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Grays Harbor Federal Sustained Yield Unit

AMENDED
POLICY STATEMENT
FOR THE
GRAYS HARBOR FEDERAL SUSTAINED YIELD UNIT
1987

I. General Objectives

The purpose of the Act of March 29, 1944, (58 Stat. 132; 16 U.S.C. 583-583i), is to stabilize communities, forest industries, employment, and taxable forest wealth; to assure a continuous and ample supply of forest products; and to secure the benefits of the forest in the regulation of water supply and stream flow, prevention of soil erosion, amelioration of climate and preservation of wildlife.

This policy statement is designed to facil te the accomplishment of these purposes, and to achieve the objective of rvesting annually the full allowable sustained yield production from e Grays Harbor Federal Sustained Yield Unit established by the Chief, For c Service, on November 2, 1949, and amended August 29, 1952, and amended Mar 15, 1968, ** and amended March 2, 1981 ** hereinafter called the Unit.

Applicable provisions to effectuate this policy statement will be included, as conditions of sale, in timber sale contracts covering National Forest timber in this Unit.

II. Limits of Zone of Primary Manufacture

All timber and forest products sold from National Forest lands within the Unit, except as otherwise provided, will be required to be given at least primary manufacture within the Unit or Grays Harbor County, State of Washington, except Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, T.18N., R.5W., W.M.; and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, T.18N., R.4W., W.M.,; hereinafter called the Grays Harbor Area.

National Forest lands exchanged out of Federal ownership within the Grays Harbor Federal Sustained Yield Unit (GHFSYU) will be exempt from the requirements of the Unit.

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Any purchaser of National Forest timber from the Unit who is unable to find a market or receive a fair price within the Grays Harbor Area for any raw forest products requiring primary manufacture removed from National Forest lands may, upon establishing this fact to a the satisfaction of the Regional Forester, receive special authorization to market such products elsewhere.

III. Definition of Primary Manufacture

The term "primary manufacture" as used herein shall be considered to have been accomplished when, as a minimum:

A. In sawmills, logs have been cut into rough green lumber containing the various dimensions of lumber usually produced by mills of comparable size in the sawmill industry of western Washington.

B. In veneer or plywood plants, logs, bolts, or veneer blocks have been converted to rough green veneer.

C. In wood chipping plants, roundwood products, logging residues or plant by-products have been made into chips of any merchantable grade.

D. In shingle mills, logs or bolts have been manufactured into shingles or shakes of any marketable grade.

E. In other raw forests products processing plants, the forest material has been manufactured to a point comparable in degree of refinement to those stipulated above.

Special products, such as poles, piling, or spars will be excluded from the primary manufacturing stipulations.

Logging residues are defined as: "The unused portions of growing stock or sawtimber trees cut or killed by harvesting timber, land clearing, or cultural operations."

Plant by-products are defined as: "Wood residues from primary manufacturing that are used for products. Includes slabs, edgings, trimmings, miscuts, sawdust, shavings, veneer cores and clippings, and screenings at pulp mills."

IV. Sale of Timber
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Beginning with fiscal year 1987, fifty percent (50%) of the volume of the annual programmed harvest from the Quinault Ranger District may be offered for sale without competitive restrictions on the location of manufacture of said timber. The Regional Forester may establish annual amounts of exempted volume at levels lower than 50% as he finds appropriate to the accomplishment of Unit objective. This authority may be redelegated to the Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

1/ Roundwood products are defined as: "Logs, bolts, or other round sections cut from trees."

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To minimize administrative/operational constraints, the annual exempted volume may vary between 45 and 55 percent in any given year. After the first year, the cumulative annual total of exempt volume sold should not exceed 50%. **

Timber will be sold from the National Forest lands in the Unit under the applicable regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture. Sales involving stumpage values in excess of $500.00 ** and which are not exempt from Unit manufacturing requirements ** will be advertised for competitive bidding.

It will be the objective of the Forest Service to design the sale program for the Unit so that active competition for the purchase of the timber will be possible and so that efficient logging operations of varying sizes can be accommodated.

National Forest timber will continue to be available in sufficient amounts to satisfy the needs of bona fide settlers, miners, residents, farmers, and prospectors for personal and domestic use, in accordance with existing laws, regulations, and Forest Service policies.

V. Rate of Cutting

The allowable cut of National Forest timber in the Unit will be as stated in the proposed Timber Management Plan ** or as determined by the allowable sale quantity in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Olympic National Forest when such Plan is adopted.

The proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, including the allowable sale quantity, may be revised at any time with the approval of the Regional Forester, Forest Service. The annual programmed sell may be revised based on annual budgets and local resource decisions.**

VI. Local Remanufacture

The economic stability of the communities within the Grays Harbor areas will be furthered by the greatest practicable reduction and utilization of waste in the woods and at manufacturing plants, as well as by local refinement and remanufacture of the products of primary processing. To this end, the primary processors of National Forest timber purchased from the Unit will be expected to remanufacture their products locally to the greatest practical degree, or to offer them at competitive prices, to remanufacturers within the Grays Harbor area for further processing.

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VII. Accomplishment of Objectives
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Beginning on September 30, 1987, at not more than 10-year intervals thereafter, the Regional Forester will analyze the results obtained through the application of these policies in the management of the National Forest timber resource to determine whether or not the objectives of the Unit are being attained and whether circumstances warrant continuance of the Unit.**

If, as a result of any such study, it is determined that the objectives of the Unit are being satisfactorily accomplished and that the objectives would not be met if the declaration establishing the Unit were revoked, the program outlined in this policy statement will be continued without interruption or change.

If on the contrary, studies reveal that full and suitable utilization of the timber is not being accomplished; or, if for any other reason, it is found that the objectives of the Unit are not being substantially achieved, an advisory public hearing will be held to consider proposals calculated to correct the unsatisfactory conditions and to adjust the program outlined herein. If such hearing fails to develop practical ways and means of attaining the objectives contemplated by the Act of March 29, 1944, (58 Stat. 132; 16 U.S.C. 583-483i), the declaration establishing the Unit may be revoked.

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2468.1 - Waivers of Manufacturing Requirements

The following procedure is established for handling applications from purchasers of National Forest timber to ship certain types or species of logs outside of the specified zone of manufacture for processing elsewhere:

1. The District Ranger will require the applicant to surrender the following before acknowledging that he has received a formal application:

   a. A signed statement from a processor outside the Primary Area showing a bona fide offer to buy the logs at prices indicated on Form 0-2400-8.

   b. Five sets of Form 0-2400-8, with Column I properly completed, each set to be in quadruplicate. (In the event that there are less than five mills in the Primary Area processing the species of timber involved, the District Ranger will so advise the Forest Supervisor in writing when he forwards the application).

   c. Five stamped envelopes each addressed to a different mill in the Primary Area. Each envelope should contain a return, stamped envelope addressed to the District Ranger.

2. Upon receipt of the properly completed application forms, the District Ranger will:

   a. Assign a number to the application.

   b. Check calculations and entries in Column I.

   c. Complete Column II.

   d. Mail the original and one copy of each set of forms to mills in the Primary Area in the envelope provided by the log owner.

   e. Retain one carbon copy for his files and return one carbon copy to the log owner.

   f. After a waiting period of ten days from date of mailing this form to the selected mills, the District Ranger shall forward the application, together with his comments and such returns as he may have received, to the Forest Supervisor.

If one or more of the five mills returns an application stating that it will buy the logs for a sum at least equal to the total value as shown in Column II, the Ranger need process the application no further except that the Forest Supervisor should be advised of the action taken.

3. If the District Ranger, in accordance with instruction (2) (f), recommends that the application be approved, then the Supervisor, upon reviewing the file and confirming the recommendations, will advertise in the Aberdeen paper that such application has been received, stating that particulars of the release applied for. The Forest Supervisor shall advise the Regional Forester of the application number, applicant name, volumes by species, timber sale name and confirm that applications has been approved for advertising.

4. If no objection to the release applied for is received within ten days of the appearance of the advertisement, the applicant will be notified of approval by the Forest Supervisor. Such approval will include both a volume and time limitation.

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2468.2 - Sale of Timber

The following procedure is established for monitoring the exempt/non-exempt portions of Timber volume offered and sold from the Grays Harbor Federal Sustained Yield Unit:

1. Monitoring Procedures

   a. Quinault District Ranger will report on October 31, of each year, the following timber sale information:

      (1) Timber Sale Name
      (2) Purchaser
      (3) Number of Bidders
      (4) Bidders from Outside GHFSYU (names)
      (5) Timber Sale Status (Default, Buyback, No Bids)
      (6) Exempt or Non-Exempt from Milling in GHFSYU
      (7) Type of Bid (Sealed or Auction)
      (8) Total Volume (MBF)
      (9) PAM Component (MBF)
      (10) Advertised Rate per MBF
      (11) Bid Rate per MBF
      (12) Weighted Bid Ratio
      (13) Awarded or non-awarded

   b. Calculation of cumulative annual ratio of Exempt/Non-Exempt per Sec. IV of the Policy Statement.

   c. The Quinault District Ranger will report on March 1 of each year, the following information for the previous calender year.

      (1) Timber Sale Name
      (2) Purchaser
      (3) Timber Sale Status (Active or Closed)
      (4) Where processed and volume processed
      (5) Processed in or out of GHFSYU

2. Selection and Scheduling of sales with Exempt/Non-Exempt manufacturing requirements.

The following procedure is established for the District Ranger to select the exempt sales. This information will be included on the "Annual 12 Month Program" which is normally published for the purchasers on October 1, and April 1, of each year. Exempt Sales will be selected on the basis of:

a. Volume balancing (50% Exempt)
b. A balance of sales by size and type will be selected and considered for non-exempt

3. Advertisement and Bidding Methods for Sales

a. Non-Exempt sales shall be advertised for four consecutive weeks. Sealed bid methods shall be used.

b. Exempt sales shall be advertised one time utilizing procedures established for non-sustained yield unit sales on the Olympic National Forest. Notification of rights to request a public hearing per 36 CFR 223.11 shall be included in the sale advertisement. Bidding shall follow procedures for other sales on the Olympic National Forest.