

McDonald-Dunn Timber Harvest Schedule

Sustainable timber harvest is one of several management activities across the research forests — and it enables all others. The OSU Research Forests are financially self-sustaining and receive no operating funds from the university, the college, the state or taxpayers. Revenue generated through timber harvest is fully reinvested into research, stewardship, infrastructure, restoration and recreation.

Forestry operates on decades-long timeframes. Harvest does not occur everywhere at once. Instead, small portions of different forests are managed at different times to maintain long-term forest health, support resilience and provide a consistent supply of sustainably grown wood products while limiting short-term impacts to recreation and access.

Felling, Hauling, and Your Safety



Timber harvest hazards include falling limbs, trees, and the use of heavy equipment, making it necessary to close these areas to the public. Forest closures will be actively enforced in cooperation with Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Harvest operations are extremely dangerous, so it is vital that you respect posted forest closures for your safety and the safety of the crews.

Trucks often need to use the same forest roads and gates as visitors. Expect to encounter and yield to log and passenger trucks on forest roads.

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Across the network, harvest treatments are designed to:

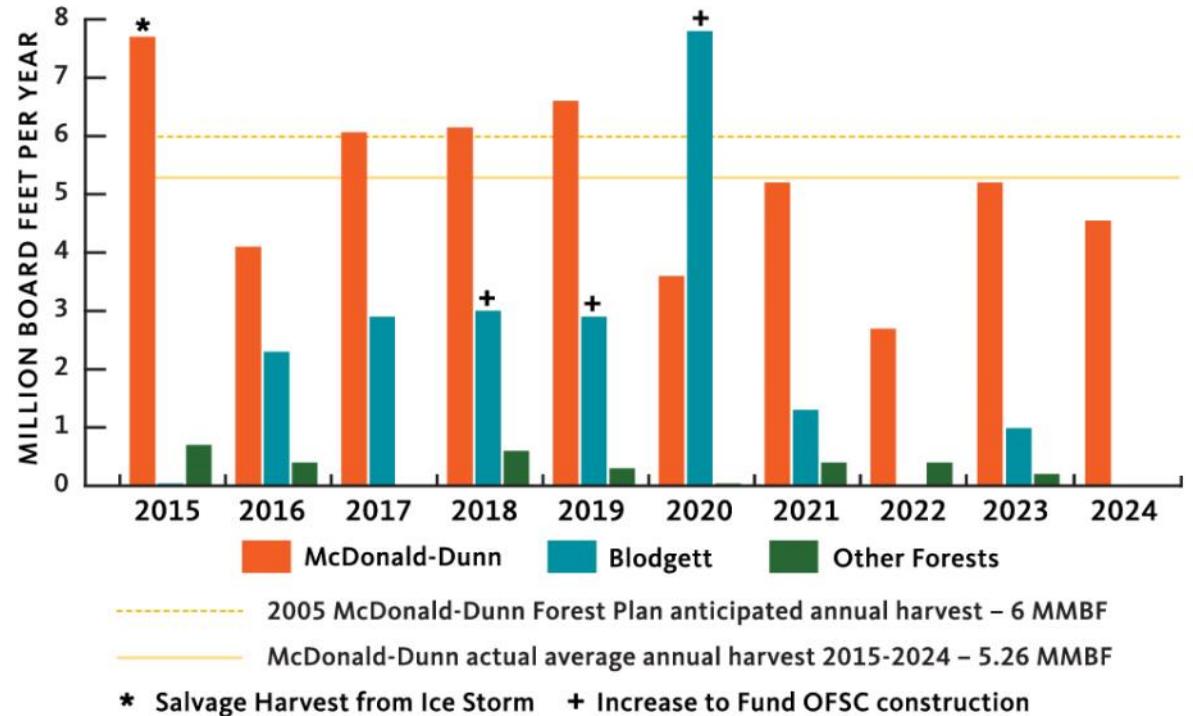
- Reduce overcrowding and improve tree vigor
- Increase structural and species diversity across the landscape
- Restore native habitats, including oak, madrone and meadow systems where appropriate
- Sustain reliable wood production
- Support applied research and hands-on student learning
- Maintain safe, high-quality recreational access.

In 2026, harvest activity is planned on five of the 10 research forests — McDonald, Dunn, Matteson, Blodgett and Tualatin. These operations will impact approximately 311 acres of the 18,000-acre network, or about 1.7% of total forestland.

Note: This harvest schedule only includes 2026 McDonald-Dunn harvests, including two harvests brought over from 2025. Visit our [story map](#) for all Research Forest harvest information

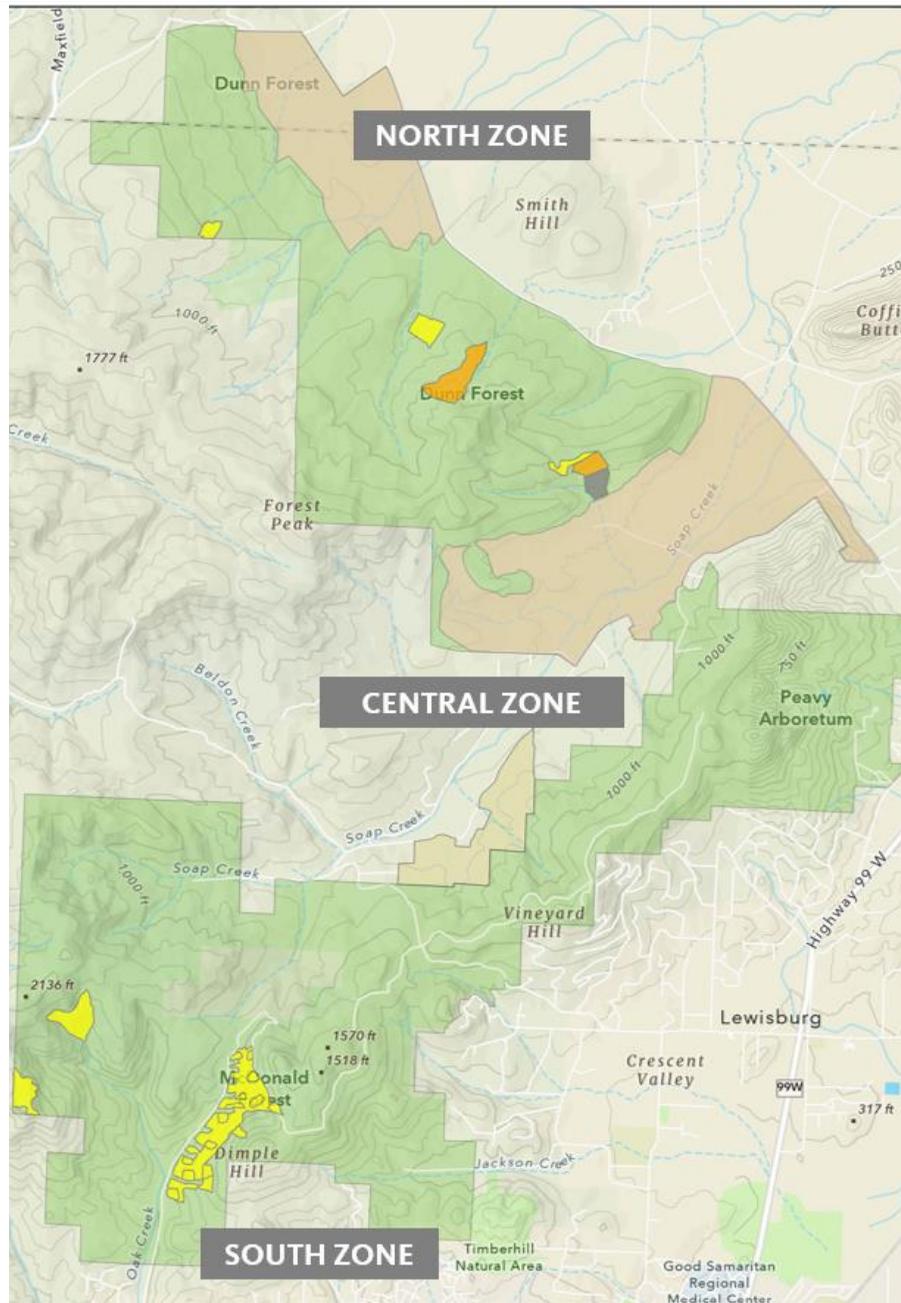
For more information about Research Forest timber harvesting, visit our [About Page here.](#)

HARVEST VOLUME OVER TIME

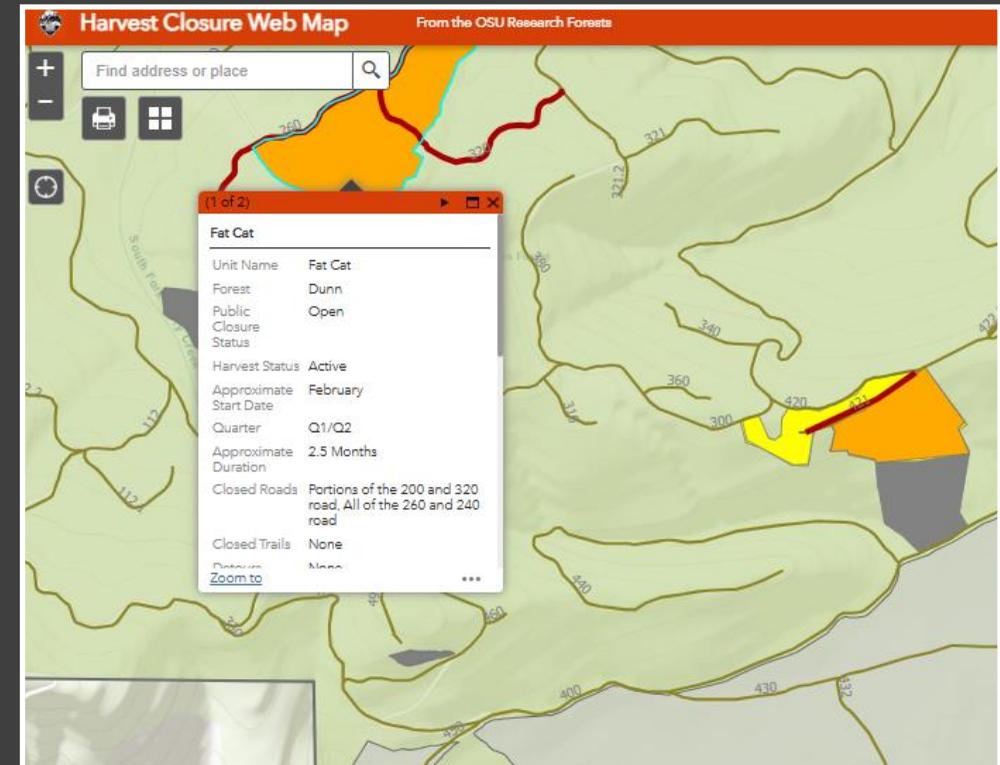


McDonald-Dunn Harvest Maps

Map of upcoming harvests planned for the McDonald-Dunn



Real-Time Updates



With our interactive web-map you'll be able to check the status of harvests, roads, and trails in real-time.

Key for Quarter Timing:

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Jan - March	Apr - June	July - Sept	Oct - Dec

Harvest Timeline

Estimated 2026 McDonald-Dunn Harvest Timeline

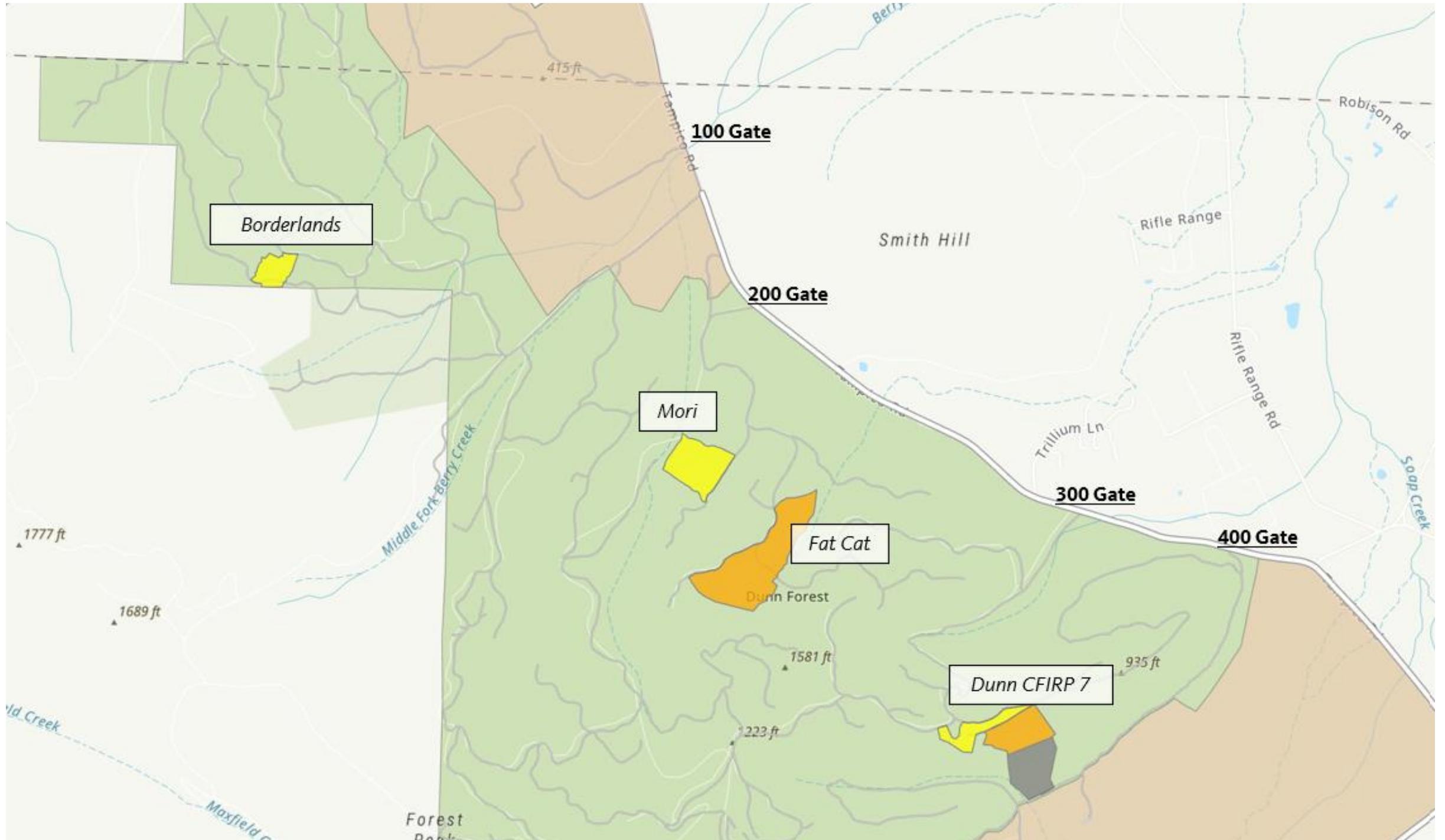
All start times are estimates and subject to change

Units	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
CFIRP Dunn 7												
Fat Cat												
Gentle Giant												
Pinchot												
Southside												
Borderlands												
Mori (start date TBD)												

**This list contains only McDonald-Dunn Forest harvests and does not include other Research Forest property harvests (e.g., Matteson, Blodgett, Tualatin, etc.)*



North Zone



Timber Harvest Schedule: North Zone

Harvest Name	Size Acres	Prescription	Reason for Harvest	Harvest Method	Approx. Start Date	Approx. Duration	Research & Demonstration Applications	Stand-Age	Consistent with Forest Plan	Closures
Borderlands	8.7	Clearcut with structural retention	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. This stand is experiencing progressive wind-throw due to wind exposure from a timber harvest on adjacent private land. The stand will be managed back into an multi-aged condition following harvest with a more wind-firm structure.	Ground based	June	1 Month	None, but useful for demonstration of silvicultural alternatives to even-aged management.	52	The exemption for temporary reallocation from the Multi-Age, Multi-Species strategy to Even-Aged Short Rotation is under review by the College of Forestry's Research Forest Technical Advisory Committee	Closure of 1010 road and 190 road
CFIRP Dunn 7 & 8	43.2	Thin	This harvest is part of the long-term CFIRP Research Project studying Ecological & Socioeconomic Response to Alternative Silviculture Treatments. This entry is designed to remove suppressed and damaged trees to provide the remaining trees access to nutrients and room to continue growing in diameter as well as height.	Ground based & Cable Logging	On-going (Student Logging Training Program)	TBD	CFIRP - College Forest Integrated Research Project	36	Yes	Closure of the 400, 440, 430, 410 roads when posted

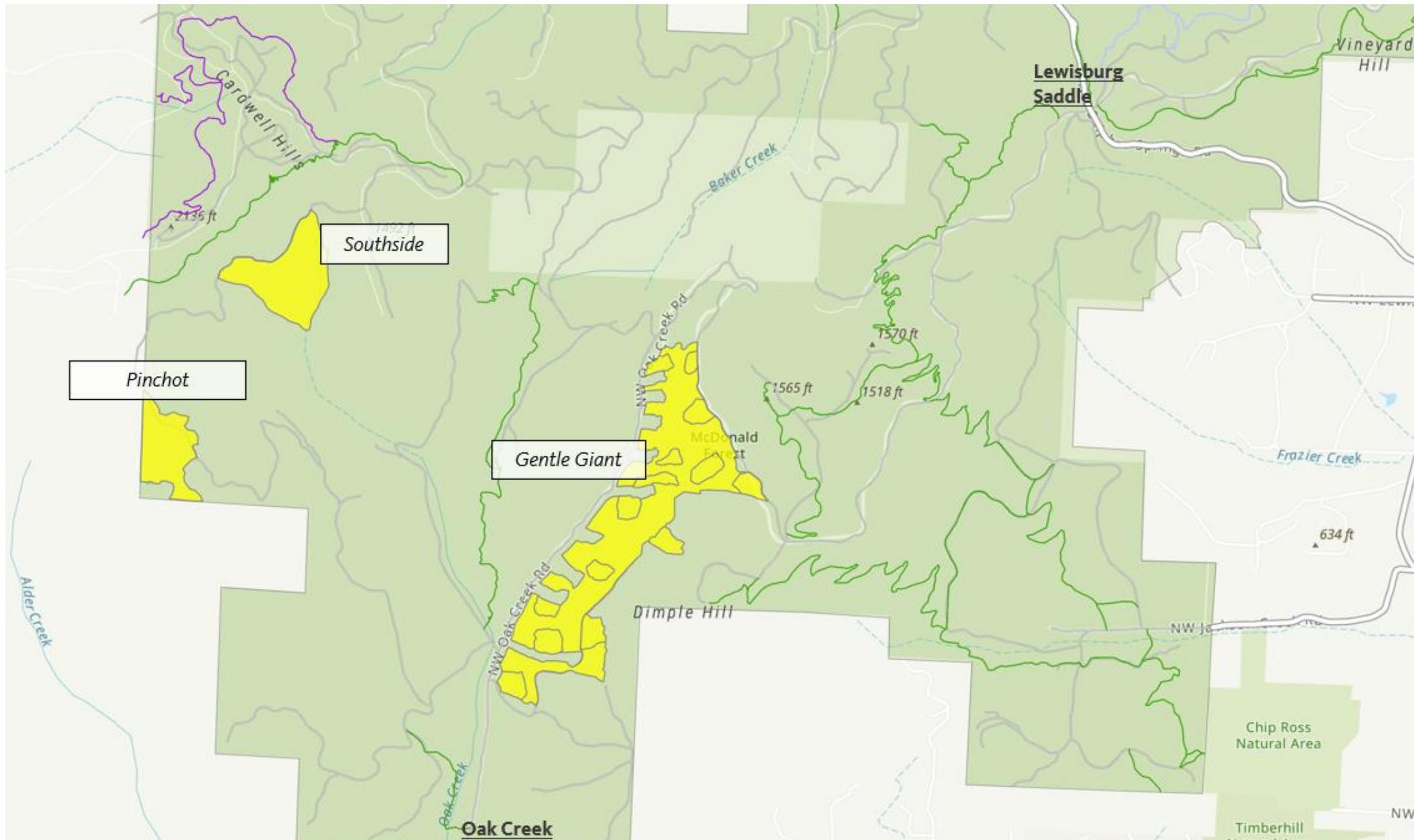
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Fat Cat (2025 harvest brought over to 2026)	47.5	Clearcut with structural and visual tree retention	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. Additionally, this harvest is part of a long term research project studying how retention trees and patterns of retention trees last over time.	Ground based	February	2.5 months	Long Term Research Project (Retention Pattern)	80-82 years	Yes	Portions of the 200 and 320 roads; All of the 260 and 240 roads

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Mori <i>(2025 harvest brought over to 2026)</i>	21.2	Clearcut with structural and visual tree retention	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. Additionally, this harvest is part of a long term research project studying how retention trees and patterns of retention trees last over time.	Ground based	TBD	TBD	Long Term Research Project (Retention Pattern)	82 years	Yes	Closure of the 220 road

South Zone



Timber Harvest Schedule: South Zone

Harvest Name	Size Acres	Prescription	Reason for Harvest	Harvest Method	Approx. Start Date	Approx. Duration	Research & Demonstration Applications	Stand-Age	Consistent with 2005 Forest Plan	Closures
Pinchot	23.5	Clearcut with structural retention	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. The harvest will increase the amount of relatively open forest structure in proximity to a significant remnant grassland/prairie meadow shared between the Research Forest and an adjacent private forest landowner.	Cable Logging/Ground based	June	2 Month	None	72	Yes	Portions of 770 road
Southside	35.7	Clearcut with structural retention	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. There is a significant component of broadleaf tree release, particularly of Pacific Madrone and red alder, but also including some Oregon white oak.	Cable Logging	August	2 Month	None	64	Yes	Portions of 770 road

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Harvest Name	Size Acres	Prescription	Harvest Method	Reason for Harvest	Approx. Start Date	Approx. Duration	Research & Demonstration Applications	Stand-Age	Consistent with 2005 Forest Plan	Closures
Gentle Giant	150 acres	Group Selection (36 acres) Oak Release (2 acres) Thin (112 acres)	Cable/Ground logging	This timber harvest contributes to the overall sustainable harvest goal. Revenue generated from this harvest will be used to support Research Forests operations and teaching and research within the College of Forestry. Interactions between harvest and factors related to slope stability will be examined as part of this project as well. Release of oaks and madrones will occur through both thinning and patch cuts. Snag and down woody debris creation or retention will also figure significantly.	May	3 months	Leshchinsky/Patton Research	108-137	Yes	Portions of 600 road, portion of 6020 road, all of 670, 672, 672.1, 672.3.