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RESEARCH PROGRAM GOALS¹
Forest Research Laboratory, School of Forestry
Oregon State University

The goal of the Forest Research Laboratory is to help Oregon's people derive the greatest possible good from Oregon's forests. In pursuit of this goal, the laboratory's Forestry Research Program is designed to provide that information which will enable the wisest possible decisions to be made concerning the use, operation, and management of Oregon's forest resources and wood-using industries.

Priority is given to those projects which offer the greatest promise for increasing the benefits derived from using, protecting and managing Oregon's forests and the products derived there from. In assigning our study priorities, consideration is also given to the research capabilities and programs of industry, the federal government and other universities; to the special research talents, facilities and opportunities of Oregon State University; and to the university's responsibility for providing research experience to forestry graduate students.

A balance is sought between research with immediate application in improving decisions of the next few years, and that which will provide a basis for even sounder decisions five or ten years hence. We seek a flow of both kinds of information for each major problem on which we focus our attention.

¹ Based in part on the Forest Research Laboratory's enabling act, Oregon Revised Statutes, 1967:

ORS 526.215 State Board of Higher Education to conduct research and experimentation programs. To aid in the economic development of the State of Oregon, the State Board of Higher Education shall institute and carry on research and experimentation to develop the maximum yield from the forest lands of Oregon, to obtain the fullest utilization of the forest resource, and to study air and water pollution as it relates to the forest products industries.