# Kane Hardwood Division Collins Pine Company



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## Collins Pine Company

- Started by T.D. Collins 1855 in Forest Co. PA
- Fifth generation / Still family owned
- Headquarters Wilsonville, OR
  - Forest land in CA, OR & PA
    - 311,000 acres
    - All forest lands certified by the FSC
  - Sawmills CA, OR, & PA
  - Particleboard & Siding Plant Klamath Falls OR
  - Other operations: Mull Drilling KS

#### **Current Kane Hardwood Mill**





## Local Impact - 2021

■ The number of local contractors hired:

42

- The dollars paid for contractor services: \$7,188,499
  - Loggers & Truckers
  - Excavators & Road Builders
    - Surveyors
    - Consulting Foresters
      - Welders
  - Natural Resource Specialists

• The number of local (+/- 80 miles) vendors and suppliers: 243

#### **Purchased Timber Sales - 2021**

- The number of timber sales purchased 5
- The total dollars paid for timber sales \$3.69 Million
- Timber sales are purchased from USFS, State Forests, State Game Lands, Private timber landowners (large and small), Consulting foresters
- Competitive bidding process

#### **Helping the Communities - 2021**

- Property taxes paid = \$614,245
- Employees volunteered 243 hrs. to 16 local socio-economic / development groups
- The Collins Companies Foundation: \$50,000

- History dating back to 1855 in Forest Co.
- Currently 118,318 acres in seven counties
  - Mostly McKean, Forest and Warren
  - Also Cameron, Clarion, Elk, Potter
- 161 separate tracts
  - tract sizes from 7,967 acres to 6 acres
- Supplies 70+% of Kane Hardwood mill logs

#### **FSC Certification**

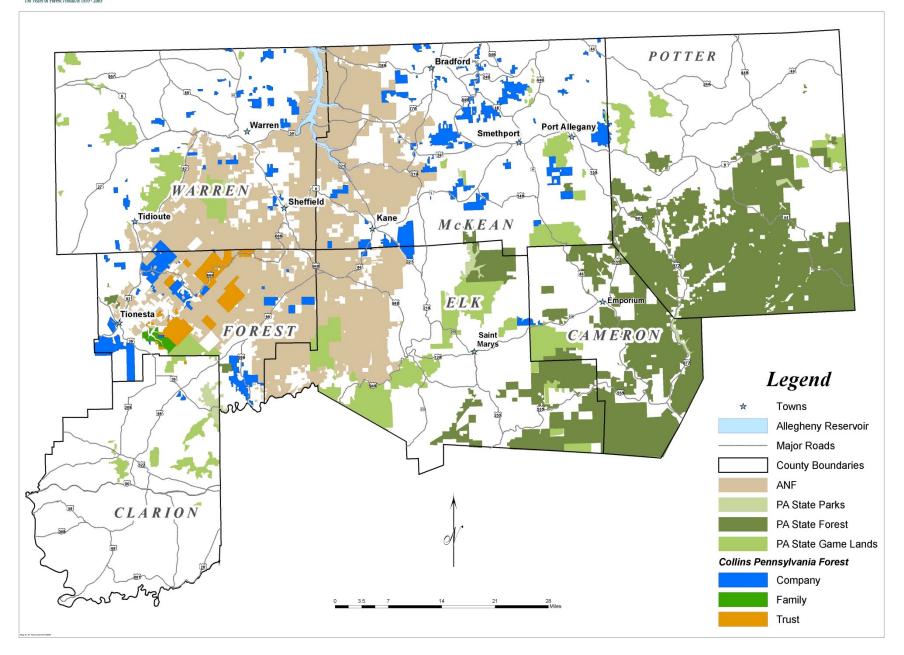
- Third Party assessment
- Based on FSC Principles and Criteria
  - Timber sustainability
  - Ecosystem Maintenance
  - Socio-economic Criteria

Collins Pine Co.

CA lands -1<sup>st</sup> certified industrial lands in US (1992)

PA lands -1<sup>st</sup> certified land in eastern US (1994)





- Protected areas
  - Not managed for timber production
  - Protect important habitats or values

10,014 acres

8.4 % of CPF

- Protected areas
  - High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF)
    - Rare/Endangered Species locations and habitats
    - Exceptional Value (EV) Watersheds
      - Highest quality streams in PA
    - Municipal watersheds & deeded water rights
  - Permanent Reserves
    - Riparian zones / Wetlands
    - Inoperable Areas / Steep slopes
    - Special Management areas

- Most of CPF is open to the Public for nonmotorized recreation
- PGC Forest Game Cooperator Program
- Recreation Policy
  - No ATVs, Dirt Bikes, Snowmobiles
  - No Dumping, Littering, Firewood cutting
  - Open gate policy for hunting season for street legal vehicles.

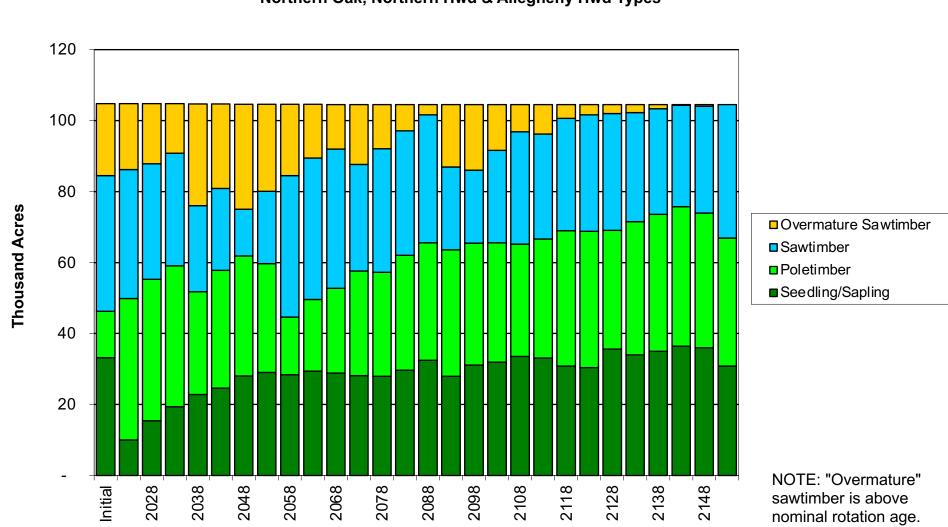
#### Sustainable Forestry is the Key

- Collins Pine Company is FSC Certified
- "Woodstock" computer model used to calculate an Annual Allowable Harvest (AAH)
- Model projected CPF timberlands to 2155
- Follow sound silvicultural practices
- Goal: Balance age classes across CPF

#### **CPF Age Class Structure 2021-2155**

Timber Production Acres (91% of CPF)





# Natural Regeneration Drives our Forest Management



# The Focus of Collins Pine Silviculture

 We focus on what we are leaving, not on what we are harvesting

In Harvest Planning Areas

- Protect features such as spring seeps, rock outcrops, wildlife habitat, watercourses, etc.
- Other management considerations
  - Forest Health
  - OGM operations
  - Aesthetics

# The Focus of Collins Pine Silviculture

- Retain uncommon species
- Retain wildlife habitat trees
  - Dens & cavity trees
  - Mast crops for wildlife food
  - Conifers
- Protect "seed source" of timber species
- Sunlight to forest floor to encourage seedlings
- Standards based on scientific research

# Step # 1: Shelterwood Harvest



#### **Step # 2: Regeneration Release Harvest**



#### The Silvicultural Goal

We want to establish a
 new age class of
 desirable seedlings
 which will grow
 vigorously



## Long Term Goal

■ The long term goal on the Collins PA Forest is to create and maintain a diverse forest with a balance of age classes to provide for a sustainable flow of high quality forest products



## Meeting Our Objectives

# Provide a sustained yield of quality forest products

- Maintain habitat conditions for the full range of wildlife species that exist on the CPF
- Protect all watercourses and unique habitats
- Monitor and track all management activities using our GIS system
- Keep the forestry staff up to date on all aspects of forest management (continuing education)

## Monitoring

#### Geographic Information System (GIS)

- Road System
- Boundary lines
- All Aspects of Harvesting
  - Regeneration
- Timber Inventories
- Water Quality Monitoring Stations
- RTE Species (PNDI / WPC)
- Forest Health (Insects/Diseases)
- Invasive species and treatments
- Oil & Gas Development

#### 2021 Harvests

- Shelterwood = 1,412 acres
- $\blacksquare$  Regeneration = 973 acres (0.8% of CPF)
- Thinnings = 126 acres
- Salvage = 438 acres (Ash or Dead/dying)
- Two age = 0 acres
- Right-of-ways (roads/OGM/etc)= 10 acres
- Total 2,959 acres (2.5% of CPF)

#### 2021 Harvests - Products

- Veneer Logs (top quality) >> multiple buyers
- Sawlogs>>Kane Hardwood Mill
- Sawlogs (low grade/low value species) >>
  - Hemlock/Pine >> Amish mills
  - Lower grades >> RR ties, pallets, etc.

#### 2021 Harvests

- Pulpwood
  - Sold to
    - Domtar Paper Mill Johnsonburg
    - New Growth chips for various markets
    - Jacob Weaver pallet producer

#### Forest Road System

# Collins PA Forest 2021 Road Construction and Maintenance

- New Road Construction/Major Reconstruction \$155,087 (Access to ash and other forest health issues)
- Road Maintenance \$188,937 (Repairs from heavy hauling and hunting traffic)

# Boundary lines / Surveying 2021

Surveying projects: None

Boundary lines: total of 792.3 miles on CPF

CPC staff remarked 45.1 miles

#### **Forest Inventory**

- CPF Forest inventories are strata based estimates calculated from data on 4,000-5,000 plots
- Annually 500 new plots are measured
- Calculations use data from last 10 years
- Processed with Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.
   inventory management software: MBGTOOLS

## Forest Inventory - 2021

- Cruised 500 forest inventory plots
- Continued improvement in statistical accuracy
- Continue to add plots to improve poletimber strata estimate
- Continue to survey for and collect data on "over-mature" strata the "big stuff"

## Water Quality Monitoring

None of twenty-four monitoring stations re-measured in 2021 due to Covid-19

# Rare, Threatened, Endangered Species 2021

PNDI – Operations in HCVF in 2021

None

# Forest Health Issues (insects, diseases & decline)

Major issues for 2021

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Cherry health
- White Oak health
- No significant wind damage
- No significant snow/ice damage

# Forest Health Issues (insects, diseases & decline)

#### Emerald Ash Borer

- Continues to expand
- Most CPF properties affected
- Deterioration / Mortality Variable on CPF
- Salvaging poorest health areas first
- 2021 Salvage treatments: 438 acres

#### Invasive species

2021 Summary - Treatments to control invasive plants

(most treatments take place in July.-Sept.)

Japanese Knotweed: 48 locations (9 treated, 3 monitored, 7

eliminated) \*24 man hours

Glossy Buckthorn: 18 locations (14 treated)

\*8 man hours

Goat's Rue: 3 locations (3 treated)

\*5 man hours

Japanese Stiltgrass: 15 locations (6 treated)

\*40 man hour

Total: 84 locations \*77 man/hours

## Oil & Gas Development

2021

5 new wells on the CPF in 2021

Company: Severed- 85,873 ac.

Leased- 2,100 ac.

Owned/unleased-3,297 ac.

Trust: Severed 1,121 ac. (T-17/T-18)

Leased- 22,181 ac.

Family: Owned/unleased-3,114 ac.

## Dependent on the Past, Responsible for the Future



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