

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Log Harvest in Thousands of Board Feet Scribner</u>
1953	53,355
1954	70,284
1955	182,483
1956	219,337
1957	256,108
1958	200,272
1959	226,604
1960	321,945
1961	354,156
1962	345,568
1963	377,541
1964	417,398
1965	430,706
1966	441,977
1967	451,551

The Present Situation

The annual allowable cut is an upper limit placed upon the rate of timber harvest in order to achieve the national forest management objectives. Because the harvesting process has economic limits as to what land is accessible and operable and what timber can be profitably converted to products, the current allowable cut is in terms of current economic limits. The Forest Service has set this at 864 million board feet Scribner scale. This is the volume of hemlock and spruce that can be sold and cut from accessible forest lands each year. Thus, the rate of management progress on the accessible lands (the actual log harvest shown above) is at about half the desired rate (the allowable cut). In terms of uncut volume there is about 412 million board feet of annual allowable cut in desirable species economically available but currently unused.

No progress whatsoever is being made on the inaccessible and/or currently-inoperable lands. There is estimated to be 415 million board feet

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