

## Conversations on the Forest

A series of fireside chats delving deeply into facts and futures of the forests of Lane County and the Pacific Northwest.

The forest is central to our regional identity, ecology, and economy. Competing public and private interests have driven growth, decline, and political division for decades. In a series of five discussions, Lane County Commissioner [Rob Handy](#), public interest forester Roy Keene, and ArchitectureWeek editor-in-chief [Kevin Matthews](#) will explore the past, present, and future of our forests with a depth and openness rarely seen.

Who owns Lane County's forests, and how have they changed over time? How does forest management, on both public and private land, benefit and impact Lane County residents? Can we sustain the forest, and all its many benefits?

First Mondays • 6:00-7:30pm — February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4

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### Series Topics

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### Facts about Lane County, Oregon

Total Area = 3,022,080 acres (4,722 sq mi)

Land = 2,913,920 acres (4,553 sq mi)

Water = 107,520 acres (168 sq mi) = 3.55% of total area

Official total population in 2010 = 351,715

Largest overall employer is government, including the University of Oregon

Largest private employer is PeaceHealth Medical Group

### Lane County Land Ownership

Total publicly owned land = 58% = 1,752,819 acres

Total privately owned land = 32% = 1,269,261 acres

Privately owned industrial timberland = 597,600 acres

U.S. Forest Service owns 48% of total area = 1,450,598 acres (parts of the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests)

U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State of Oregon, Lane County and other public entities own about 10% of total area = about 300,00 acres

Privately owned industrial timberland, at 597,600 acres is about twice the area of non-Forest Service public land — more than twice the area of O&C forest land.

### Lane County Forests

Total forest area, including all age classes is approximately 90% = 2,719,872 acres

The primary effect over time has not been loss of land in the forest category, so much as the change of age class of the remaining forest. In other words, most of what was old and ancient forest is now much younger.

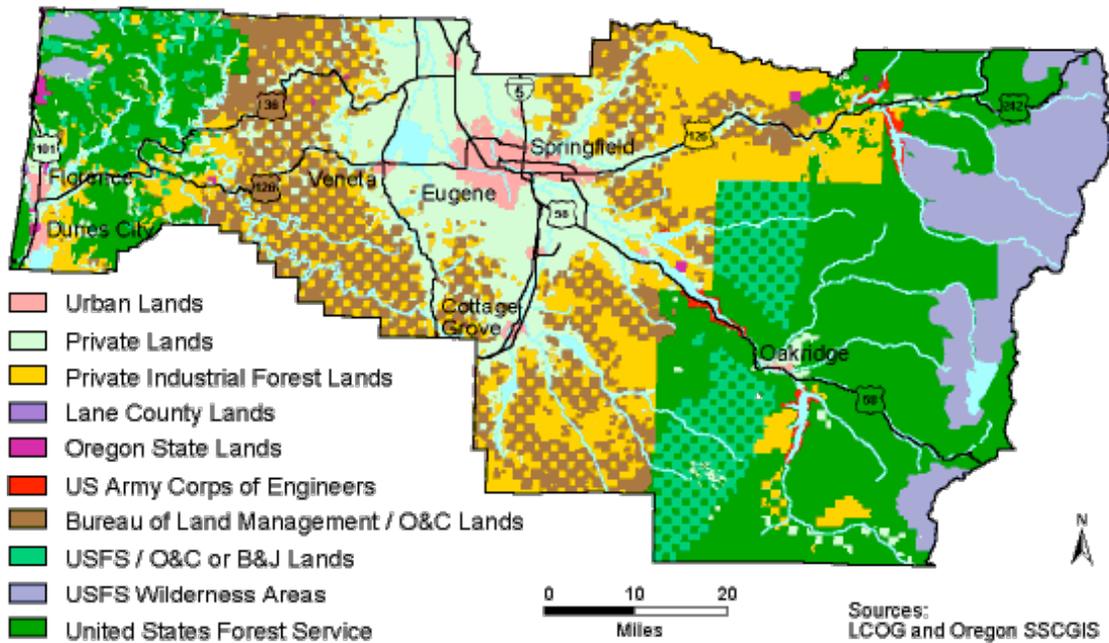
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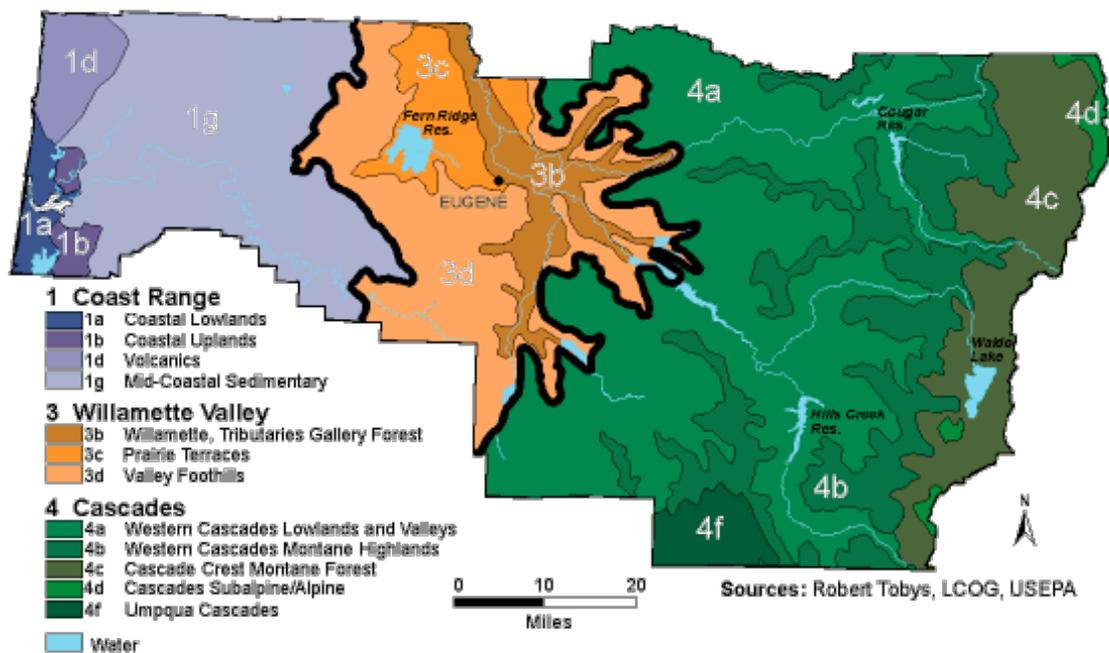


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