

**FOREST DEBRIS AND RECOVERY TEAM
UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION
December 12, 2007**

The team is continuing to assist the counties by assessing the storm damage. This includes working through the Emergency Operations Centers (EOC). The information gathering is being coordinated with local ODF districts and multiple private and state entities. This document provides information on activities from yesterday as well as planned actions for today.

COLUMBIA COUNTY:

Public Safety Issues:

- The old railroad grade 6 miles west of Clatskanie failed yesterday with the pressure of the debris and water behind it. Several homes that had been evacuated earlier were damaged by the debris flow which also blocked Hwy 30. Hwy 30 was closed at the time of the slide event based on the recommendation of the ODF Geotechnical Specialist. The highway remains closed as crews continue to remove debris from the roadway.
- There was very good coordination between ODF, ODOT, County EOC, Sheriff's Dept, etc. before, during and after this event.

Today ODF Geotechnical Specialists, Stewardship Foresters and District engineering staff are looking at other log jams/debris dams in several draws near the Columbia/Clatsop county line to assess them as well. These locations were identified during the aerial reconnaissance performed yesterday.

Forestland Storm Damage Assessment:

- The Fishhawk Lake area was flown yesterday and significant debris (logs, boats, docks, etc) was found in-stream below the Fishhawk Lake dam. Several slides were also identified in this area that will be looked at on the ground today.
- No significant blowdown issues were identified during the flight.

CLATSOP COUNTY:

Public Safety Issues:

- A plugged culvert in West Creek was identified on State Forest Land south of the community of Westport (near the Columbia county line). Personnel will ground truth these sites today.

Astoria District State Forests Storm Damage Assessment

- The district conducted additional aerial reconnaissance yesterday utilizing the Coast Guard helicopter to finish up their initial blowdown damage assessment. We received a digital copy of this data yesterday and should be able to provide more accurate info later today, but a preliminary look puts blowdown volume around 20 MMBF across 3,000 acres.
- Systematic assessment of remaining transportation system in progress.

Private Industrial Land Information:

- Contact was made with the major private industrial landowners yesterday and they will be providing their assessment data to us later today. At this point yesterday's estimate of 7000 acres of blowdown across multiple industrial ownerships still appears valid.
- Road damage appears minor on lands in the coastal areas

Non-industrial Land Information:

- Team members met with the OSU Extension Forester that covers Tillamook and Clatsop counties. He will assist in compiling damage information on non-industrial lands.
- The OSU Extension Forester is also assisting in drafting up the issues and concern of the non-industrial landowners, as well as some potential solutions. Some potential policy issues may evolve out of this process (i.e. carbon credits to assist in financing the development of biomass/cogeneration operations and the development of sort yards).
- There are approximately 40,000 acres of Non-industrial lands in Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY:

Tillamook District State Forests Storm Damage Assessment

- Yesterday debris dams were identified in Jones Creek and Kansas Creek. These sites will be visited in the field today.
- The salmonberry drainage will be flown today to assess damage.
- Blowdown estimates remain at 500 acres of blowdown timber.
- Mostly 5-10 acre patches with some 20 acres in size
- Initial volume estimate of blowdown timber is 10 MMBF approximately 50% of which is salvageable.
- Road damage estimate remain at approximately \$1 million in road damage

Private Industrial Land Information:

- Contact was made with the major private industrial landowners yesterday to request damage assessment information. Initial information is as follows:
 - Small scattered pockets of blowdown - not as severe as the damage in Clatsop County.
- Volume estimate unavailable at this time
- Road damage appears minor

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