

OSU Research Forests

The OSU Research Forests are working forests, carefully managed to protect resources, provide a living laboratory, and support our community.

Use of Wood

Wood is sold to mills in the Pacific Northwest and used to create:

- Chips for wood products such as paper
- Dimensional and specialty lumber
- Utility poles

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The Next Forest

As part of our timber harvests, we leave buffers of trees and shrubs around streams to protect aquatic life and provide legacy trees and downed wood to support birds, insects, and small mammals living in the forest. After harvest activities are complete, we replant tree seedlings by hand to grow the forests of the future.

Use of Revenue

Revenue from timber harvests is used to make Oregon State University Research Forests:

- An outdoor classroom
- A living research laboratory
- A place with a rich and protected natural and cultural heritage
- A great place to pursue outdoor recreation on well-maintained trails and roads, and at Peavy Arboretum















