# STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR US PNW TIMBERLANDS

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# SDS COMPANIES

#### SDS Lumber Company

- Lumber
- Plywood
- Energy
- Chipping
- Marine Transport
- Forest Management
- Logging/Trucking



#### SDS COMPANIES

#### Stevenson Land Company

• 105,000 acres timberland, Oregon & Washington

#### **Broughton Lumber Company**

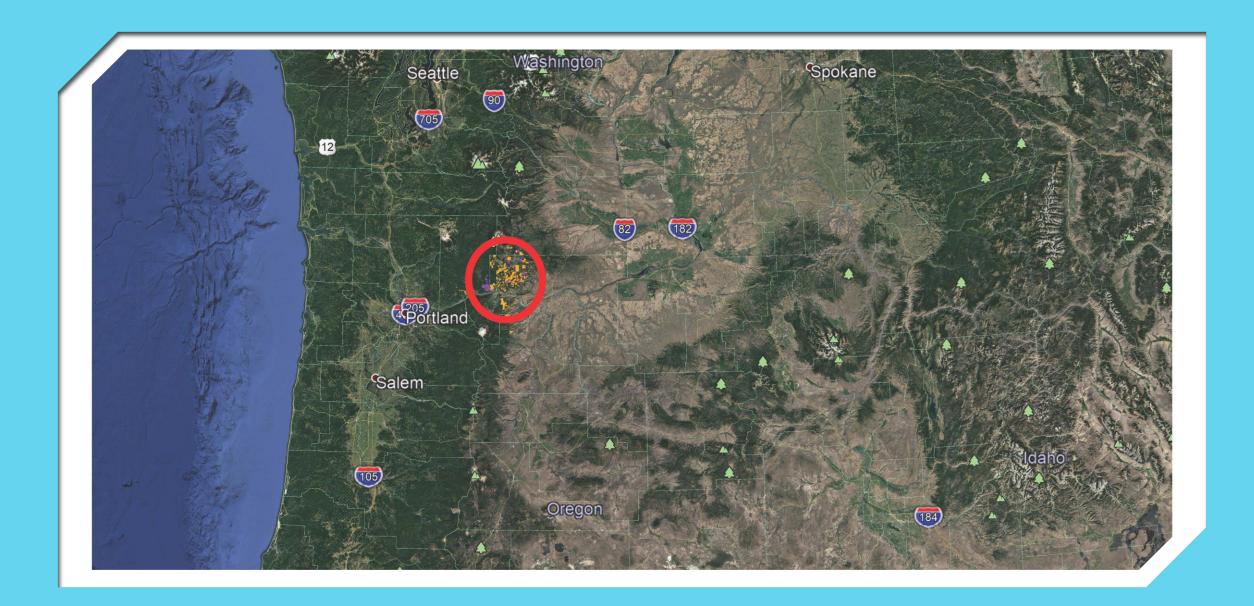
25,000 acres timberland

Mid – Columbia Gorge

Transition zone diversity

Non-declining flow

**USFWS Safe Harbor Agreement** 



# THREATS & OPPORTUNITIES IN TIMBERLAND?

#### Positives

- > Fundamentals of timberland ownership generally sound
  - Demand for fiber
  - Demand for timberland
  - Markets for products

#### Concerns:

- Workforce
  - **Foresters**
  - Contractors
- Industry Manufacturing Capacity Headwinds
  - Rising costs
  - ▶ Tax environment
  - Regulatory environment
  - ▶ Workforce
    - ► laborers
    - ▶ Technicians
  - Localized fiber supply constraints

#### Concerns (cont'd)

 Continued consolidation of manufacturing capacity for survival will have implications for timberland owners

#### Regulatory Environment

- Herbicides
- Endangered species aquatic & upland
- Unstable slopes
- State Capital Gains tax
- Carbon pricing

Regulatory set asides & loss of forestry tools = Loss of productive lands

# OREGON & WASHINGTON REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTS IN COMPARISON

### Oregon

- ▶ The land of Initiatives
  - Stream Buffers
  - Herbicides
  - Unstable slopes
- Board of Forestry
- Cap & Trade 2019
- Cap & Trade 2020

# Oregon (cont'd)

- Significant uncertainty
- Costly, time & energy consuming battles on the horizon
- High risk of significant impacts to productive land base & timberland value
- Approaches to these regulatory risks can be divisive
- Oregon industry must remain unified in dealing with these risks

### Washington

- ▶ History in Washington
  - Timber Fish & Wildlife Agreement (1986)
  - Forest & Fish Agreement & HCP (2006)
- Narrowing of issues
- Political capital
- ▶ Platform for cooperative, non-regulatory solutions

# Washington (cont'd)

- Carbon approaches in WA
  - Cap & Trade initiative rejected by voters
  - Carbon Tax proposals
  - Forest industry proposal

#### HB 2528/SB 6355

- Recognition that the forestry and wood products industry are net sequesters of carbon
- Forestry and wood products must be considered as an integrated system
- The manufacture and use of wood products (stored carbon) is an essential element
- Forestry and wood products are part of a sensible, natural carbon solution. Grow more wood, Use more wood.

#### CONCLUSION

- Significant regulatory/political and tax risks exist throughout the PNW for the forest industry
- Diplomacy & cooperative solutions are more durable
- The forest industry is the only industry with an opportunity to claim the re-frame the discussion on carbon
- Re-defining the carbon issue, is an opportunity for our industry to offer solutions and lessen political and regulatory risks