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Name of project: Rediscovery Forest

Organization(s) in charge of project: Oregon Forest Resources Institute

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Dates of project: Started in June 2000 and ongoing

Location of project: Oregon Garden Rediscovery Forest

Brief description of project: A demonstration forest for education, research and public enjoyment. The 10-acre Douglas-fir forest was at one time a Christmas tree farm, planted in approximately 1980. Now, the forest has been developed into a young forest comprised of several different management sites. These sites include: A Christmas tree Showcase, Christmas tree plantation of Douglas-fir and noble fir, regeneration forest (trees range from 1-15 years old), even-aged forest, uneven-aged forest, seed tree and control (no touch) forest. There are also areas considered to be part of the Rediscovery Forest and managed together, but are located on the fringe of the Douglas-fir forest. These include: the Oregon White oak meadow, Oregon's Hardwood forest, Poplar Plantation, and soon to be a Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Plantation.

Type of research (baseline data; hypothesis testing; replicated trials/ field trials; case study; demonstration; etc.): An ongoing data collection is from the permanent plots that are located in each management area. Data is collected every year from these plots and they were established before any management activities occurred. Each management area is a demonstration in itself and given the management plan that is laid out till 2040, several different activities and demonstrations will be shown over time.

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