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Introduction

Harvest scheduling is the ordering of the harvest of a forest. A harvest schedule should include the spatial, temporal, and quantity aspects of harvesting and other forest management activities. With the long term investments and extensive resources that foresters deal with, knowing how much, where, and when to do management activities is of the utmost importance in getting the most out of the forest. The most of "what" is up to the land owner.

This paper is a broad overview of harvest scheduling, how it applies to the University of Idaho Experimental Forest, and the activities of the advanced forest management class of the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences (For 575, spring 1982) in developing a harvest schedule for the forest. Recommendations of how harvest scheduling should proceed for the Experimental Forest are also discussed.

TRADITIONAL HARVEST SCHEDULING

Traditional forestry has embedded the idea of a regulated forest into the thinking of most of today's foresters. A regulated forest is fully stocked with an even age class distribution. Therefore, a regulated forest always has the same number of acres in the one-year old age class as are being harvested in a given year. This idea of how to manage a forest was apparently carried on from the timers of German timber famine. Heske (1938) notes that

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Study Site

This study took place on the West Hatter Creek Unit of the University of Idaho Experimental Forest.



