

Example Stand Descriptions

(Resource Category 4, and/or Introductory Overview)

Example 1

Stand 1 is a large sawlog, mixed hardwood/conifer stand, 60 to 80 years old (second growth). Major commercial tree species include western hemlock, western red cedar, and big leaf maple with scattered red alder patches. Some small (1 acre or less) forested wetlands are present. Quality of the timber is generally good. Understory species noted were sword fern, salmonberry, vine maple, Indian plum, red elderberry, salal, and red huckleberry. Forbs include trillium bleeding heart., along with other numerous unidentified forbs and some grasses.

Example 2

Thirteen-acre Stand 2 is a mature mixed hardwood/conifer stand, heavy to the red alder. Good quality saw-log sized red alder and black cottonwood dominate the site, with bigleaf maple and birch also making up an important component. The surprisingly good quality of the hardwoods may be attributed to the existence of a small area of silt loam soils found in this depression. Both clumps and scatterings of shade tolerant western hemlock and western redcedar are also present, most frequently in the understory, and a few Douglas-firs can also be found. The understory has plenty of vine maple, red elderberry, trillium, salmonberry, sword fern, bleeding heart, and nettles.

Example 3

The forest consists of one stand which expands beyond the boundaries of the subject property. The stand is a mixed hardwood and conifer forest with a variety of species and sizes ranging from saplings to large saw timber. The forest is predominantly western hemlock, Douglas-fir, and western redcedar with some scattered black cottonwood, bigleaf maple, and red alder. Most of the trees, varying in DBH, range from 8 inches to over 30 inches. The forest health appears to be good, with varying sizes and established understory.

Example 4

Stand 2: Mixed deciduous. The east- and south-facing 4.4 acres in Stand 2 consists primarily of big leaf maple, a few mature black cottonwood and western red cedar interspersed with red alder with bitter cherry on the edge. The stand has a significant vine maple understory. The boundary of Stand 2 adjacent to open grass area contains invasive Himalayan blackberry and some reed canary grass. Some non-native, specimen planting has occurred on the north edge of the Stand (deerhorn cedar, Japanese maple, incense cedar and giant sequoia). The northwest grass border edge of Stand 2 contains wetlands.