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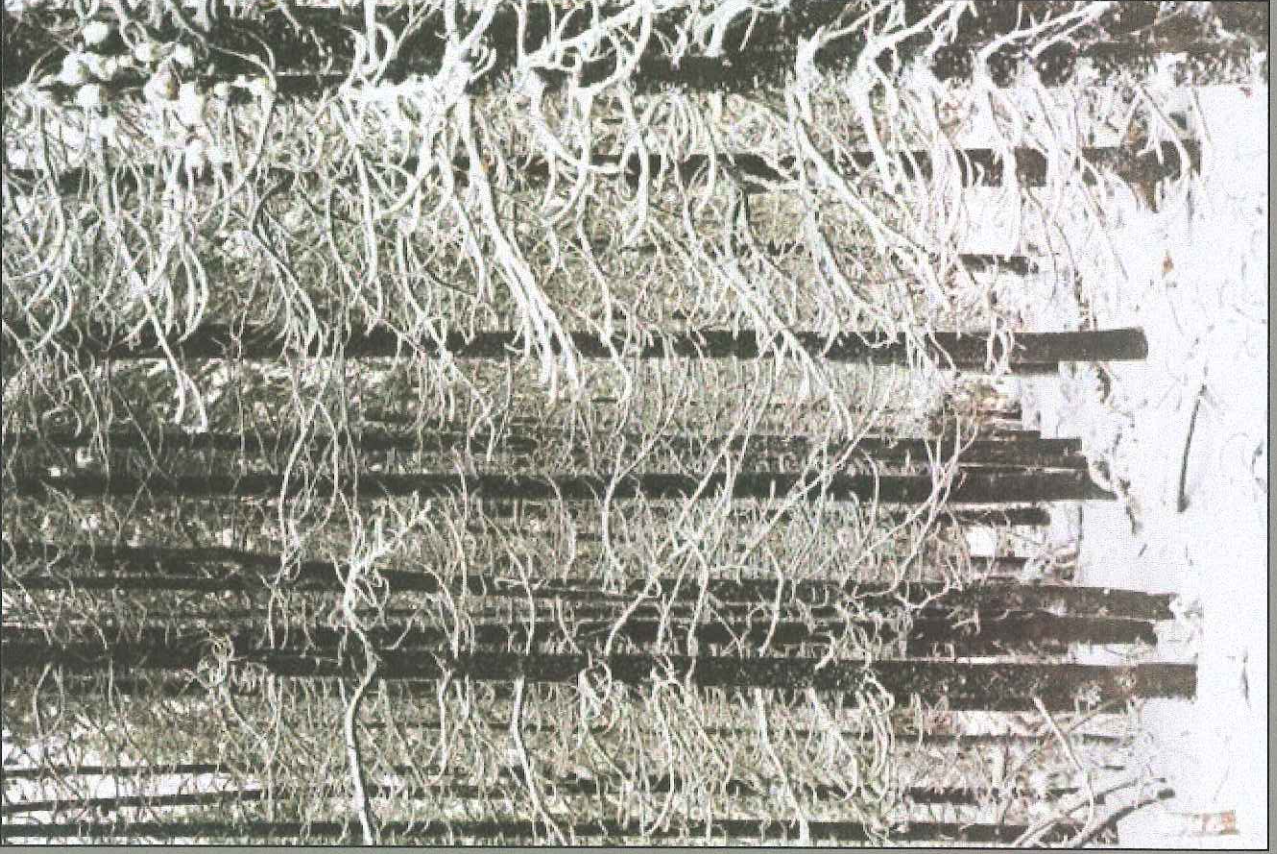
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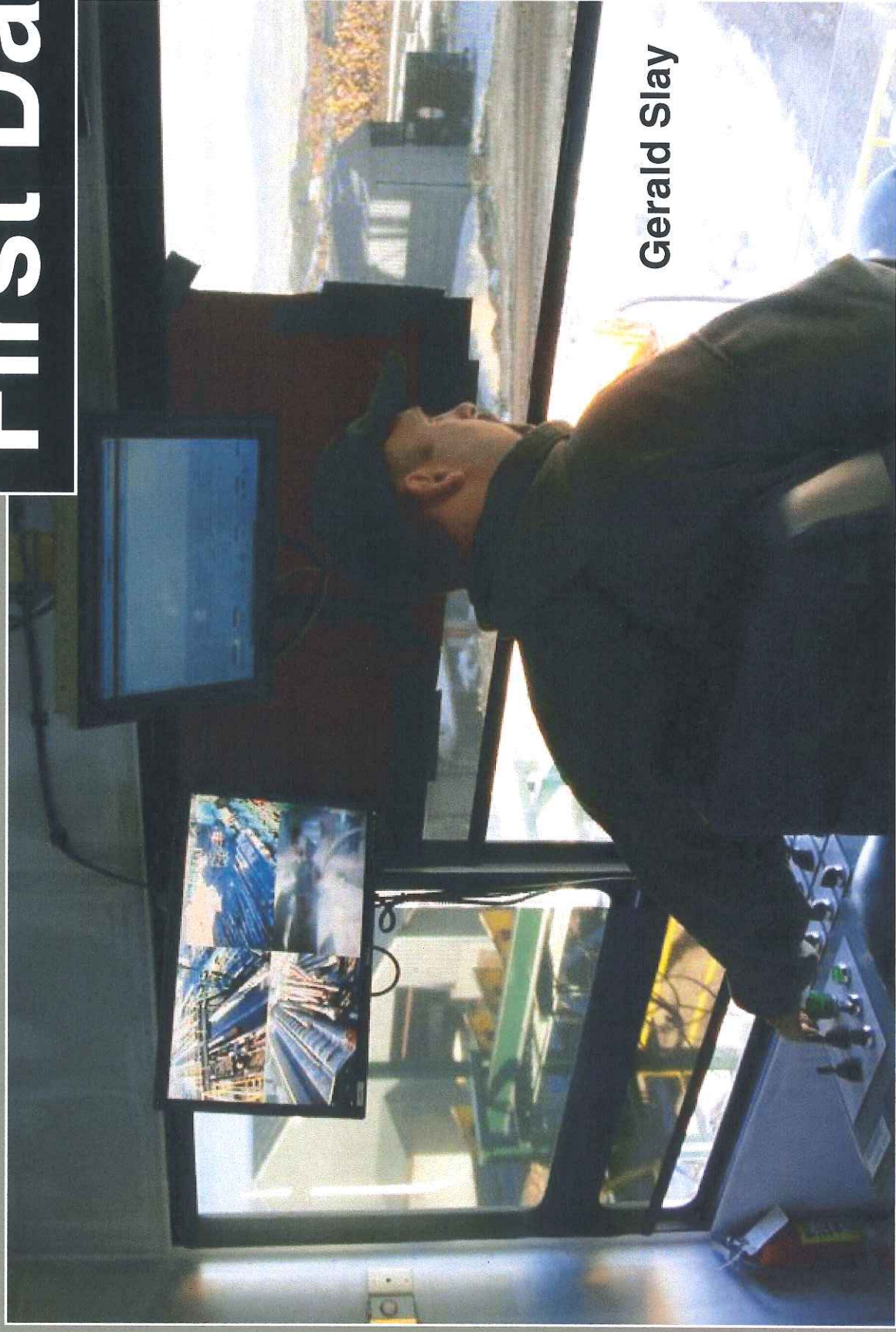
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## Lakeview Stewardship Group

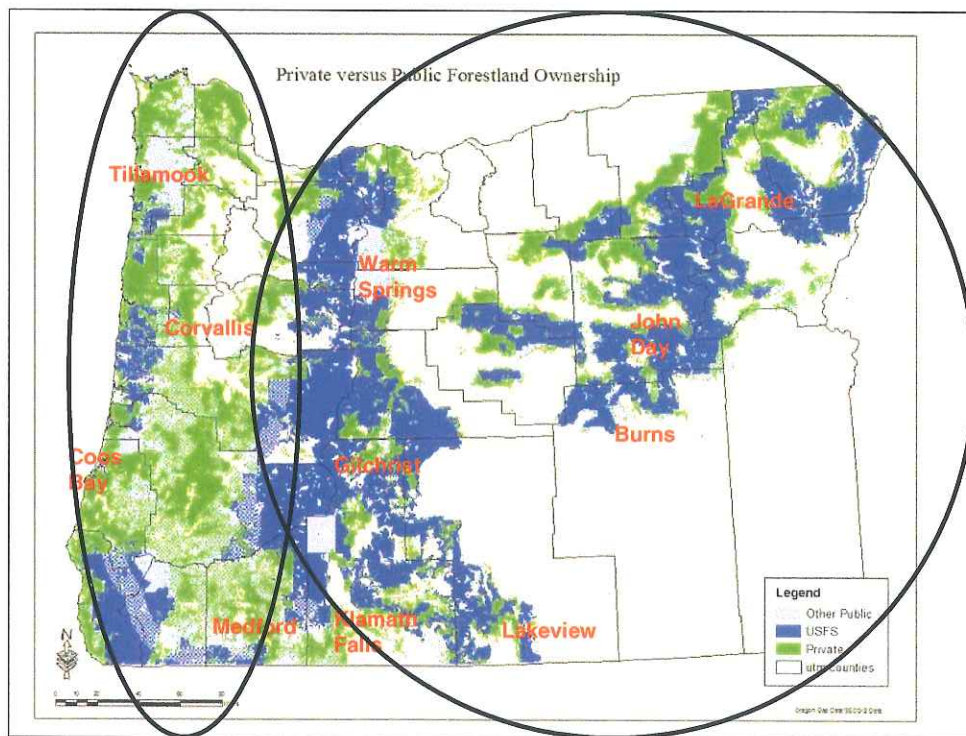


**A Collaborative** (an accidental solution)

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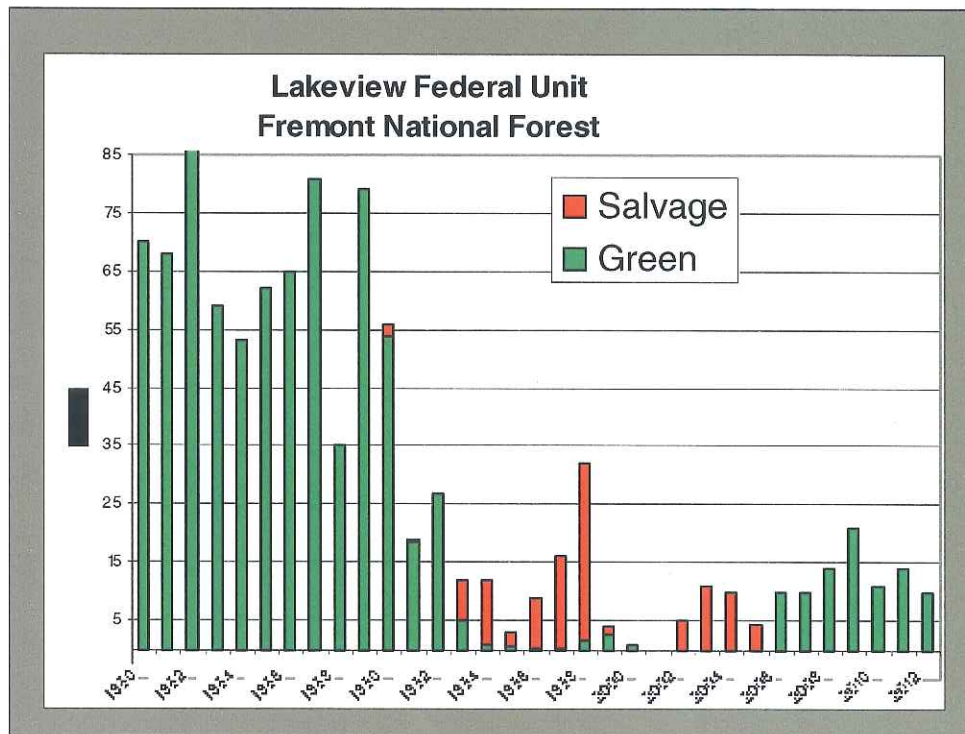
I want to in a short period of time take you through the accidental creation of the solution and what it has meant to Lakeview and the surrounding National Forest Lands.



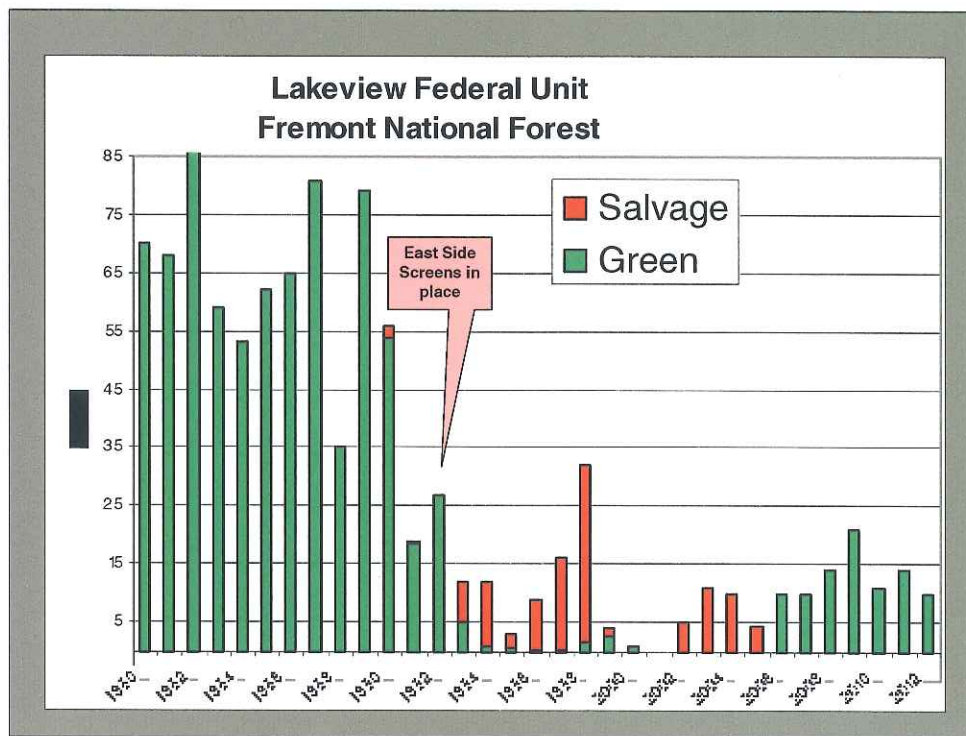


Western Oregon is 50% public ownership. The remainder of the private timber lands is highly productive. It also is for the most part within a short distance of metropolitan areas.

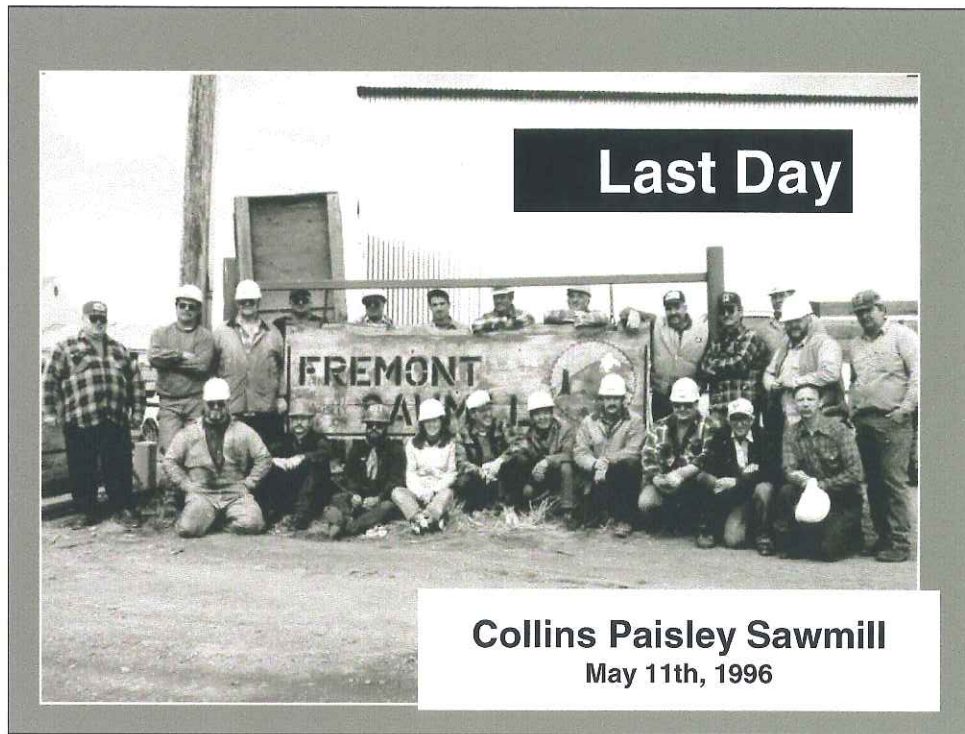
Eastern Oregon is 71% Federal ownership of timberlands. The timberlands are less productive. And we are very distant from metropolitan areas. The first traffic light you encounter from Lakeview is 90 miles away. The first mall is 175 miles distant. Eastern Oregon is dependent upon its surroundings.



The Lakeview Stewardship Group (LSG) was born out of desperation in the late 1990's with the decline of the USFS green timber program

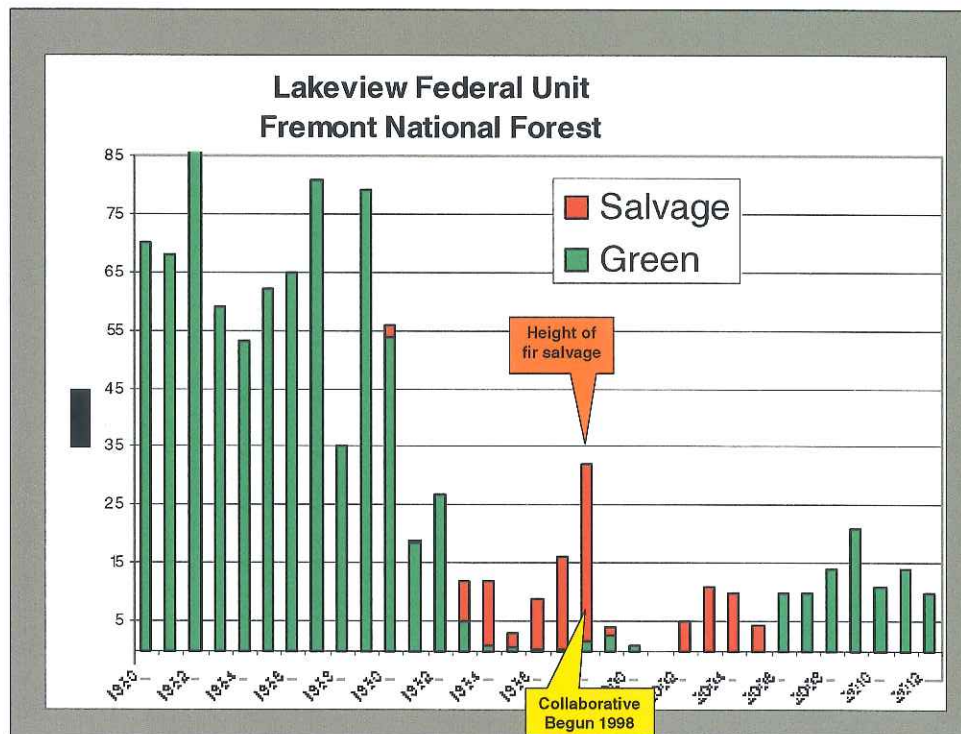


The Eastside Screens were put in place in 1992 that effectively shut down the then normal USFS Eastside Timber program in order to protect the remaining old growth timber and to stave off a possible lawsuit challenging the USFS lack of a comprehensive plan to protect and ensure old growth habitat on the eastside.

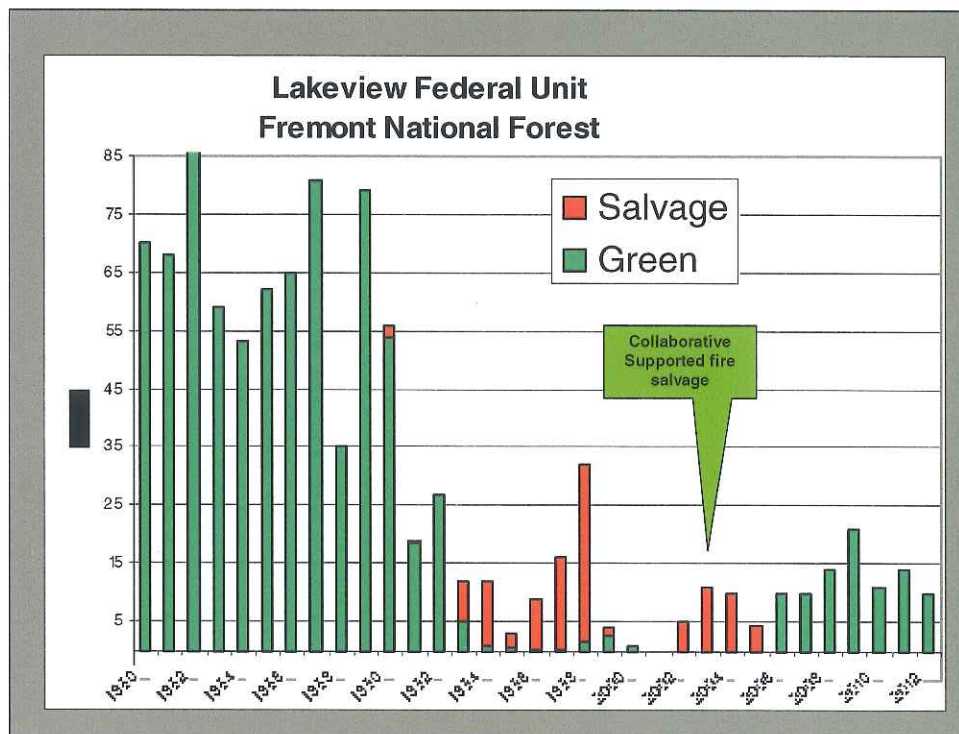


In late January, 1996 I walked into our sawmill in Paisley OR and announced to this crew that we were shutting the mill down because of a lack of federal timber available to operate it. This triggered strong debate whether the remaining sawmill would even be able to survive this lack of federal timber supply.



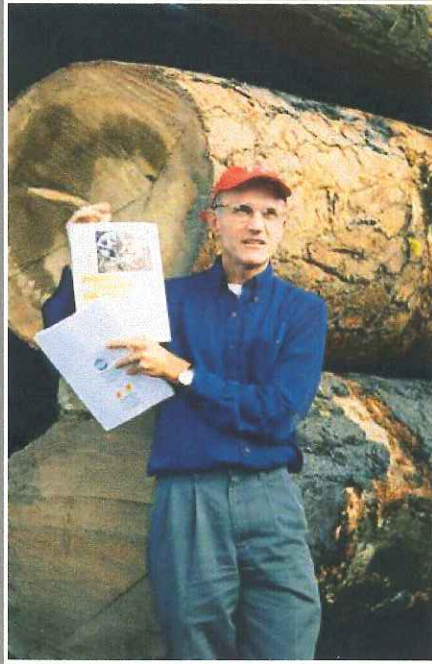


Locally there was an influx of White Fir salvage from the fir engraver beetle that was added to existing sales during this period as the remaining sawmill hung on. In 1998 we held a summit in Lakeview with environmentalists and locals to discuss the new USFS management of lands. Out of this was a commitment to focus on what we could agree to – thinning to protect old growth stands and pine stands.



In the early 2000's the collaborative supported the salvage of some fires within the Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit as a stop gap measure to ensure the continuance of the Fremont Sawmill during this time frame.





## Stepping Out

A collaborative member and representative of a conservation group talking about the fire salvage from one of the fires.

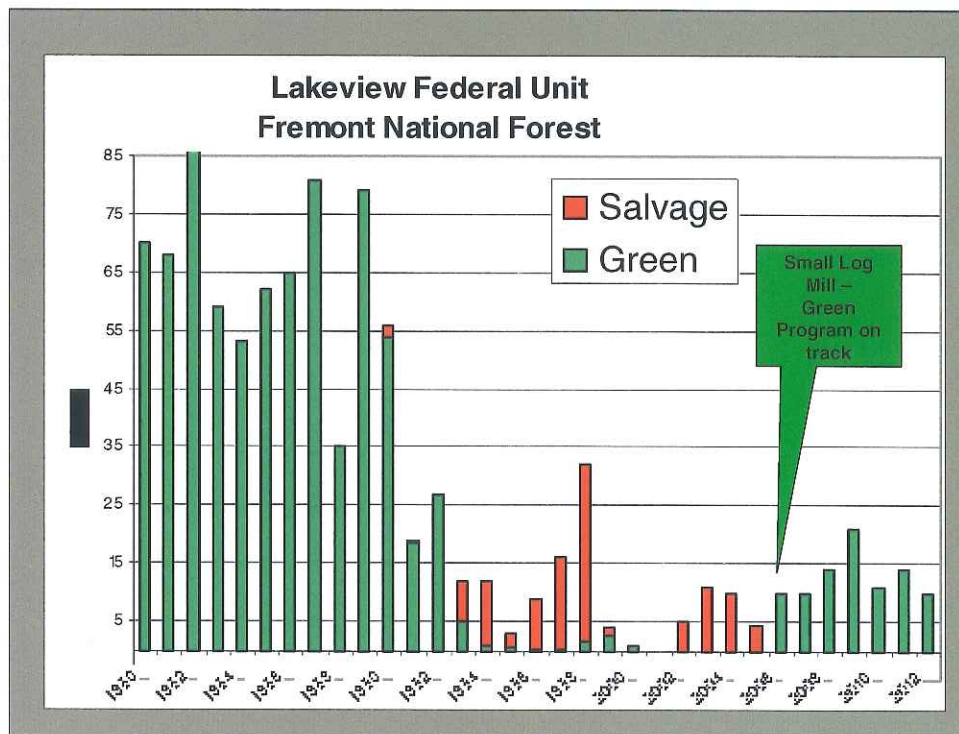
## Lakeview Stewardship Group



The Lakeview Stewardship Group started out of a meeting in Lakeview in 1998 the local leaders called to discuss the future of Federal Forest management after the meltdown of the timber program and the closure of the Paisley Sawmill.

Environmentalists, timber workers, USFS, and Ranchers figured out we had more in common than opposing views. We worked together to define our vision of how 550,000 acres of the Fremont National Forest around Lakeview should be managed.





In 2007 the Collaborative supported and helped to enact a 10 Year Stewardship Contract for the Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit focusing on green thinning. During this same time Collins invested \$6.7M in a small log addition to the sawmill to effectively handle this smaller log. The small log mill started up in October, 2007 and shortly afterwards Collins was awarded the 10 Year Stewardship Contract. This meant about 10 MMbf annually in material was available locally, about 30% of what is needed to operate the sawmill.

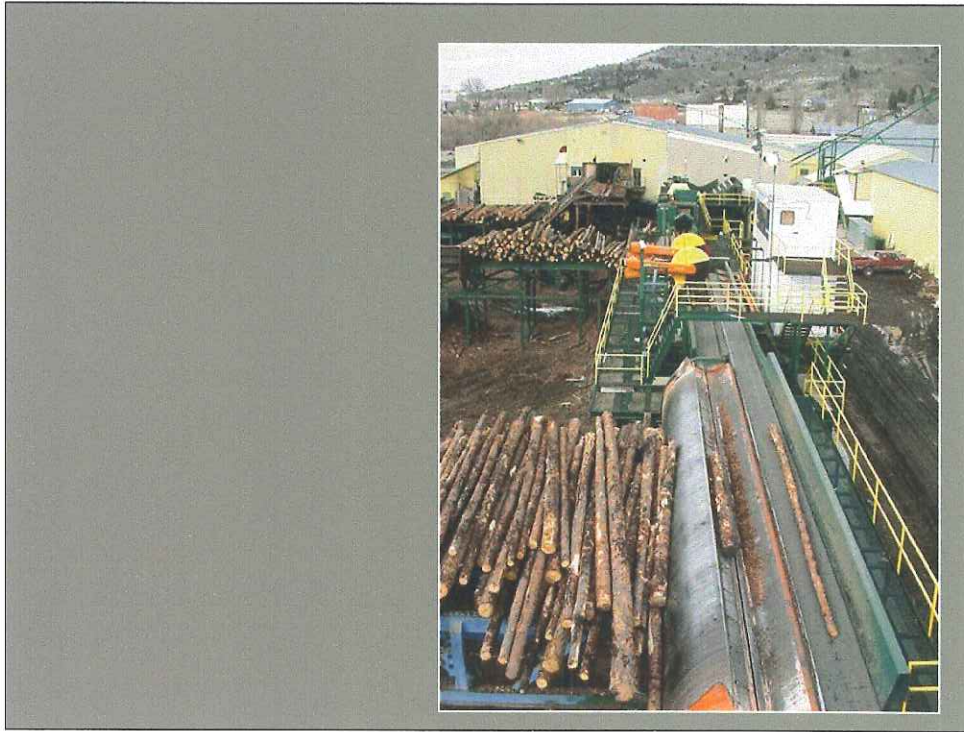
## Collins Small Log Mill Opening

November, 2007



In 2007, based upon the work that had been done in the collaborative the past 9 years Collins took a risk and invested in a \$6.7MM small log mill addition to process the small logs that were to be removed to reduce fire risk and improve forest health on the Fremont National Forest. We took a huge, calculated risk.





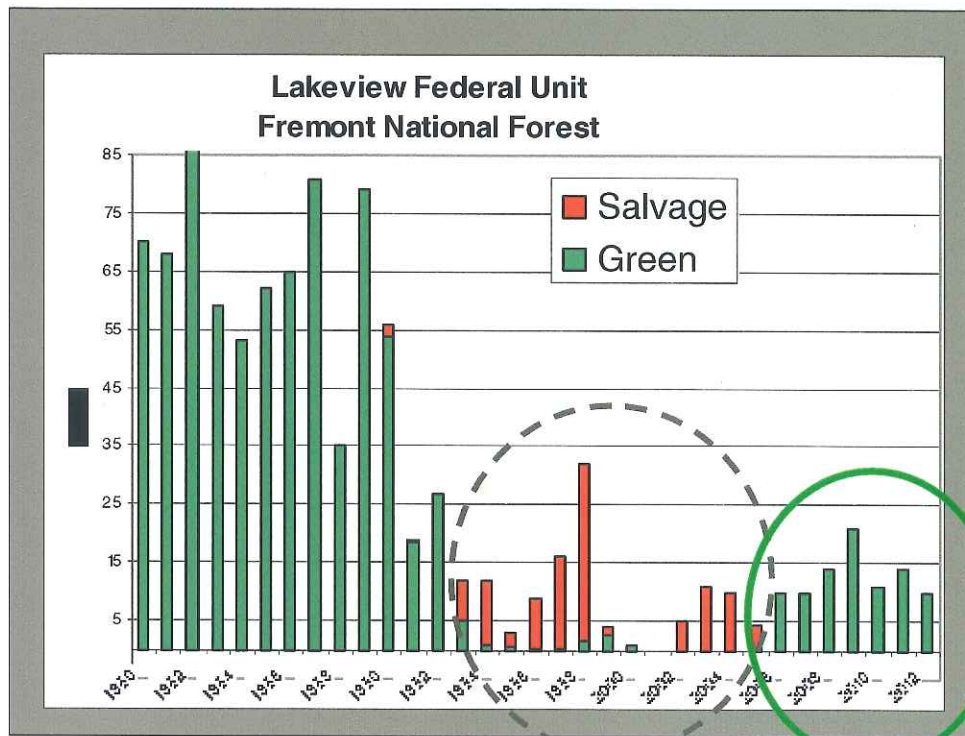
On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, after just 3 years and 11 months, the new small log mill ran it's 2 millionth log through it since it started.



We are working on 3,000 acres a year on average on a workable priority landscape of 200,000 acres.

The resulting timber stands are more fire resistant, are healthier and less susceptible to insect and disease, and produce economic and social gains for our communities.





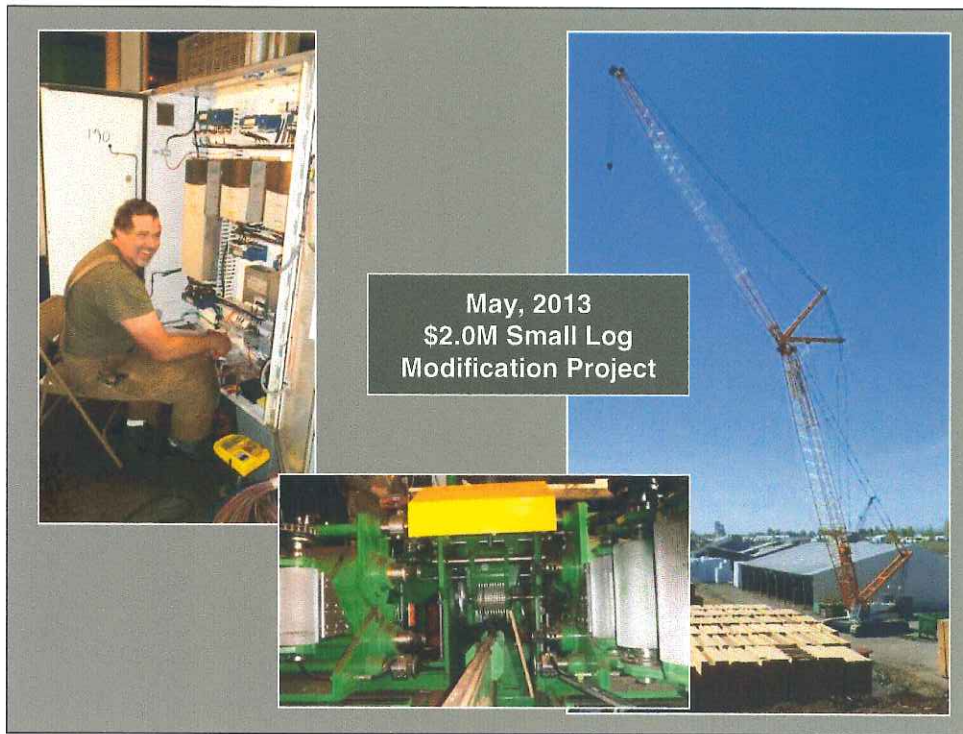
Lakeview has the future of the Fremont National Forest on a trajectory that will mean healthy forests AND Jobs into the future. Non of this would be possible without the work of the Lakeview Stewardship Group and the Collaborative in seeking solutions rather than exploiting differences.



But the needs for treatment far outstrip the current pace of our progress.

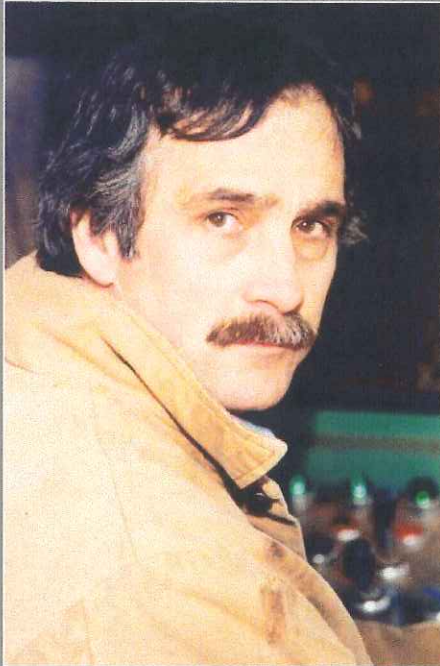
And there in lies the good news.

We have the ability to do more. We have opportunities. We have a future.



Collins is currently undergoing a \$2MM Small Log Modification Project that will start up June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. this will allow Collins in Lakeview to handle more small logs.





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Not long ago we shut down a sawmill. It impacted some of the best men and women and their families that make up this great state of Oregon that we all call home.



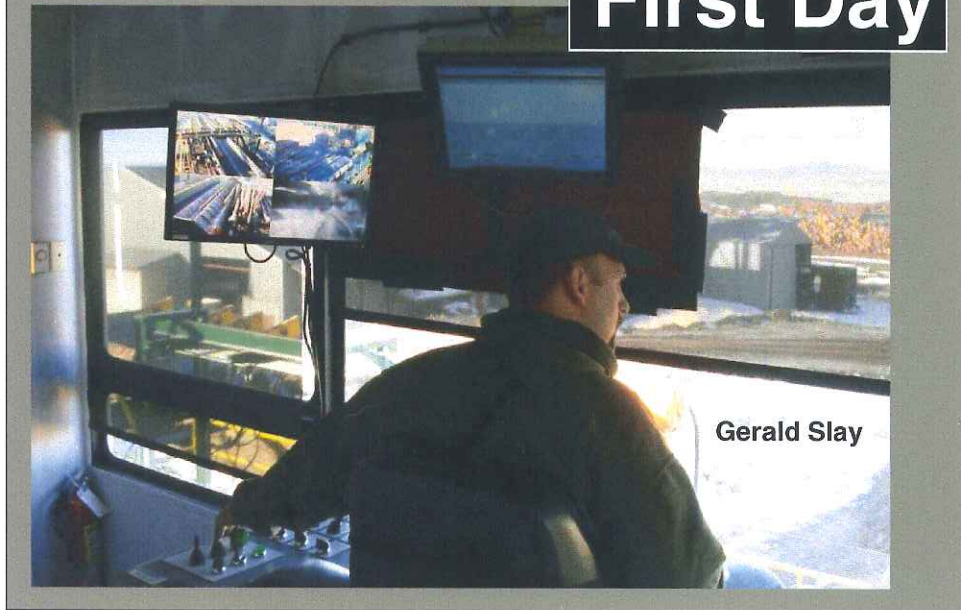
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We found a common vision out of this which I would have to call a tragedy.

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And we put that common vision to work sustaining our current jobs, creating new jobs and new hope for our community.

There is an abundance of opportunity in Oregon in moving the federal forests in a positive and sustaining direction.

We need to take advantage of this opportunity and triple or more the restoration of our public forests. It is a good investment strategy.

Lakeview's accidental solution is proof.