

Example Specialized Forest Products Sections (Resource Category 9)

Specialized Forest Products Example 1

Considerations: *Christmas trees, edibles, floral greens, firewood, personal use, marketing, etc.*

A. Current resource conditions, issues, needs, and opportunities

The property holds potential for harvest of special forest products.

- Explore the interest of specialty candy-makers and niche chocolatiers for a small supply of native berries, e.g., salmon berry, thimbleberry and serviceberries.
- Cultivate edible shiitake mushrooms and research the feasibility of cultivating other types of mushrooms, e.g., chanterelles and oyster. I am registered for the shiitake mushroom culture workshop.
- Increase planting of cascara for use in the long-term.
- Plant and manage new conifers in Stand 4 to yield boughs for use in small-scale wreath sales: Douglas-fir, western red cedar, Port Orford cedar, incense cedar, white pine (St Helens area natives, grand fir, silver fir, Nordman fir, Frazier fir. This stand is excluded from the PBRs program so the culture of these non-native species is acceptable.
- Sword fern fronds for sale to retail florists and harvesting fiddleheads for sale to restaurants.
- Enroll in non-timber harvesting and marketing class.
- Research opportunities to engage a small number of regional families in exploring a native, 90-year old forest and participating in income-generating activities, e.g., family bough gathering and wreath construction in an already existing heated workshop.
- Research native and non-invasive ferns for both aesthetics and potential income.

B. Any management practices which the owner plans to protect, enhance, or restore these resources

Cruise the forest stands to record how plentiful the plants and fungi are on the property and assess how much area the plants occupy.

If any harvesting occurs, we will record the constancy and coverage annually to evaluate the health of the populations. These measurements will be made soon after the plants have completed their growing cycle in the spring along with notes about precipitation and temperature.

Specialized Forest Products Example 2

We have no formal plans for managing for alternative forest products, however our forest is used regularly for forestry education including traditional plant uses and forest ecology. We will look for opportunities to develop fungi cultivation as alder and cottonwood trees fall out of the stand. We will continue to utilize the various berry resources for consumption as we walk the property.

Specialized Forest Products Example 3

There are currently no plans with respect to special forest products.

Recommendations: While no plans currently exist for this resource, the property does support a variety of potential special forest products, including hanging mosses, mushrooms, and native plants. It would be short-sighted to eliminate these resources, and so any forestry activities should attempt to preserve these resources as much as is feasible.