

Ueland Tree Farm

Draft Forest Management Plan Strategies

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General Management Strategies:

A) To ensure sustainability and to conserve habitat, the tree farm will be maintained in the following age classes:

- 33% in 0 to 18 year old age class
 - o Maintain a diversity of tree species
- 33% in 19 to 39 year old age class
 - o Use commercial thinning to enhance tree growth and keep a vibrant understory.
- 33% in 40 to 60 year old age class
 - o Entry to remove valuable material (poles, pilings, etc.
- 250+ acres (within the Conservation Areas) will be 60+ years old.
 - o Managed primarily for ecosystem values/services such as water quality, riparian zone functions, etc.

B) Maximum final harvest size will be 30 acres with exceptions for natural disaster (insect, disease, blow down, land slide, etc.) or permitted facility (gravel, quarry, residential, etc). The size of commercial thinning units will be based on topography and economically viable unit size.

C) The forest will be managed under Washington Forest Practice Rules and Regulations.

D) Main roads will be rocked, graded and ditches brushed.

E) Secondary roads will be used for summer time operations with no- or limited- rock. The surface will be grass seeded. This is similar to the road that was used for thinning two years ago in Section 13. Sub grade will be shaped and rolled prior to seeding.

F) Limit vehicle access on the tree farm to employees and contractors of the tree farm.

G) Wherever possible, 1/2 of the boundary of a final harvest unit must be bounded by timber greater than 19 years old.

H) When practical, vegetation control will be completed using non-chemical methods.