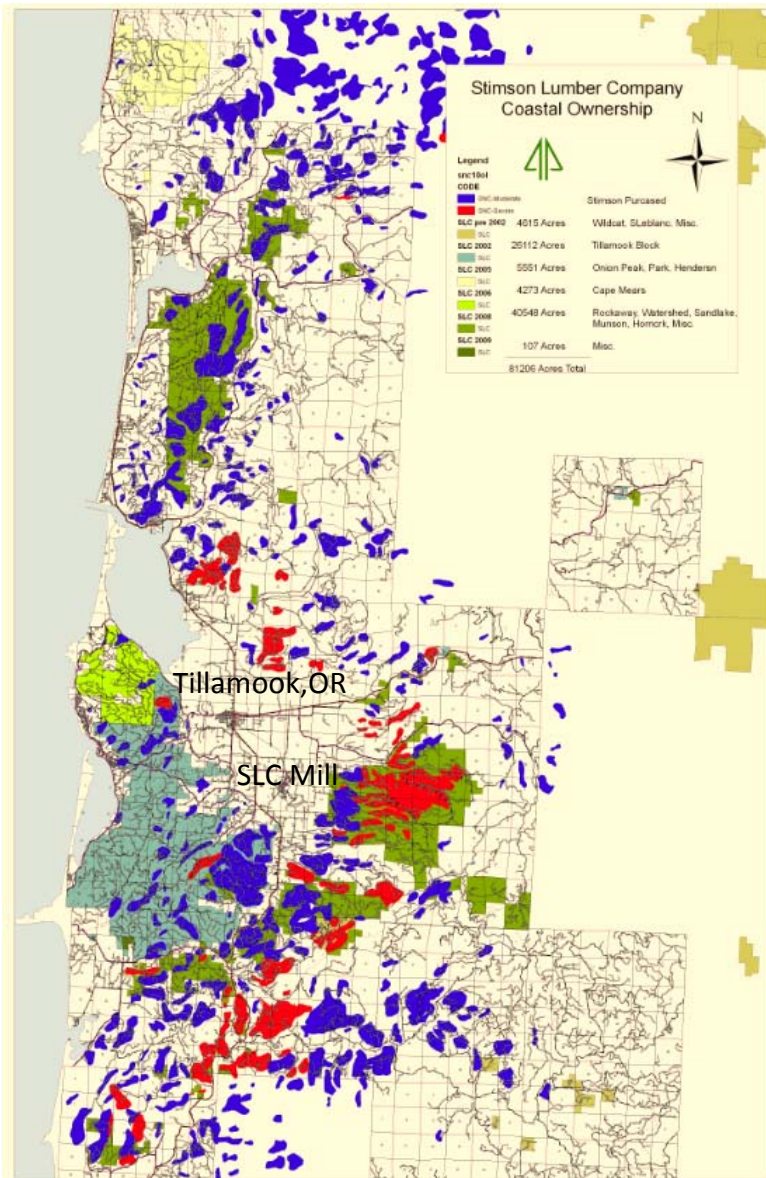
Operational Management of Swiss Needle Cast in ~~Douglas-fir~~

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COAST TREE FARM –TILLAMOOK

STIMSON COASTAL PROPERTIES



SOUTH LABLANC BUSINESS PLAN 1995

Douglas-fir

Lodge Pole Pine (Shore Pine)

Sitka Spruce (natural)

Port-Orford Cedar

Cascara Buckthorn (Chittum)

Western Hemlock

Tight grain molding wood

Log homes

Pulp

Ornamental yard trees

Corner the worlds Laxative market

God willing mill a few studs

SEVERE NEEDLE CAST IMPACTED TIMBER STAND



Age = 35 years
Trees/ac = 242
Dbh = 10.1 in
BA/ac = 134 sq ft
MAI = 282 bd ft/yr

Net bf/ac = 9880
Net cf/ac = 2950
Logs/ac = 243
SI df 50 = 131
SI wh 50 = 135

WE KNOW WHAT WORKS ON THE COAST. ESTABLISH THIS...



Established = 2005

Trees/ac = WH=384, SS=62, RC =11, DF =7

Total = 464 tpa

PCT TO CREATE...



Age = 16 years

Trees/ac = 380

DBH = 5.4 in

BA/ac = 60 sqft

Net cf/ac = 63 cuft

SI wh 50 = 112

AND GROW THIS...



Age = 30 years

Trees/ac = 426

DBH = 10.1 in

BA/ac = 253 sqft

Logs/ac = 305

MAI = 540 bd ft/yr

Gross bf/ac = 18598

Net bf/ac = 16205

Gross cf/ac = 5645

3s volume = 16719 (90%)

4s volume = 1880 (10%)

SI wh 50 = 112

HEMLOCK MONOCULTURE ???

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM SITES



Sitka Spruce
Western Red Cedar
Noble Fir
Red Alder
Douglas-fir?





SITKA SPRUCE and the WHITE PINE WEEVIL (*Pisodes strobi*)

Weevil resistant seed from British Columbia Canada

- Qualicum 64% resistant (Vancouver Island)
- Haney 64% resistant (BC mainland)

Tillamook Native Seed is only 24% resistant but is among the fastest growing Sitka Spruce on the Pacific Coast.



IMPROVED SITKA SPRUCE



Flensburg Spruce – Denmark

Progeny site seed collected from Washington State in 1965. 18 years after establishment the genetic volume gain was measured at +30%. This corresponds to +24% over a 50 year rotation age.

- Plant 10-30% coastal influence
- Superior growth rates
- Increased stand stability
- Chemical tolerance
- Browse Resistance
- Smaller/Cheaper seedlings
- Low seedling mortality



Noble Fir

- Plant 10-30%, < 2000 ft. elevation
- Frost checking
- Poor elevation adaptability
- High elevation High Volume tree
- Increased stand stability
- Adapted to harsh climates/sites
- Low browse

Western Red Cedar

- Plant 10-20%, microsite < 1500ft elevation.
- Slow to start
- Animal Damage
- Larger/more expensive planting stock required
- Lower log volume at rotation
- High log Value



RED ALDER PLANTATIONS



Red Alder

- Planting 0%
- Minimal Alder site acres in ownership
- Small market
- Difficult to manage in mixed stands
- Species doesn't fit our core business plan
- Attractive log prices
- Short rotations

COASTAL SEEDLING ZONES

Zone 1) Coastal Zone
 Elevation: 0 to 1500 feet
 Aspect: West
 Weather: Mild climate with minimal snow loads. Trees are annually subject to storms that have winds in excess of 80 mph. Occasional 100+ mph wind storms.
 Species: WH 50-70%, SS 20-30%, WRC 10-20%
 Microsite: None

Zone 2) Coastal Zone East Slopes
 Elevation: 0 to 1500 feet
 Aspect: East
 Weather: Mild climate with minimal snow loads. Trees are annually subject to storms that have winds up to 80 mph.
 Species: WH 60-80%, SS 10-20%, WRC 10-20%
 Microsite: There is some opportunity to incorporate Needle Cast resistant Douglas-fir into the mix on east slopes of Rockaway.

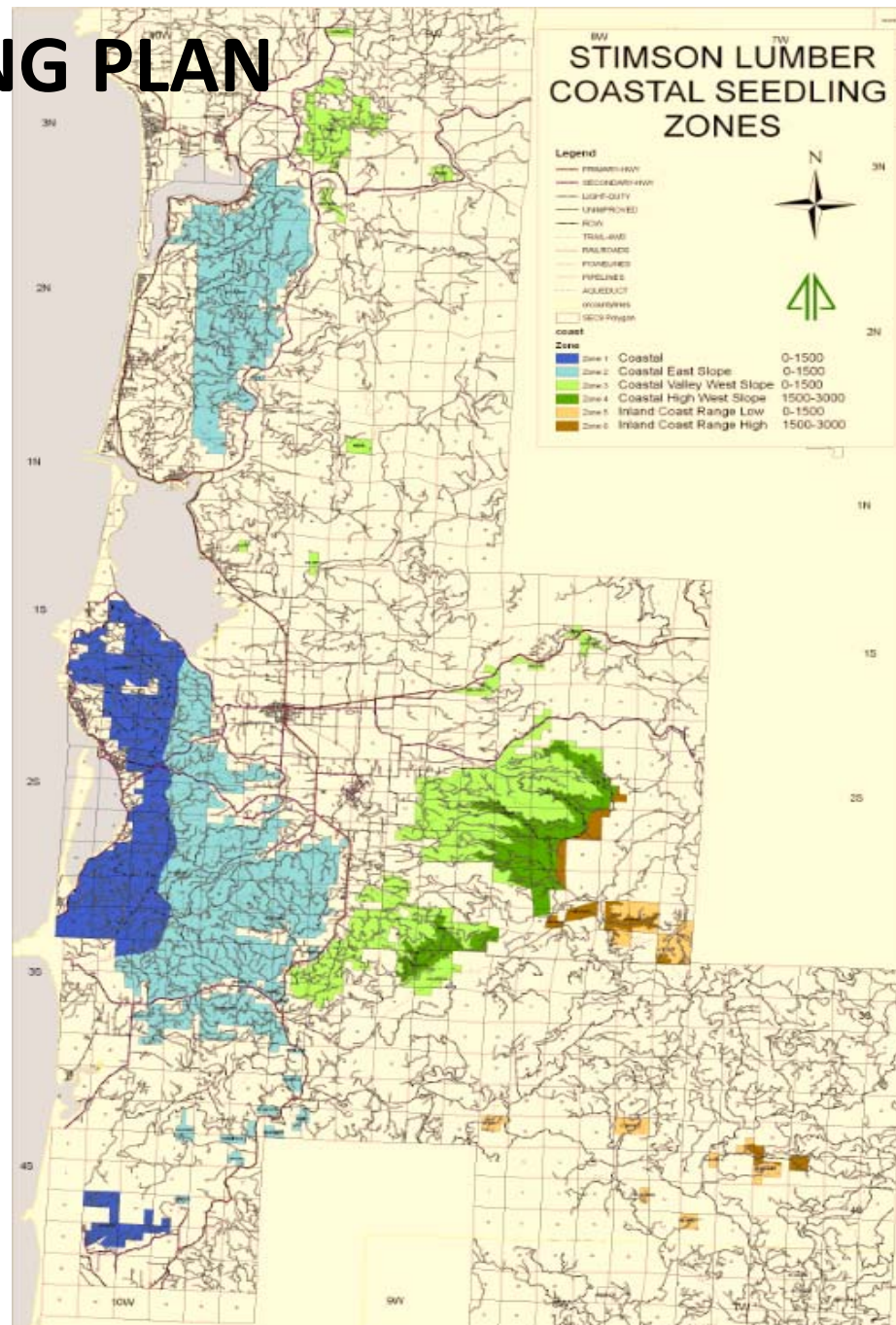
Zone 3) Coastal Valley West Slopes
 Elevation: 0 to 1500 feet
 Aspect: West
 Weather: Moderate climate with light snow loads. South aspects can be very droughty one out of four years.
 Species: WH 70-90%, WRC 10-30%
 Microsite: There is some opportunity to incorporate Needle Cast resistant Douglas-fir into the species mix on Camp 4 Tract.

Zone 4) Coastal High West Slopes
 Elevation: 1500 to 3000 feet
 Aspect: West
 Weather: Moderate to severe climate conditions with heavy snow loads. Trees are subject to annual coastal storms and dry desiccating east wind events during the summer and winter seasons.
 Species: WH 70-90%, NF 10-30%
 Microsite: Noble Fir should be pushed into elevations above 2000 ft.

Zone 5) Inland Coast Range Low
 Elevation: 0 to 1500 feet
 Aspect: All
 Weather: Moderate climate conditions with light and possibly heavy snow loads. Trees are subject to annual coastal storms and dry desiccating east wind events in the summer and winter seasons.
 Species: DF 40-60%, WH 30-50%, WRC 5-15%
 Microsite: Future possibility of planting 100% DF with a Needle Caste Resistant seedling.

Zone 6) Inland Coast Range High
 Elevation: 1500 to 3000 feet
 Aspect: All
 Weather: Moderate to severe climate conditions with heavy snow loads. Trees are subject to winter storms and dry desiccating east wind events in the summer and winter seasons.
 Species: DF 40-60%, WH 30-50%, NF 5-15%
 Microsite: Noble Fir should be pushed into elevations above 2000 ft. There is the future possibility of planting 100% DF with a Needle Caste Resistant seedling.

PLANTING PLAN



PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING MULTI-SPECIES STANDS

STIMSON LUMBER COASTAL THINNING SPECIFICATIONS 2010

Western Hemlock/Sitka Spruce stands thin to 400 trees per acre or 10'x10' spacing.

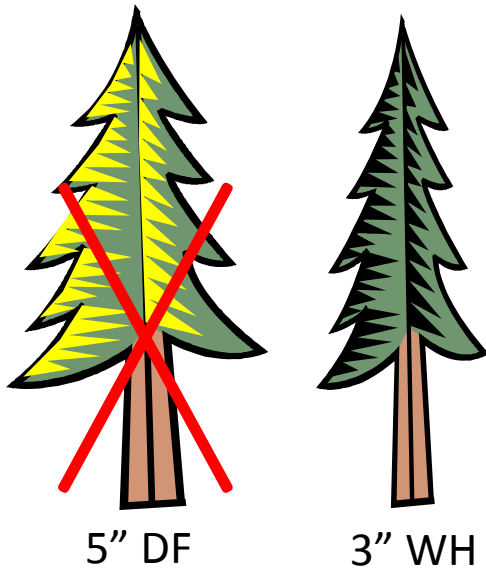
Douglas-fir stands thin to 300 trees per acre or 12'x12' spacing.

THINNING WILL BE FOR BEST 300 - 400 TREES PER ACRE

- 1) LOOK UP. Evaluate the entire tree!
- 2) NEVER MAKE AN OPENING BIGGER. Leave edge trees uncut.
- 3) DO NOT CUT 5"+ Western Hemlock, Red Cedar, Sitka Spruce
DO NOT CUT 7"+ Douglas-fir, Alder
- 4) TREES FORKED BELOW STUMP HEIGHT = TWO TREES
TREES FORKED ABOVE STUMP HEIGHT = DEFECTIVE TREE
- 5) REMOVE DEFECTIVE TREES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. Leave trees should always be the most vigorous, straight and have the least amount of defect.
- 6) TREE QUALITY ALWAYS OVERRULES SPACING. Unequal spacing, ex: 5x20, 7x14, 9x11 are all acceptable for 10 x 10 spacing = 400 tpa.
- 7) SWISS NEELE CASTE (D - RULE). The diameter of a Swiss Needle Caste infected DF minus a designated number of inches (D - #) will be evaluated against the diameter of an alternate species (WH, SS, RC, RA).

PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING (D-RULE)

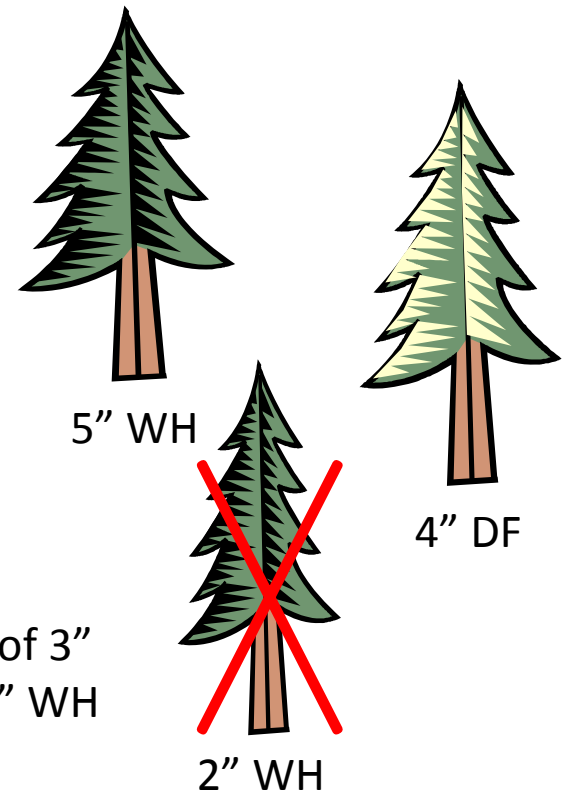
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Example #1 : **D-3 area**

DF 5" minus **3** = Effective DF diameter of 2"

Compare the effective 2" DF to the 3" WH
and the WH is retained.



Example #2 : **D-1 area**

DF 4" minus **1** = Effective DF diameter of 3"

Compare the effective 3" DF to the " 2" WH
and the DF is retained.

IS THERE MORE TO LEARN ABOUT DOUGLAS-FIR ?



- Current genetic studies show degrees of tolerance in selected DF families but NO RESISTANCE.
- Sites exist on most coastal ownerships where a DF component would be a positive investment.



“AND WE ARE HAPPY WITH THIS PLAN”

QUESTIONS?

