

sustained yield.

So that wise choices are made for contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industry, BLM for over 30 years has followed the practice of developing its policies and plans with the advice of the O&C Advisory Board and through discussion with the Association of O&C Counties, conservation groups and the public. We are fortunate that one of the principal sponsors of the O&C Act, Mr. David T. Mason, is still an active member of our O&C Advisory Board.

This partnership with the people of Oregon has resulted in solid support of sustained yield forest management principles tempered by the need to provide other beneficial returns through multiple use management.

We administer under conservation policies, 2,071,300 acres of O&C Revested Railroad Grant Land, 74,500 acres of Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Land, and 348,600 acres of public domain in western Oregon. Of this acreage, 2,140,800 are commercial forest land and support an annual allowable cut of 1.127 billion board feet. This annual harvest, plus mortality salvage and thinning, has supplied about 17-20% of the log output for western Oregon during recent years.

A series of very serious disruptions in orderly forest management have occurred in recent years. The 1962 Columbus Day windstorm overturned and damaged over 1.138 billion board feet of BLM timber