

MANAGEMENT HISTORY OF SILVICULTURE ON CITY OF ASHLAND FOREST LANDS

A CHRONOLOGY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1929	USFS & COA ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO JOINTLY MANAGE THE RESOURCES OF THE ASHLAND WATERSHED.
1976 /1977	INTERAGENCY DOOR TO DOOR INFORMATION CAMPAGN IN ASHLAND INTERFACE
1981	SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE AND ROGUE VALLEY FIRE PREVENTION COOPERATIVE PUBLISH STUDY AND MAP OF WILDFIRE HAZARD AREAS CITY OF ASHLAND RECOGNIZES THE WILDFIRE THREAT BY ESTABLISHING THE "WILDFIRE LANDS ZONE" DESIGNATION WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
1982	USFS BEGINS WILDFIRE HAZARD REDUCTION TREATMENTS ON FEDERAL LANDS WITHIN THE ASHLAND WATERSHED.
1986	"VALUES AT RISK" STUDY RELEASED BY BILL ROSE, USFS, DOCUMENTING THE WILDFIRE RISK TO THE ASHLAND WATERSHED. VOLUNTEER WATERSHED PATROL PROGRAM INITIATED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND.
1990	CITY-SPONSORED COMMERCIAL THINNING PROJECT ON 160 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED FOREST LANDS ON WINBURN PARCEL. ASHLAND PARKS DEPARTMENT BEGINS FUEL REDUCTION PROJECTS IN CITY PARKS INTERAGENCY (USFS / ODF / COA) CLOSURE OF WILDFIRE HAZARD AREAS DURING TIMES OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER

CITY PARTICIPATES AS A LANDOWNER IN HAMILTON CREEK WATERSHED COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDRESSING WILDFIRE HAZARD

SOUTHERN OREGON STATE COLLEGE SPONSERS ANNUAL WILDFIRE HAZARD VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY

1991 CONCERNS REGARDING THE WILDFIRE RISK WITHIN ASHLAND, AND THE ASHLAND MUNICIPAL WATERSHED, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RAISED BY THE ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT. PUBLIC DEBATE BEGINS.

NEW ORDINANCES ADOPTED THAT REGULATED HOMEBUILDING, STREET GRADES AND FIREFLOW REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE URBAN WILDLAND FIRE ZONE.

THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE IS UPDATED AND ADOPTED IN ASHLAND WHICH CONTAINS ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO PREVENT WILDFIRE.

CITY DISSEMINATES PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION TO CITY RESIDENTS ON WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WITHIN THE WILDFIRE LANDS ZONE.

1992 URBAN WILDLAND FIRE ZONE AREA ENLARGED WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

CITY OF ASHLAND PARTNERS WITH OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO ADOPT SUMMER FIRE SEASON RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE COA. ODF FIRE PATROL ASSESSMENT APPLIED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

ASHLAND FOREST PLAN PREPARED AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL.

1993 PUBLIC DEBATE REGARDING THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE ASHLAND FOREST PLAN. IDENTIFIED NEED TO SECURE A FUNDING SOURCE.

ASHLAND FOREST LANDS COMMISSION CREATED.

PARKS DEPARTMENT CREATES SHADED FUEL BREAKS IN THE HAMILTON CREEK WATERSHED.

1994 A FUNDING SOURCE (WATER FUND) IS IDENTIFIED TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREST PLAN.

INITIATED A SUMMER FIRE SEASON MOUNTAIN BIKE FIRE PATROL OFFICER PROGRAM.

NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN (AND LSR) CREATED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1995 FIRST SILVICULTURAL PROJECT EXECUTED UNDER THE ASHLAND FOREST LANDS PLAN ABOVE MORTON STREET, BELOW THE LOOP ROAD. DEAD TIMBER REMOVED AND GENERAL THINNING OF OVER-POPULATED STANDS.

BEAR WATERSHED ANALYSIS DOCUMENT RELEASED BY USFS.

WATERSHED SECTION OF ASHLAND LOOP ROAD PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

1996 FIRST REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SILVICULTURAL PROJECTS PREPARED FOR CITY-OWNED FOREST LANDS.

CONTRACT LET TO SMALL WOODLANDS SERVICES, INC

SEVERAL PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS HELD FOR CITY RESIDENTS ON WILDFIRE PREVENTION INITIATIVES.

SILVICULTURAL PRESCRIPTIONS PREPARED FOR WORK ON PRIORITIZED FOREST PARCELS IN ASHLAND CANYON. DEAD TREE REMOVAL AND GENERAL THINNING COMPLETED ON FOREST PARCELS ABOVE GLENVIEW DRIVE AND ABOVE MORTON STREET, ABOVE THE LOOP ROAD. USFS PROPOSES "ASHLAND INTERFACE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION PROJECT" (HAZRED)

USFS & COA AMEND THE 1929 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO JOINTLY MANAGE THE RESOURCES OF THE ASHLAND WATERSHED.

1997 COMPLETED GEOLOGICAL HAZARD SURVEY OF CITY-OWNED FOREST LANDS TO DETERMINE LANDSLIDE POTENTIAL AND TO FORM A FOUNDATION FOR PLANNING SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

CONSTRUCTED SHADED FUEL BREAK ABOVE ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND CREATED A FUEL MODIFICATION ZONE ABOVE & BELOW THE FUEL BREAK.

COMPLETED EROSION CONTROL WORK ON ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND TRAIL

COMPLETED PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH USFS ABOVE EAST SHORE OF REEDER RESERVOIR ON 20 ACRES. ESTABLISHED ORGANON PLOTS FOR MONITORING.

BURNED PILES CREATED FROM THINNING PROJECT ABOVE GLENVIEW DRIVE AND PLANTED TREES IN CLEARINGS CONSISTING OF DOUGLAS FIR, PONDEROSA & SUGAR PINE.

COMPLETED AN ENDANGERED PLANT SURVEY FOR CITY-OWNED FOREST LANDS.

SURVEYED CITY-OWNED FOREST PARCELS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY FLOOD-RELATED IMPACTS.

1998 COMPLETED SHADED FUEL BREAK ON WEST SIDE OF ASHLAND CANYON CONNECTING FUEL BREAKS ON CITY & FEDERAL LANDS.

COMPLETED BRUSH THINNING ABOVE AND ADJACENT TO LARGE GRANITE PIT OFF GRANITE STREET.

COMPLETED BRUSH REMOVAL ADJACENT TO CROWSON RESERVOIR. SEEDED NATIVE GRASSES AND PLANTED TREES IN CLEARINGS. RESEARCH PLOTS ESTABLISHED FOR NATIVE GRASS ESTABLISHMENT.

1999 PERFORMED FUEL BREAK MAINTENANCE AND THINNING ABOVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN ASHLAND CANYON

INITIATED A TIMBER RESOURCES INVENTORY ON CITY LANDS.

COMPLETED THINNING & PILE BURNING IN ASHLAND CANYON.

CONDUCTED A SERIES OF TRAIL USER PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DEVELOP A MASTERPLAN FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS.

2000 COMPLETED MINOR THINNING OF BRUSH AROUND MATURE TREES ON THE WINBURN PARCEL. INSTALLED ORGANON PLOTS FOR MONITORING. DISCONTINUED WORK FOR SUMMER DUE TO SPOTTED OWL NESTING SEASON.

COMPLETED TREE PLANTINGS IN ASHLAND CANYON.

SMALL TIMBER SALE CONDUCTED ALONG CITY WATER LINE.

TIMBER CRUISE AND STAND INVENTORY DONE ON LOWER CITY LANDS.

BURNED PILES NEAR POWERLINE ON EAST SIDE OF ASHLAND CANYON.

COMPLETED GEOLOGICAL HAZARD SURVEY ON WINBURN PARCEL.

OBTAINED RIPARIAN, WILDLIFE, ARCHEOLOGICAL VALUES DATA ON WINBURN PARCEL.

PREPARED AN "EXISTING RANGE OF CONDITIONS" REPORT FOR WINBURN PARCEL. CONDUCTED A SITE VISIT FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF CITY & USFS.

FELL DEAD SNAGS THAT WERE HAZARD TREES NEXT TO WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

INTERPLANTED SEEDLINGS IN PREVIOUSLY PLANTED AREAS ABOVE ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND.

PREPARED PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE RE-ROUTE OF THE ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND TRAIL WHERE IT CROSSES PRIVATE LANDS.

ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE TRAINS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES.

ASHLAND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONDUCTS COMMUNITY-WIDE WILDFIRE AWARENESS FORUM AT SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY.

2001 CREATED SMALL CLEARINGS IN WHITE-LEAF MANZANITA BRUSHFIELDS ON FOREST UNITS LOCATED ON THE WEST

SIDE OF ASHLAND CREEK CANYON WHERE GEOLOGICAL HAZARD SURVEY MAPPING PROHIBITS AREA-WIDE THINNING OF WILDFIRE FUELS.

CONSTRUCTED RE-ROUTE OF ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND RECREATIONAL TRAIL WHERE EXISTING TRAIL CONFLICTS WITH PRIVATE LAND OWNERSHIP.

INITIATED STUDY AND DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL DENSITY-REDUCTION TIMBER HARVEST SALE.

CONDUCTED URBAN-WILDLAND INTERFACE MAPPING PROJECT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FOR CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

OBTAINED WILDFIRE FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT MONIES THROUGH OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS IN HIGH WILDFIRE RISK AREAS OF THE CITY.

STREAM SURVEY COMPLETED BY USFS ON ASHLAND CREEK.

RELEASED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FOREST WORK CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM WORK AUTHORIZED UNDER THE NATIONAL FIRE PLAN GRANT. CONTRACT ISSUED TO MOUNTAIN BRANCH TREE SERVICE.

2002 INITIATED THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE THINNING PROJECT TO IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH AND ENHANCE WATER PRODUCTION AND QUALITY.

FOREST WORK GRANT COORDINATOR POSITION CREATED AND STAFFED. WILDFIRE FUEL REDUCTION EFFORTS ACCELERATED ON PRIVATE LANDS IN THE URBAN-WILDLAND INTERFACE ZONE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

2003 FOREST INTERFACE THINNING CONTINUES UNDER NATIONAL FIRE PLAN GRANT PROGRAM. 88 ACRES COMPLETED SINCE SEPT. 2002 ON 78 PROPERTIES IN THE INTERFACE. 2004 GRANT AWARD TENTATIVELY APPROVED TO CONTINUE WORK.

UNDERSTORY THINNING AND PILE BURNING ON WINBURN PARCEL BENEATH LARGE OVERSTORY TREES.

- 2003 PLANNING FOR CITY FOREST LANDS RESTORATION THINNING PROJECT BY FOREST LANDS COMMISSION. PUBLIC INPUT ACCEPTED.
- MONITORING AND INVENTORY PLOTS ESTABLISHED ON CITY LANDS FOR PROPOSED THINNING PROJECT.
- THINNING AND TREE PLANTING WEST OF ASHLAND CREEK ABOVE THE GRANITE ST PIT TO ESTABLISH TREES IN PREVIOUSLY BURNED AREA.
- INSECT AND DISEASE ANALYSIS PERFORMED ON CITY LANDS BY USFS.
- 2004 CITY FOREST LANDS RESTORATION THINNING PROJECT DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TOURS OF PROJECT AREA CONDUCTED. UNANIMOUS CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OBTAINED. HELICOPTER YARDING SUCCESSFUL, 111 LOG LOADS TAKEN FROM 143 ACRES OF CITY LAND. SLASH CLEAN-UP IN PROGRESS.
- INTERFACE PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL FUELS REDUCTION CONTINUES WITH FOCUS ON PROPERTIES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. 61 ACRES TREATED INSIDE CITY LIMITS. NEW RFP FOR CONTRACTOR PUT OUT, CONTRACT SIGNED WITH LOMAKATSI RESTORATION FOR INTERFACE FUELS MANAGEMENT.
- CITY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES AND GROUPS TO DEVELOP AND PUT ON A "WILDFIRE HOME SHOW" FOR INTERFACE RESIDENTS. FOCUS ON HOME SAFETY AND FIRE PREPAREDNESS.
- NATIONAL FIRE PLAN GRANT APPLICATIONS FILED FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION SOUTH AND EAST OF TOLMAN CREEK RD TO 1-5.
- COOPERATION WITH USFS TO RESURFACE AND IMPROVE DRAINAGE ON ASHLAND LOOP ROAD STARTING AT MORTON ST GATE. HAZARD TREES FELLED ALONG ROAD TO THE WHITE RABBIT TRAILHEAD. ALL BRUSH CHIPPED ALONG LOOP ROAD FOR IMPROVED ACCESS.
- TITLE II RAC GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITH USFS SUPPORT FOR INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT, CONIFER PLANTING, AND NATIVE GRASS SEEDING IN THE INTERFACE ZONE.
- CITY AND COMMUNITY SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE TO THE ASHLAND FOREST RESILIENCY PROPOSAL BY USFS. PROJECT TO ADDRESS 8000+ ACRES IN THE LOWER ASHLAND CREEK WATERSHED UNDER HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT OF 2003. COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN CREATED AS PART OF PROCESS.

TITLE III GRANT MONEY CONTINUES TO FUND FOREST WORK GRANT COORDINATOR. \$10,000 TITLE III AWARD OBTAINED FOR EVACUATION PLANNING.

FOREST LANDS COMMISSION BEGINS RESTORATION THINNING PLANNING PHASE FOR WINBURN PARCEL.