



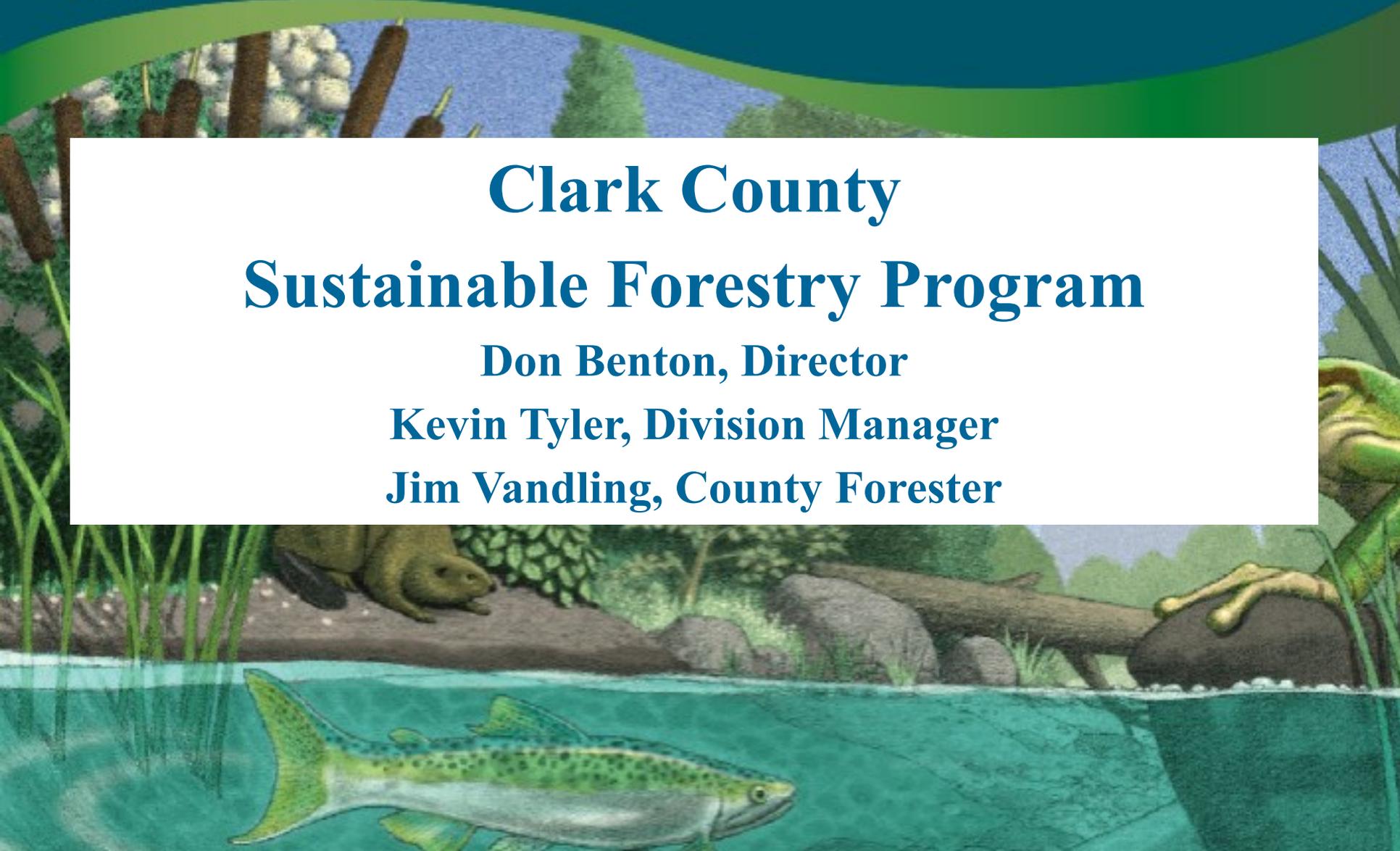
# Clark County Environmental Services

## Clark County Sustainable Forestry Program

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# Background

**Sustainable Forestry Program started with Camp Bonneville in 2012**

- **1,833 acres of forest land dual certified to date with Sustainable Forestry Initiative & Forest Stewardship Council**
- **Thinning operations completed or underway on 306 acres, targeting between 10 & 40% of merchantable trees**
- **Net operating revenue to date approximately \$1.5 million**
- **Created an average of 5 family wage jobs in Clark County in 2013 – employees ranged from 1 to 30 during the year**



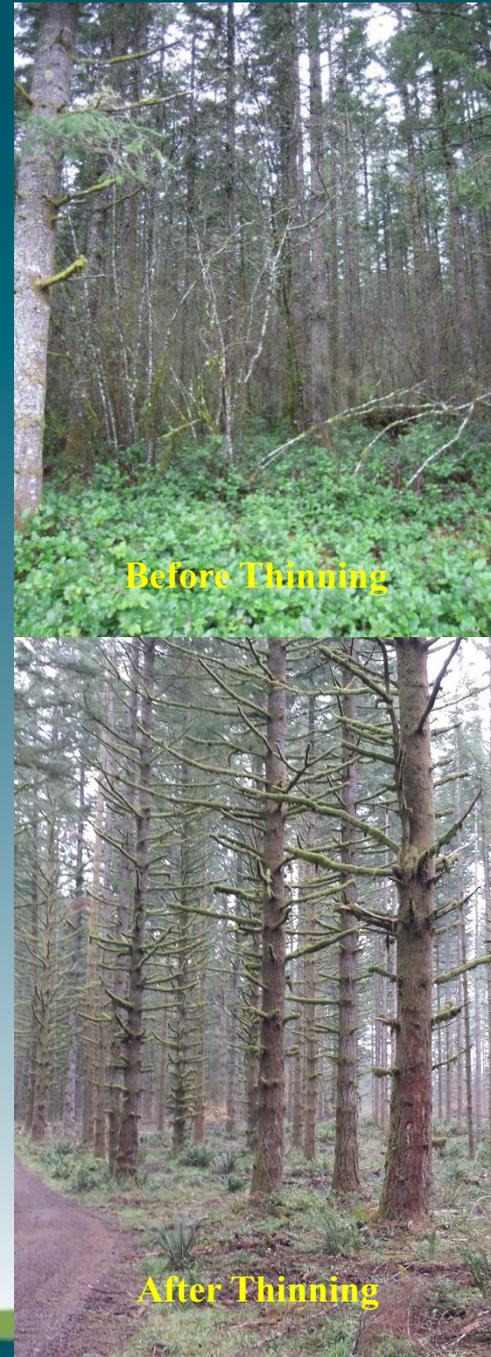
# Objectives of Sustainable Forestry Program

## Short Term Objectives:

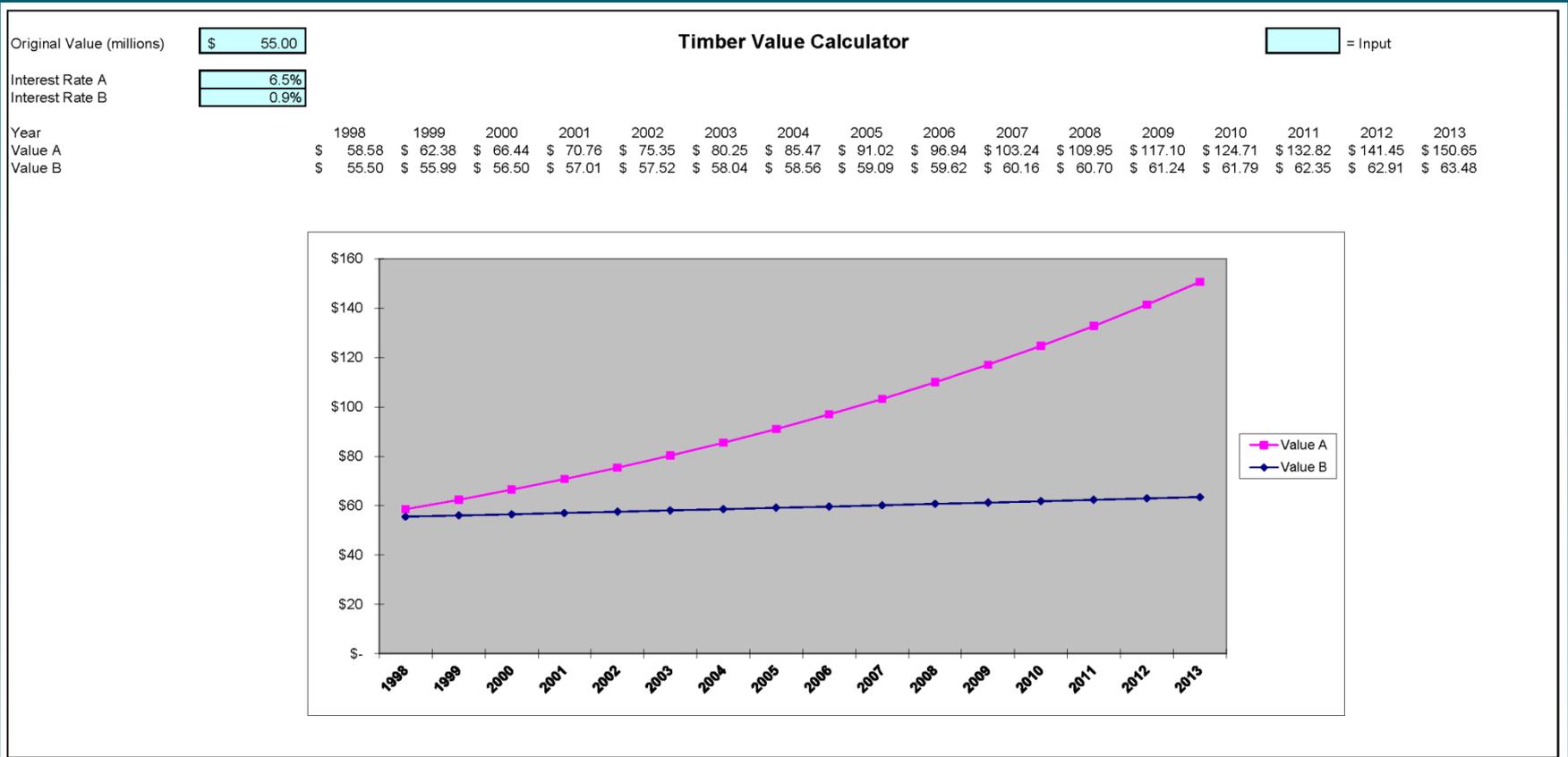
- Enhance forest health and timber productivity
- Improve wildlife habitat
- Restore riparian forest cover through tree planting
- Control noxious weed species
- Monitor forest resources and wildlife habitat
- Provide revenue to fund long term forest management on County lands
- Lead by example: demonstrate structure-based forest management principles

## Long Term Objectives

- Restore historic species composition throughout forest
- Produce periodic income through commercial thinning
- Use forest resources as a model for structure based forest management
- Sustain populations of native plants, animals and fungi throughout forest
- Monitor forest ecosystem dynamics



# Economics of Sustainable Forestry Program



# Certification Process

## Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) / Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Dual Certification – Basic Plan for New Properties

- Application materials (Winter/Spring)
- Inventory & Data Collection (Spring/Summer)
- Plan Preparation/Peer Review (Summer)
- Dual Certifications received (Late Summer/Fall)
- Thinning Operations begin (Late Fall/Winter)

## Benefits

Clark County is first municipality in Washington State to receive Dual Forest Certifications

Creates a template for other landowners to follow

Allows access to niche forest products markets



# 2014-2016 Potential Locations

**Green Mountain – Start working on dual certification Spring 2014**

**Spud Mountain – Largely depends on DNR Trust Land Transfer**

**Camp Bonneville – Continue with implementation of stewardship plan**

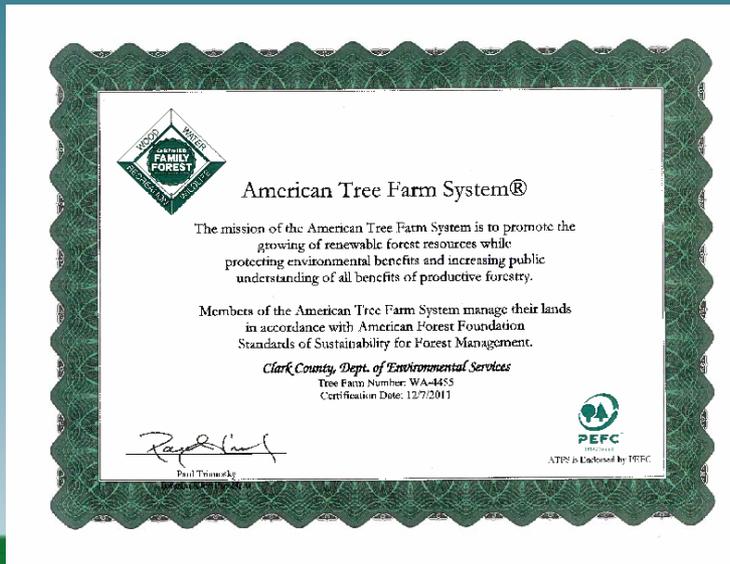
**Camp Hope – Hazard tree removal in spring/summer 2014;  
potential for additional thinning operations in 2015  
or 2016**





# Next Steps

- Prepare Green Mountain Forest Stewardship Plan & Obtain Certification
- Public Hearing Late Summer/Fall 2014 to get BOCC approval for surplusing timber & hiring logging contractor
- 2015-2016 Budget Development to allocate expenses/revenues accordingly



# Thank You

For more information, please refer to the **Environmental Services** link on the **County** webpage

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