

Timber Stand Improvement

Timber Stand Improvement by Ownership Group

Timber stand improvement (TSI) was reported for 2,398,543 acres in FY 1998. Last year only 1,417,057 acres were reported, and we cautioned that this simply might be a function of nonreporting or the under reporting of actual accomplishments, associated largely with changes that were occurring in our reporting process. In any event, this year's total of almost 2.4 million acres appears to be in line with the 2.6 million acres reported for FY 1996 and with TSI accomplishments in prior years.

Industrial owners clearly stand out in TSI work; they reported 1,632,710 acres, 68% of the U.S. total. The national forests rank second but did far less work, only 12% of the total. And while NIPF owners were first in tree planting, they completed less than 12% of all TSI acres, even though data collected by the USDA Forest Service indicates that many of these lands would benefit from TSI activities.

State and Regional Highlights

Six States reported completing 50,000 or more acres of TSI in FY 1998, and, together, these States worked on 2,001,563 acres, 85% of the U.S. total.

Oregon worked on 1,405,266 acres, 60% of the U.S. total.

Due to the large amount of activity in Oregon--especially by forest industry and other industrial owners in that State--the West completed 79% of all TSI completed in the United States in 1998. The South was next with 14%, while the North did the remaining 7%.

States with Timber Stand Improvement on 50,000 or More Acres in FY 1998

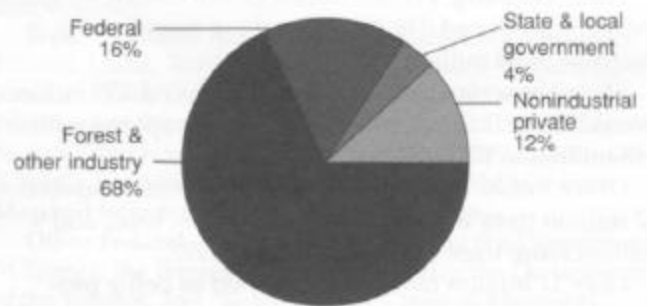
Oregon	1,405,000
Washington	267,000
Arkansas	118,000
California	83,000
Alabama	78,000
Mississippi	50,000

Appendix Tables

Table 6 in the appendix lists the reported timber stand accomplishments by ownership and State for this year.

Timber stand improvement by ownership category in FY 1998:

	Acres	Percent of total
National Forest	300,202	12.6
Other Federal	86,958	3.6
State & Local Government	96,114	4.0
Nonindustrial Private	282,559	11.8
Forest & Other Industry	1,632,710	68.0
Total	2,398,543	100.0



Timber stand improvement by region in FY 1998:

	Acres	Percent of total
North	160,469	6.7
South	334,727	14.0
West	1,903,347	79.3
Total	2,398,543	100.0

