Partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to restore a threatened seabird



The New Carissa Oil Spill



Carcass
Scavenging
Study





Searcher Efficiency Study













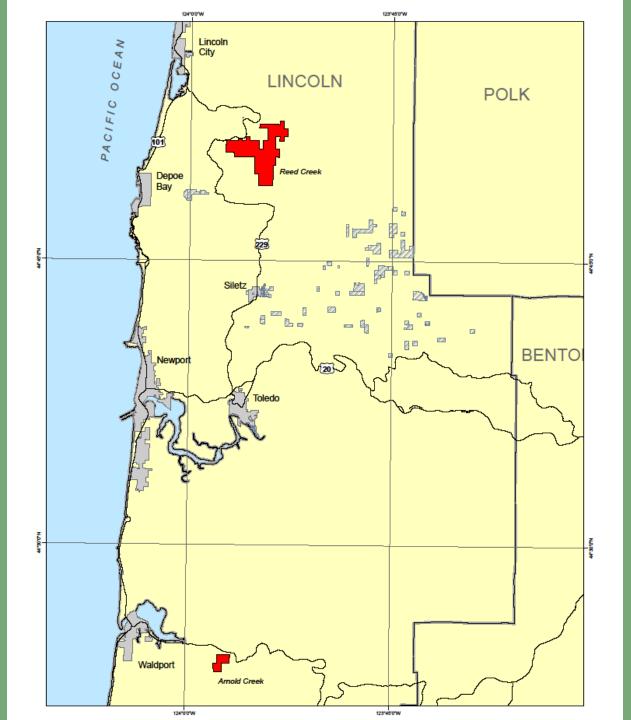
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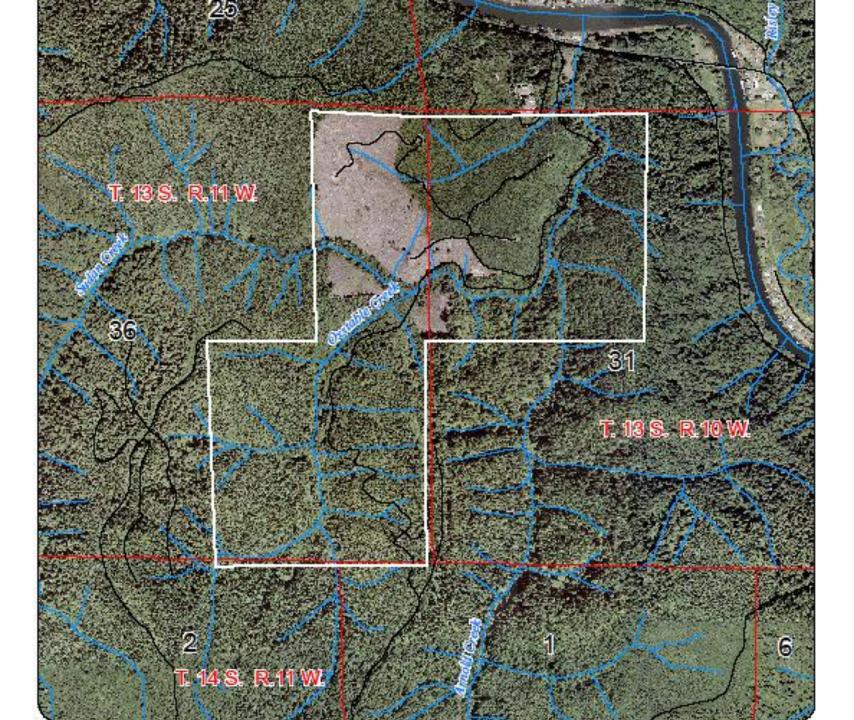
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• 4,263 acres of coastal forest donated to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians





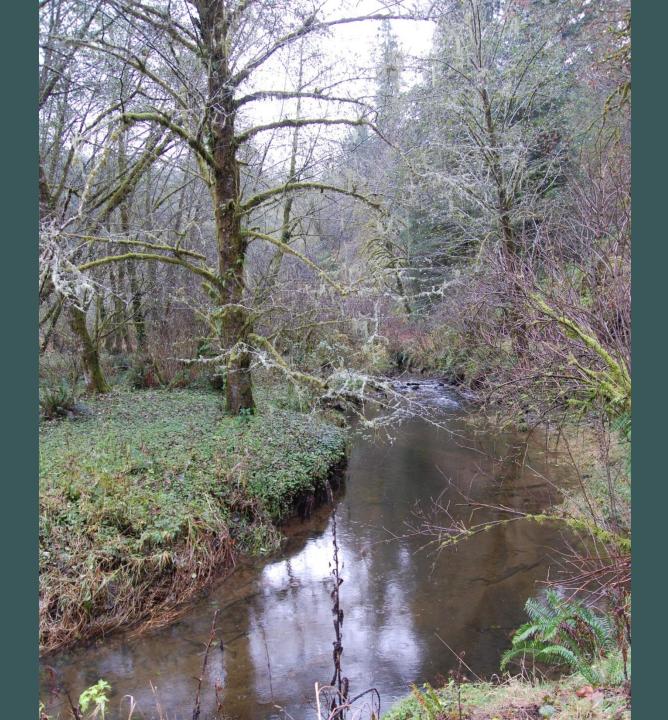












M/V New Carissa Final DARP January, 2006

Final Damage Assessment Restoration Plan & Environmental Assessment

For the







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Original DARP called for acquired lands to go to federal agency (USFS, **BLM, USFWS)**

County Commissioners protested loss of property tax revenue (≈ \$25k/year)

Final DARP called for lands to go to one of two Trustee tribes or to a conservation organization (must agree to pay property taxes)

Why CTSI?

- Technical expertise in forest management
- Long history of forest management and community involvement in Lincoln County
- Multi-disciplinary resource staff
- Demonstrated ability in natural resource restoration and species conservation
- Willingness to accept fee simple title to the parcels and pay all applicable property taxes to Lincoln County

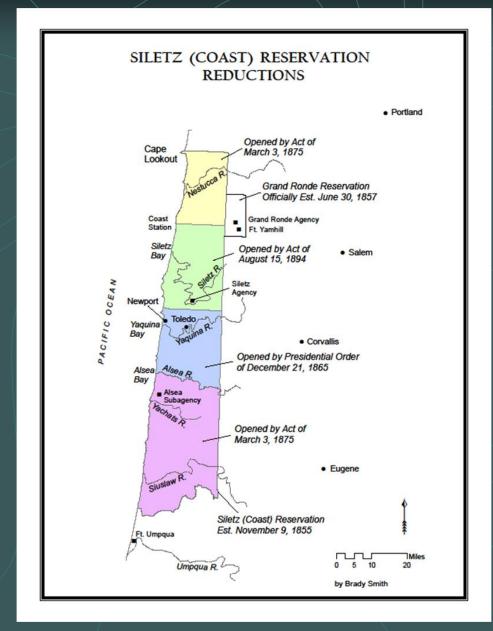
Why CTSI? (cont)

- Commitment to collaborate with recognized experts in the fields of conservation forestry and rare species management in development of the parcels' management plan
- Willingness to enter into a legally binding conservation easement with the Trustees (or their designee) assuring that the parcels will be managed for the benefit of marbled murrelets and other natural resources.

Why CTSI Interested?

Cultural connection to the land

Part of original reservation area

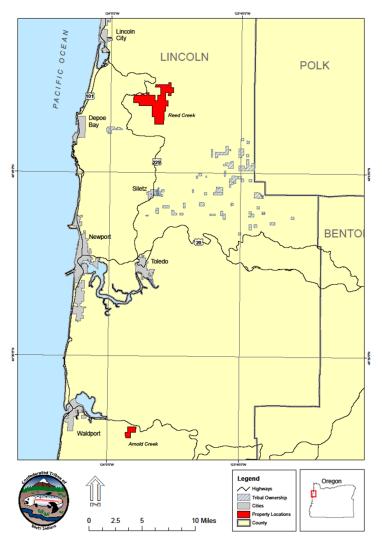


Why CTSI Interested?

In our back yard (6 air miles from Siletz)

Doubled the Tribe's land base





The Conservation Easement

- Permanent Easement
- CTSI as Grantor
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and US Bureau of Land Management as Grantees
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (advisory to Grantees)

Purposes of the CE

- First, to provide for the benefit and conservation of the marbled murrelet by protection of Marbled Murrelet Habitat, and the creation of additional Marbled Murrelet Habitat over time.
- Second, where consistent with the first purpose, to provide sufficient revenue for management of the Property through limited commercial timber harvest and other activities and to protect and promote other late seral or mature forest conditions, native fish and wildlife.

CE Requirements

- Baseline Report (current condition of property)
- 10 Year Management Plan
- Annual Operations Plan (for coming year)
- Annual Accomplishments Report (for past year)
- **Target Baseline of ⅔ of Property in MAMU** habitat (currently at ⅓)
- Periodic MAMU surveys
- All property revenue stays with property (taxes, management expenses, surveys)

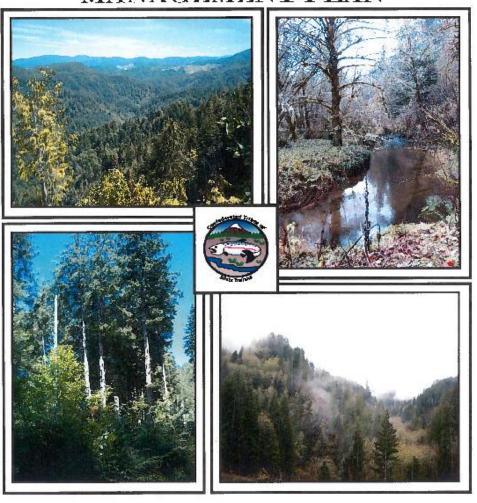
CE Requirements

Three Management Zones

- W HPA (Habitat Protection Area): protection of existing habitat with little or no active management
- BPA (Buffer Protection Area): provide initial buffer between HPA and surrounding lands
- SPA (Standard Protection Area): active management to achieve Target Baseline and provide property management costs revenue



2010-2019 REED-ARNOLD CREEK MANAGEMENT PLAN



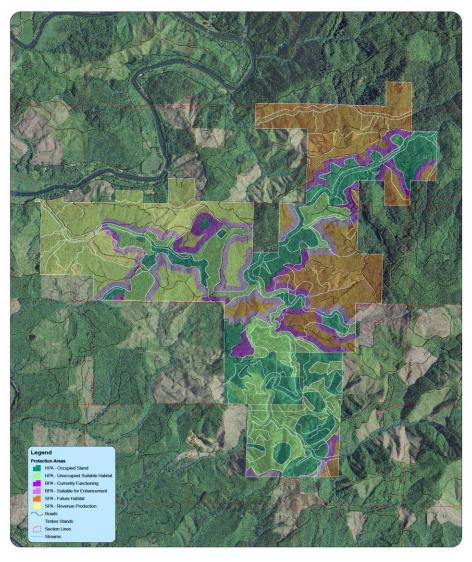
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Management Plan

Land Management Classification Acres by Parcel in 2010				
Classification	Reed Creek	Arnold Creek	Total Acres	% Total Acres
Highest Protection Area				
Occupied Stands	861	37	898	21%
Unoccupied Suitable Habitat	692	38	730	17%
Total Highest Protection Area	1,553	75	1,628	38%
Buffer Protection Area				
Currently Functioning	321	13	334	8%
Suitable for Enhancement	334	16	350	8%
Total Buffer Protection Area	655	29	684	16%
Standard Protection Area				
Future Habitat	906	191	1,097	26%
Revenue Production	737	117	854	20%
Total Standard Protection Area	1,643	308	1,951	46%
Total	3,851	412	4,263	100%









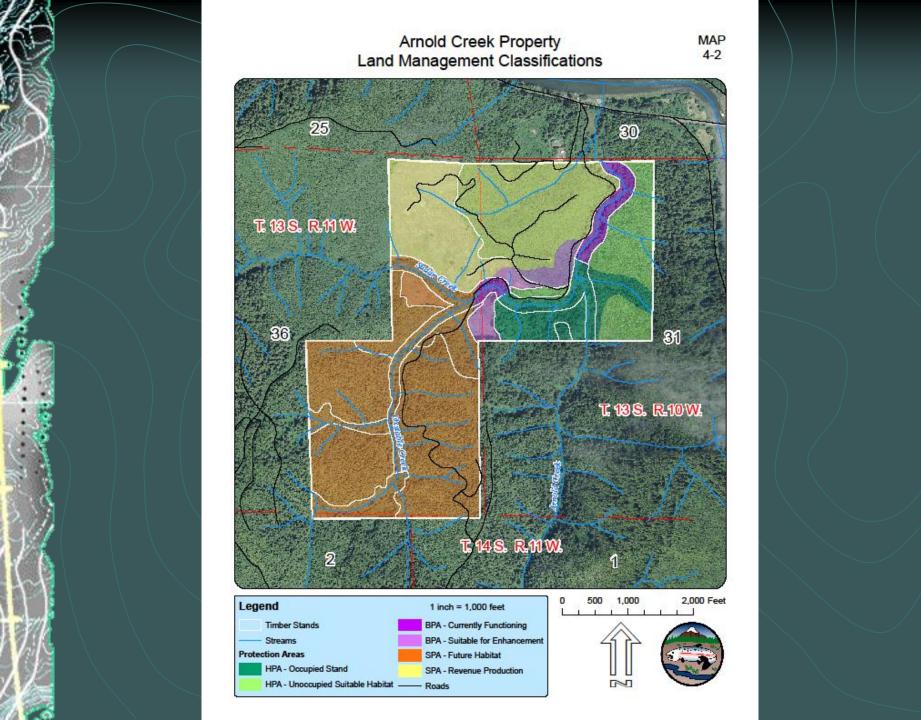
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1 inch = 1,000 feet

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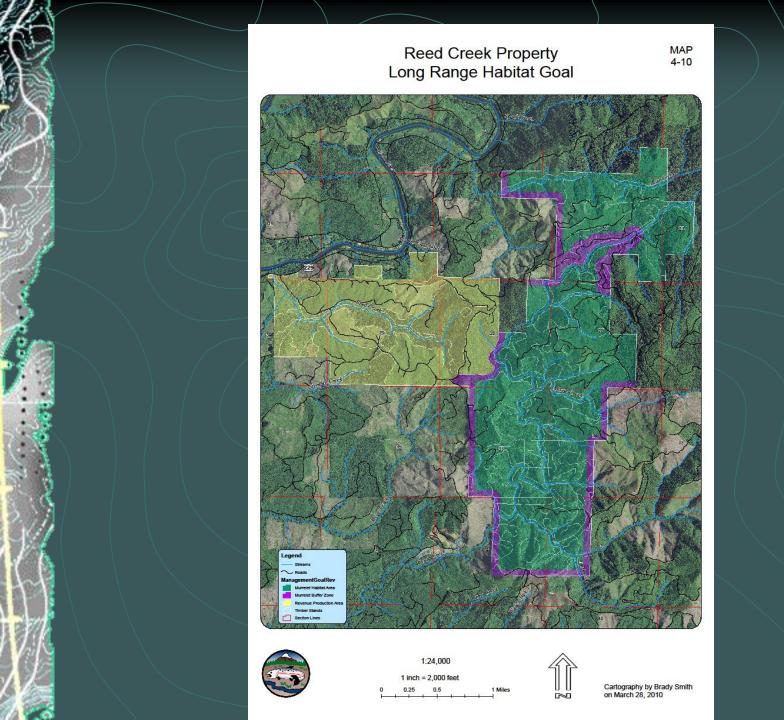


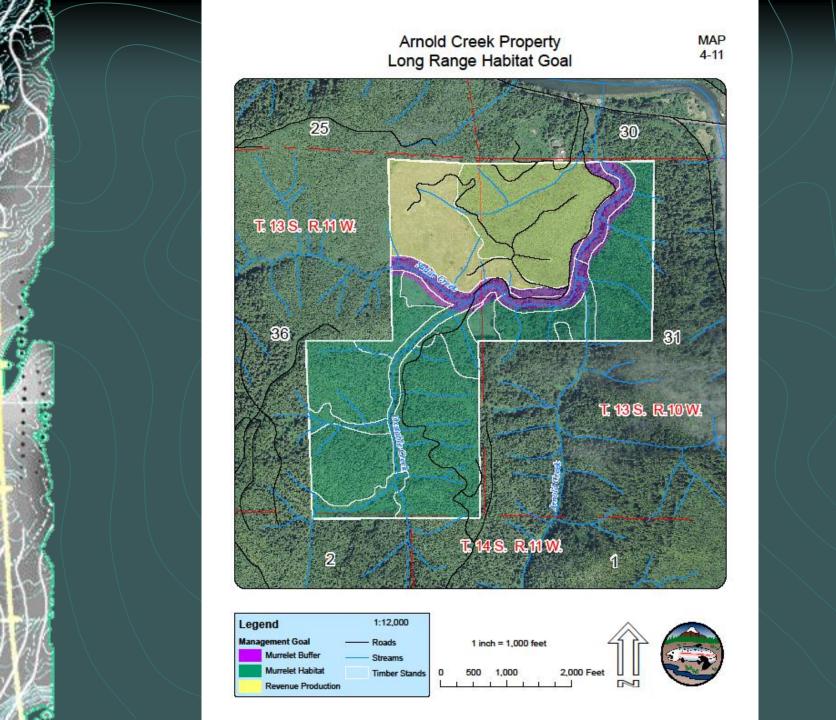
Cartography by Brady Smith on January 6, 2010.



Management Plan

- ≈ $\frac{1}{3}$ of property currently occupied and/or suitable MAMU habitat
- **Goal is ¾ of property in occupied and/or suitable MAMU habitat**
- Once goal exceeded, can harvest timber in MAMU habitat, but must maintain at least 3/3 of property in MAMU habitat
- Ideally consolidate MAMU habitat in large blocks adjacent to federal lands





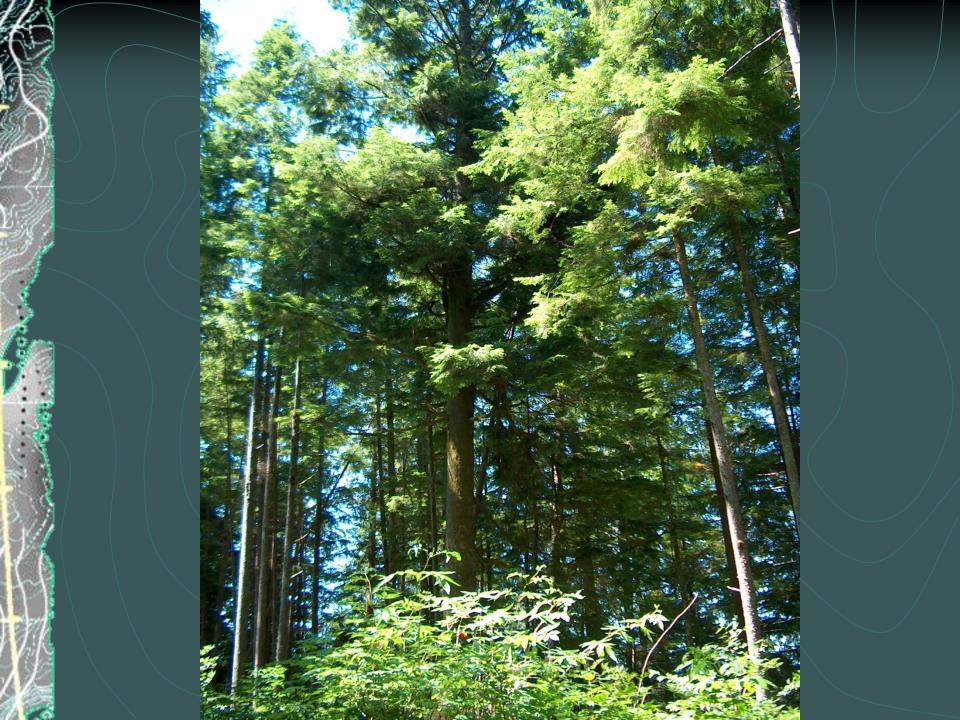
How Do We Get There From Here?

- Precommercial thinning of young plantations in SPA area
 - Thin widely around 10-15 trees per acre to allow trees to be open grown with large and many limbs
 - Remainder of stand to be thinned to variable density to create patchwork of dense and more open stocking



How Do We Get There From Here?

- Commercial thinning in older stands to open them up and encourage growth of larger limbs on select trees while maintaining a buffer around these trees to reduce predation
- Concentrating efforts in areas near federal land
- Periodic harvest in Revenue Production portion of SPA to fund property taxes and property management costs



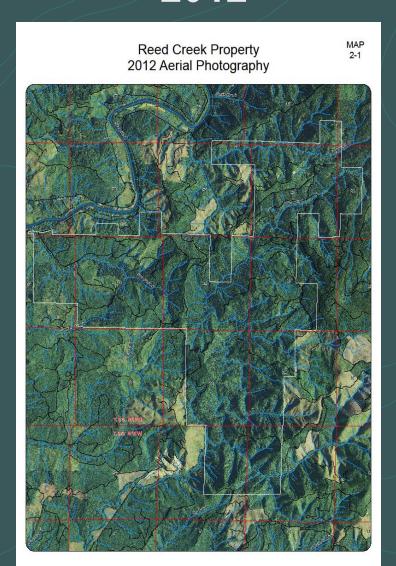
Challenges

- Property previously managed for timber production (dense stands with small limbs)
- Neighboring property owners harvested their timber shortly after property purchased (unintended consequence)
- Winter storms produce high winds (blowdown risk)



Before and After 2005 2012



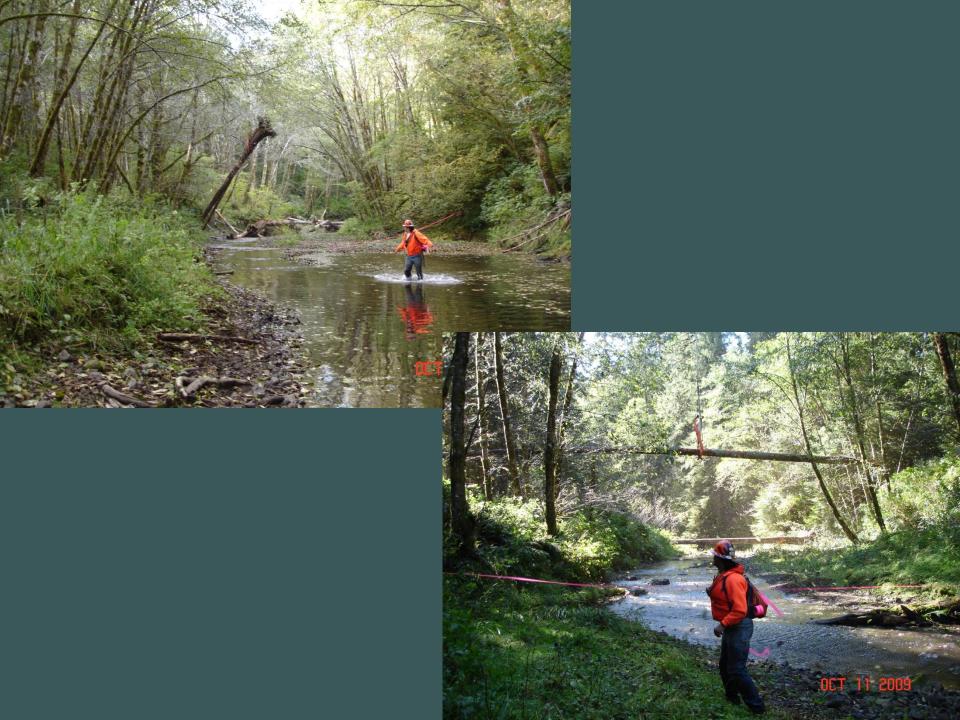














Challenges

- Heavy black bear population (some bears like to eat bark of thinned trees)
- MAMU populations declining (first round of surveys found fewer MAMU than expected)
- Funding (can property pay for itself?):
 - \$25k annual property taxes (\$150k paid to date)
 - Property upkeep (roads, gates, etc.)



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