

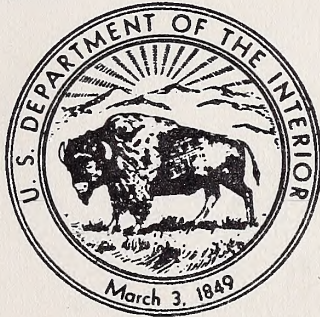
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## DEFINITIONS

For purposes of definition we will refer to a thinning made in an immature stand which does not produce saleable products as being a precommercial thinning; to a thinning made in an immature stand which does produce saleable products and in which the residual trees are capable of response to release as being a commercial release thinning. To a thinning made in a young stand, no longer capable of significant response to release, for the salvage of dead trees and anticipated mortality as being a sanitation thinning.

### Crown classification

Dominant The tallest trees in the stand. They receive full light from above and part from the side. The well-developed crown may be somewhat crowded on the sides.

Codominant These trees are in the upper level of the canopy, but below the dominants. They receive full light from above and a little from the side. The medium-sized crown is frequently crowded on the sides.

Intermediate Trees shorter than dominant or codominant, but with tip of crown extending into upper canopy and receiving some direct light from above but none from the sides. Crowns are small and are crowded on the sides.

Suppressed Crowns of these trees are below the upper canopy level and they receive no direct light from above nor from the side. Crowns are small and poorly developed.

## PRUNING

All dead and dying limbs should be removed. Pruning of live limbs should progress gradually up the tree trunk as height is increased. It should never exceed more than 1/3 of the crown length nor over 50% of total tree height. It should ultimately be carried to a height of 18 feet in order to produce a clear 16 foot log. Such pruning begun early enough will restrict the knotty core to a diameter of 4 or 5 inches.

The costs of the pruning operation require that it be confined to eventual crop trees. The number of trees required per acre for the site at harvest age will indicate the number of trees to be pruned initially. This number should be increased by 20% to provide a safety factor for error and loss during the development of the stand.



TABLE 2.—Yield tables for Douglas fir on fully stocked acre, total stand

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES

Age (years)	Site Class V					Site Class IV					Site Class III					Site Class II					Site Class I					
	Site index 90		Site index 100		Site index 110		Site index 120		Site index 130		Site index 140		Site index 150		Site index 160		Site index 170		Site index 180		Site index 190		Site index 200		Site index 210	
	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index	Number	Site index
20	6,920	5,500	4,150	3,069	2,324	1,815	1,210	1,460	1,210	1,012	880	756	654	571	490											
30	2,700	2,200	1,800	1,472	1,219	1,030	735	865	640	555	483	408	350	300												
40	1,530	1,275	1,090	927	798	680	510	385	445	385	335	282	240	203												
50	1,050	890	764	659	572	496	377	331	331	290	248	208	176	150												
60	780	670	580	500	439	380	296	337	261	228	195	164	138	116												
70	625	537	468	405	352	310	242	274	214	186	160	135	113	95												
80	525	455	394	345	303	266	215	232	182	159	136	115	97	81												
90	451	398	347	304	266	235	180	205	158	138	118	100	84	71												
100	403	352	311	271	239	209	161	184	142	123	106	89	75	64												
110	362	319	281	247	217	188	146	166	128	111	95	81	69	58												
120	331	292	259	224	197	173	134	152	116	101	87	74	63	53												
130	305	271	240	209	184	161	124	141	108	94	80	69	59	49												
140	284	252	224	195	171	149	115	131	101	88	75	64	55	45												
150	266	238	211	184	160	141	108	123	95	82	71	60	51	42												
160	250	225	200	175	152	133	102	117	90	78	67	57	48	40												

DIAMETER OF AVERAGE TREE AT BRESTHEIGHT

20	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.2
30	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.9	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.6	8.3	9.0	9.8
40	3.8	4.4	4.9	5.5	6.1	6.8	7.4	8.0	8.7	9.4	10.2	11.2	12.2	13.3
50	4.9	5.6	6.3	7.0	7.7	8.5	9.3	10.1	10.9	11.8	12.8	14.0	15.3	16.7
60	6.0	6.8	7.6	8.3	9.3	10.2	11.1	12.0	12.9	14.0	15.2	16.6	18.2	19.9
70	7.0	7.9	8.8	9.8	10.8	11.8	12.8	13.8	14.8	16.0	17.5	19.1	20.9	22.8
80	7.9	8.9	9.9	10.9	12.0	13.1	14.3	15.4	16.6	17.9	19.6	21.3	23.3	25.5
90	8.7	9.7	10.8	11.9	13.1	14.3	15.6	16.9	18.2	19.6	21.4	23.3	25.6	28.0
100	9.4	10.5	11.6	12.8	14.2	15.5	16.9	18.2	19.7	21.2	23.1	25.1	27.6	30.1
110	10.1	11.3	12.4	13.7	15.2	16.6	18.0	19.5	21.0	22.6	24.6	26.9	29.4	32.2
120	10.7	11.9	13.2	14.6	16.1	17.6	19.1	20.7	22.3	24.0	26.1	28.5	31.1	34.2
130	11.3	12.5	13.9	15.3	16.9	18.5	20.1	21.7	23.5	25.3	27.5	30.0	32.7	36.0
140	11.9	13.1	14.5	16.0	17.7	19.4	21.1	22.8	24.5	26.5	28.8	31.4	34.3	37.8
150	12.4	13.7	15.1	16.7	18.4	20.2	22.0	23.8	25.6	27.7	30.0	32.8	35.8	39.4
160	12.9	14.2	15.7	17.4	19.1	21.0	22.8	24.7	26.6	28.9	31.2	34.1	37.2	41.0



THE YIELD OF DOUGLAS FIR

Age (years)	Site Class V		Site Class IV		Site Class III		Site Class II		Site Class I					
	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index	Site index				
	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210
20	64	70	76	81	86	89	92	95	97	98	99	100	101	102
30	96	105	114	122	129	135	140	144	147	150	152	153	154	155
40	121	132	143	153	162	170	177	182	186	189	191	193	195	196
50	140	153	165	177	187	196	204	210	214	217	220	222	224	226
60	154	169	182	195	207	217	226	232	237	241	244	246	248	250
70	166	183	197	211	224	235	244	251	256	260	264	266	268	270
80	177	194	210	224	238	249	259	266	271	276	280	283	285	287
90	185	204	220	235	249	262	272	279	285	290	294	297	299	301
100	193	212	229	245	260	273	283	291	297	302	306	309	312	314
110	200	220	238	254	269	282	292	301	307	313	317	320	323	325
120	206	226	245	261	277	290	301	310	316	322	326	329	332	335
130	213	233	251	268	284	298	309	318	325	331	335	338	341	344
140	218	238	257	275	291	305	317	326	333	338	343	347	350	353
150	223	243	263	281	298	312	324	333	340	346	351	354	357	360
160	227	248	268	287	304	318	331	340	347	353	357	361	364	367

TOTAL BASAL AREA

TOTAL YIELD IN CUBIC FEET

20	520	620	730	870	990	1,120	1,250	1,380	1,490	1,550	1,650	1,730	1,830	1,920
30	1,330	1,610	1,930	2,270	2,630	2,980	3,300	3,610	3,880	4,110	4,330	4,530	4,750	4,990
40	2,110	2,520	3,020	3,560	4,150	4,690	5,250	5,750	6,160	6,550	6,900	7,220	7,500	7,830
50	2,840	3,410	4,080	4,780	5,540	6,300	7,050	7,730	8,300	8,840	9,320	9,770	10,150	10,560
60	3,500	4,200	5,010	5,880	6,800	7,760	8,700	9,490	10,200	10,860	11,450	12,000	12,500	12,960
70	4,090	4,920	5,820	6,830	8,000	9,100	10,150	11,060	11,900	12,660	13,300	13,950	14,500	15,080
80	4,580	5,510	6,530	7,690	9,000	10,240	11,350	12,400	13,360	14,220	14,990	15,700	16,350	16,970
90	5,000	6,010	7,120	8,400	9,810	11,160	12,390	13,500	14,600	15,540	16,400	17,190	17,880	18,500
100	5,350	6,420	7,620	9,000	10,510	12,060	13,270	14,460	15,600	16,610	17,550	18,370	19,140	19,820
110	5,640	6,780	8,050	9,500	11,080	12,610	14,000	15,290	16,500	17,560	18,510	19,390	20,200	20,940
120	5,900	7,090	8,420	9,920	11,580	13,180	14,600	15,990	17,240	18,340	19,320	20,220	21,090	21,870
130	6,130	7,340	8,730	10,290	12,000	13,650	15,140	16,560	17,870	19,000	20,000	20,980	21,840	22,660
140	6,340	7,600	9,020	10,620	12,370	14,080	15,610	17,090	18,410	19,590	20,640	21,610	22,520	23,360
150	6,520	7,810	9,280	10,920	12,710	14,490	16,080	17,560	18,910	20,130	21,270	22,250	23,170	24,030
160	6,670	8,000	9,500	11,200	13,040	14,850	16,490	18,010	19,380	20,650	21,820	22,830	23,780	24,660



TABLE 1.—Average total height of dominant and codominant trees, by site classes

Age (years)	Site Class V		Site Class IV			Site Class III			Site Class II			Site Class I		
	Site index 80	Site index 90	Site index 100	Site index 110	Site index 120	Site index 130	Site index 140	Site index 150	Site index 160	Site index 170	Site index 180	Site index 190	Site index 200	Site index 210
	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Feet</i>
20.....	21	24	26	29	31	34	37	39	42	44	47	49	52	54
30.....	37	41	46	50	55	60	64	69	74	78	83	88	92	96
40.....	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120	126
50.....	56	63	70	77	84	91	98	105	112	119	125	132	139	146
60.....	63	70	78	86	93	101	109	117	124	132	140	148	156	163
70.....	68	77	85	94	102	110	119	127	135	144	152	161	170	178
80.....	73	82	91	100	109	118	127	136	145	154	163	172	181	190
90.....	77	86	96	105	115	125	134	144	153	163	172	182	192	201
100.....	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210
110.....	83	93	104	114	124	135	145	155	166	176	187	197	207	218
120.....	85	96	106	117	128	138	149	160	170	181	192	202	213	224
130.....	87	98	109	119	131	141	152	163	174	185	196	207	218	228
140.....	88	99	110	121	133	144	154	166	177	188	199	210	221	232
150.....	89	101	112	123	134	145	156	168	179	190	201	213	224	235
160.....	90	102	113	124	136	147	158	170	181	192	203	215	226	237

As an example, if the age of the stand is 50 years, and the average total height of the dominant and codominant trees is 98 feet, Table 1 shows that this height at 50 years corresponds to site index 140,



BASAL AREAS IN SQUARE FEET  
CORRESPONDING TO DIAMETERS IN INCHES

Diameter, inches	Diameter, tenths of an inch									
	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	Area, square feet									
1	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.009	0.011	0.012	0.014	0.016	0.018	0.020
2	0.022	0.024	0.026	0.029	0.031	0.034	0.037	0.040	0.043	0.046
3	0.049	0.052	0.056	0.059	0.063	0.067	0.071	0.075	0.079	0.083
4	0.087	0.092	0.096	0.101	0.106	0.111	0.115	0.121	0.126	0.131
5	0.136	0.142	0.147	0.153	0.159	0.165	0.171	0.177	0.184	0.190
6	0.196	0.203	0.210	0.216	0.223	0.230	0.238	0.245	0.252	0.260
7	0.267	0.275	0.283	0.291	0.299	0.307	0.315	0.323	0.332	0.340
8	0.349	0.358	0.367	0.376	0.385	0.394	0.403	0.413	0.422	0.432
9	0.442	0.452	0.462	0.472	0.482	0.492	0.503	0.513	0.524	0.535
10	0.545	0.556	0.568	0.579	0.590	0.601	0.613	0.625	0.636	0.648
11	0.660	0.672	0.684	0.697	0.709	0.721	0.734	0.747	0.760	0.772
12	0.785	0.799	0.812	0.825	0.839	0.852	0.866	0.880	0.894	0.908
13	0.922	0.936	0.950	0.965	0.979	0.994	1.009	1.024	1.039	1.054
14	1.069	1.084	1.100	1.115	1.131	1.147	1.163	1.179	1.195	1.211
15	1.227	1.244	1.260	1.277	1.294	1.310	1.327	1.344	1.362	1.379
16	1.396	1.414	1.431	1.449	1.467	1.485	1.503	1.521	1.539	1.558
17	1.576	1.595	1.614	1.632	1.651	1.670	1.689	1.709	1.728	1.748
18	1.767	1.787	1.807	1.827	1.847	1.867	1.887	1.907	1.928	1.948
19	1.969	1.990	2.011	2.032	2.053	2.074	2.095	2.117	2.138	2.160
20	2.181	2.204	2.226	2.248	2.270	2.292	2.315	2.337	2.360	2.383
21	2.405	2.428	2.451	2.475	2.498	2.521	2.545	2.568	2.592	2.616
22	2.640	2.664	2.688	2.712	2.737	2.761	2.786	2.810	2.835	2.860
23	2.885	2.910	2.936	2.961	2.986	3.012	3.038	3.064	3.089	3.115
24	3.142	3.168	3.194	3.221	3.247	3.275	3.301	3.328	3.355	3.382
Diam- eter, in.	Area, sq. ft.	Diam- eter, in.	Area, sq. ft.	Diam- eter, in.	Area, sq. ft.	Diam- eter, in.	Area, sq. ft.	Diam- eter, in.	Area, sq. ft.	
25	3.41	32	5.59	39	8.30	46	11.54	53	15.32	
26	3.69	33	5.94	40	8.73	47	12.05	54	15.90	
27	3.98	34	6.30	41	9.17	48	12.57	55	16.50	
28	4.28	35	6.68	42	9.62	49	13.10	56	17.10	
29	4.59	36	7.07	43	10.08	50	13.64	57	17.72	
30	4.91	37	7.47	44	10.56	51	14.19	58	18.35	
31	5.24	38	7.88	45	11.04	52	14.75	59	18.99	



TABLE VI

## Periodic Annual Mortality per Acre for Fully Stocked Douglas-fir

Board Feet - International Rule 1/  
(1/3-inch kerf)

Age Period	SITE CLASS				
	I	II	III	IV	V
<u>Years</u>			<u>Board Feet</u>		
20 - 30	40	30	--	--	--
30 - 40	220	140	100	30	--
40 - 50	390	250	160	80	10
50 - 60	560	350	210	140	50
60 - 70	730	430	260	170	60
70 - 80	910	520	300	170	80
80 - 90	960	600	330	170	80
90 - 100	970	660	360	160	80
100 - 110	950	690	370	160	90
110 - 120	930	700	380	160	80
120 - 130	910	690	390	150	80
130 - 140	890	680	390	150	80
140 - 150	860	660	380	150	90
150 - 160	830	640	380	140	80

1/ All trees 7 inches D.B.H. and larger to 5-inch top. Stump height 1.5 feet. Scaling length 16 feet with 0.3 feet trim allowance.

Gross Yield and Mortality Tables for Fully-stocked Stands of Douglas-fir  
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TABLE VII

## Periodic Annual Mortality per Acre for Fully Stocked Douglas-fir

Board Feet - Scribner Rule 1/

Age Period	SITE CLASS				
	I	II	III	IV	V
<u>Years</u>			<u>Board Feet</u>		
20 - 30	--	--	--	--	--
30 - 40	50	20	--	--	--
40 - 50	90	40	20	--	--
50 - 60	180	80	40	10	--
60 - 70	370	120	50	20	--
70 - 80	600	180	70	30	10
80 - 90	680	300	80	40	10
90 - 100	700	400	110	40	10
100 - 110	700	460	140	50	10
110 - 120	690	480	180	50	10
120 - 130	690	480	230	40	20
130 - 140	680	480	250	40	20
140 - 150	670	470	250	40	20
150 - 160	660	450	240	40	20

1/ All trees 12 inches D.B.H. and larger to 8-inch top. Stump height 2.0 feet. Scaling length 16 feet with 0.3 feet trim allowance.

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TABLE IX

## Cumulative Mortality per Acre for Fully Stocked Douglas-fir

Board Feet - International Rule 1/  
(1/8-inch kerf)

Age	SITE CLASS				
	I	II	III	IV	V
<u>Years</u>			<u>Board Feet</u>		
30	400	300	--	--	--
40	2,600	1,700	1,000	300	--
50	6,500	4,200	2,600	1,100	100
60	12,100	7,700	4,700	2,500	600
70	19,400	12,000	7,300	4,200	1,200
80	28,500	17,200	10,300	5,900	2,000
90	38,100	23,200	13,600	7,600	2,800
100	47,800	29,800	17,200	9,200	3,600
110	57,300	36,700	20,900	10,800	4,500
120	66,600	43,700	24,700	12,400	5,300
130	75,700	50,600	28,600	13,900	6,100
140	84,600	57,400	32,500	15,400	6,900
150	93,200	64,000	36,300	16,900	7,800
160	101,500	70,400	40,100	18,300	8,600

1/ All trees 7 inches D.B.H. and larger to 5-inch top. Stump height 1.5 feet. Scaling length 16 feet with 0.3 feet trim allowance.

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TABLE VIII

## Cumulative Mortality per Acre for Fully Stocked Douglas-fir

Board Feet - Scribner Rule 1/

Age	SITE CLASS				
	I	II	III	IV	V
<u>Years</u>			<u>Board Feet</u>		
40	500	200	--	--	--
50	1,400	600	200	--	--
60	3,200	1,400	600	100	--
70	6,900	2,600	1,100	300	--
80	12,900	4,400	1,800	600	100
90	19,700	7,400	2,600	1,000	200
100	26,700	11,400	3,700	1,400	300
110	33,700	16,000	5,100	1,900	400
120	40,600	20,800	6,900	2,400	500
130	47,500	25,600	9,200	2,800	700
140	54,300	30,400	11,700	3,200	900
150	61,000	35,100	14,200	3,600	1,100
160	67,600	39,600	16,600	4,000	1,300

1/ All trees 12 inches D.B.H. and larger to 8-inch top. Stump height 2.0 feet. Scaling length 16 feet with 0.3 feet trim allowance.

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## EXAMPLES OF MORTALITY CALCULATIONS

### Example One:

70 year old stand site III  
First thinning at age 70  
Thinning interval - 10 years  
From Table VI, mortality for period  
70-80 years - 3,000 bd. ft.

This anticipated mortality volume including any dead merchantable trees may be removed at age 70.

### Example Two:

Second thinning same stand at 80 years  
From Table VI, mortality for period 80-90 years,  
3,300 bd. ft.

This anticipated mortality volume may be removed in the second thinning at age 80.

### Example Three:

Age of stand 90 years, site III  
Length rotation 100 years  
Average age at time of cutting 120 years  
From Table IX

Cumulative mortality	120 years	24,700 bd. ft.
Cumulative mortality	90 years	<u>13,600</u> bd. ft.

Anticipated mortality which may be removed in first and only thinning at 90 years of age		11,100 bd. ft.
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## CRUISING

All thinnings will be cruised 100%. The tally sheets, Form No. A-87 (Exhibit e), can easily be used for cruising thinnings. However, any type of tally sheet may be used, as the cruiser sees fit. Trees need be tallied only by DBH in 2" classes from 8" to 20" (20" class includes trees with 21.9" DBH) and total height to the nearest 10' - no form class and no log grade. Of course, it will be necessary to keep notes on any cull material present. Volumes are quite easily determined by multiplying each tally by the volume of each DBH-Height category as found in the volume table (Exhibit a). Logs will not be graded.



## APPRAISALS

### 1. General

The same general system used for appraising regular Douglas-fir sales will be used for appraising thinnings. That is, the milling and logging costs will be deducted from the realization value to determine a conversion return which is multiplied by .50 to derive the stumpage value.

### 2. Realization Values

As pointed out in the section on cruising, there will not be different realization values for different log grades or diameters. Only one realization value will be determined and it will be effective for the range of DBH classes up to 20". Material larger than this should be cruised and appraised under the conventional system.

### 3. Milling Costs

Use one milling cost, that for the group of logs having the range of lowest volumes, those up to 80 board feet, for all thinning sales. (Timber Sales Handbook, Chapter III-F, Exhibit a)

### 4. Logging Costs

Falling, bucking, yarding, loading per Mbf - \$18.90.

A weight equivalent of 11,000 lbs. per M bd.ft. Scribner Decimal C is used as the key to the transportation cost tables.

Pond value: November 18, 1963  
\$39.50

### 5. Conversion Factor

#### Scribner Decimal C Volume for Reporting Purposes

When the occasion arises in which it is necessary to determine the volume of the material in thinnings in terms of the Scribner Decimal C rule, the International 1/8 inch rule volume should be multiplied by the converting factor of .8.



District Portland  
 District Sale No. P10  
 Cruiser Douglas Green  
 Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Oct. 1, 1963  
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TALLY SHEET

Species \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defect Factor by Log \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Code: 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4-6 \_\_\_\_\_

DBH Logs	Log Code per Position													No. of Trees		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
						Bd. ft. Volume Int. %						Cu. ft. Volume				
8-70						104						19.0			2	
8-80						64						11.1			1	
10-90						240						37.6			2	
10-100						690						103.5			5	
12-110						1150						164.5			5	
14-90						250						36.3			1	
14-100						274						40.0			1	
14-120						346						48.0			1	
18-120						540						74.1			1	
18-140						672						88.0			1	
						Bd. ft. Volume	4320							Cu. ft. Volume	622.0	
						(Nearest M bd. ft.)	4M							Cu. ft. ratio	$\frac{622.0}{4.320}$	
												$\frac{622.0}{4.320} = 144$				
												144 x 4M ( $\frac{1}{8}$ International rounded Volume)				
												= 576				
												Approx Cu. ft. Volume for comparative purposes			580	

Totals: Graded-Lines \_\_\_\_\_ Trees \_\_\_\_\_ Ungraded-Lines \_\_\_\_\_ Trees \_\_\_\_\_



EXAMPLE:

Pond value per Mbf	\$42.00
Falling, bucking, yarding and loading	<u>-18.90</u>
	\$23.10

Transportation Cost

(95% recovery, 11,000# per M;  
2% rise and fall; 10-20% rise;  
3 miles dirt, 20 miles gravel,  
5 miles surfaced)

	<u>-8.60</u>
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Conversion return	\$14.50
Stumpage factor	x <u>.5</u>

Stumpage per Mbf	\$ 7.25	(rounded to nearest \$0.05)
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Stumpage (\$7.25) x volume (4 M bd. ft.) = \$29.00 (total value)

Exhibit f



This volume table is to be used for estimates only. Volumes for appraisal purposes will be obtained from form factor volume tables.



VOLUME TABLE FOR YOUNG GROWTH DOUGLAS-FIR

Volumes for trees are determined by the International 1/8-inch log rule for 16' log lengths to a top diameter of 5 inches inside the bark

D.B.H. inches	Board-foot volume when total height of tree in feet is																									
	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240				
7	12	18	24	32	40	48	56	66	78	88	98	108	118	128	138	148	158	168	178	188	198	208	218	228	238	248
8	16	22	32	42	52	64	76	88	102	114	126	138	150	162	174	186	198	210	222	234	246	258	270	282	294	306
9	20	30	42	54	66	82	96	112	128	144	160	176	192	208	224	240	256	272	288	304	320	336	352	368	384	400
10	24	36	52	68	84	102	120	138	156	174	192	210	228	246	264	282	300	318	336	354	372	390	408	426	444	462
11	28	46	62	80	102	124	146	168	194	218	242	266	290	314	338	362	386	410	434	458	482	506	530	554	578	602
12	32	54	76	98	122	148	174	200	230	260	288	320	352	384	416	448	480	512	544	576	608	640	672	704	736	768
13	36	64	90	114	144	176	206	238	270	302	336	374	416	456	496	536	576	616	656	696	736	776	816	856	896	936
14	40	72	104	134	166	202	240	274	310	346	388	430	480	524	568	612	656	700	744	788	832	876	920	964	1008	1052
15	44	80	114	150	190	232	270	312	352	392	440	486	544	592	640	688	736	784	832	880	928	976	1024	1072	1120	1168
16	48	88	124	164	208	252	296	344	392	440	494	546	602	652	704	756	808	860	912	964	1016	1068	1120	1172	1224	1276
17	52	96	134	178	224	270	318	370	420	470	524	578	634	688	744	798	852	906	960	1014	1068	1122	1176	1230	1284	1338
18	56	104	144	192	240	288	340	396	450	504	560	616	674	732	790	848	906	964	1022	1080	1138	1196	1254	1312	1370	1428
19	60	112	154	204	256	308	364	420	478	536	594	652	712	770	828	886	944	1002	1060	1118	1176	1234	1292	1350	1408	1466
20	64	120	164	216	270	324	380	438	496	556	616	676	736	796	856	916	976	1036	1096	1156	1216	1276	1336	1396	1456	1516
21	68	128	172	228	284	340	398	458	518	578	638	698	758	818	878	938	998	1058	1118	1178	1238	1298	1358	1418	1478	1538
22	72	136	180	236	294	352	410	470	530	590	650	710	770	830	890	950	1010	1070	1130	1190	1250	1310	1370	1430	1490	1550
23	76	144	192	248	308	368	428	488	548	608	668	728	788	848	908	968	1028	1088	1148	1208	1268	1328	1388	1448	1508	1568
24	80	152	200	256	316	376	436	496	556	616	676	736	796	856	916	976	1036	1096	1156	1216	1276	1336	1396	1456	1516	1576
25	84	160	208	264	324	384	444	504	564	624	684	744	804	864	924	984	1044	1104	1164	1224	1284	1344	1404	1464	1524	1584
26	88	168	216	272	332	392	452	512	572	632	692	752	812	872	932	992	1052	1112	1172	1232	1292	1352	1412	1472	1532	1592
27	92	176	224	280	340	400	460	520	580	640	700	760	820	880	940	1000	1060	1120	1180	1240	1300	1360	1420	1480	1540	1600
28	96	184	232	288	348	408	468	528	588	648	708	768	828	888	948	1008	1068	1128	1188	1248	1308	1368	1428	1488	1548	1608
29	100	192	240	296	356	416	476	536	596	656	716	776	836	896	956	1016	1076	1136	1196	1256	1316	1376	1436	1496	1556	1616
30	104	200	248	304	364	424	484	544	604	664	724	784	844	904	964	1024	1084	1144	1204	1264	1324	1384	1444	1504	1564	1624
31	108	208	256	312	372	432	492	552	612	672	732	792	852	912	972	1032	1092	1152	1212	1272	1332	1392	1452	1512	1572	1632
32	112	216	264	320	380	440	500	560	620	680	740	800	860	920	980	1040	1100	1160	1220	1280	1340	1400	1460	1520	1580	1640
33	116	224	272	328	388	448	508	568	628	688	748	808	868	928	988	1048	1108	1168	1228	1288	1348	1408	1468	1528	1588	1648
34	120	232	280	336	396	456	516	576	636	696	756	816	876	936	996	1056	1116	1176	1236	1296	1356	1416	1476	1536	1596	1656
35	124	240	288	344	404	464	524	584	644	704	764	824	884	944	1004	1064	1124	1184	1244	1304	1364	1424	1484	1544	1604	1664
36	128	248	296	352	412	472	532	592	652	712	772	832	892	952	1012	1072	1132	1192	1252	1312	1372	1432	1492	1552	1612	1672
37	132	256	304	360	420	480	540	600	660	720	780	840	900	960	1020	1080	1140	1200	1260	1320	1380	1440	1500	1560	1620	1680
38	136	264	312	368	428	488	548	608	668	728	788	848	908	968	1028	1088	1148	1208	1268	1328	1388	1448	1508	1568	1628	1688
39	140	272	320	376	436	496	556	616	676	736	796	856	916	976	1036	1096	1156	1216	1276	1336	1396	1456	1516	1576	1636	1696
40	144	280	328	384	444	504	564	624	684	744	804	864	924	984	1044	1104	1164	1224	1284	1344	1404	1464	1524	1584	1644	1704
41	148	288	336	392	452	512	572	632	692	752	812	872	932	992	1052	1112	1172	1232	1292	1352	1412	1472	1532	1592	1652	1712
42	152	296	344	400	460	520	580	640	700	760	820	880	940	1000	1060	1120	1180	1240	1300	1360	1420	1480	1540	1600	1660	1720
43	156	304	352	408	468	528	588	648	708	768	828	888	948	1008	1068	1128	1188	1248	1308	1368	1428	1488	1548	1608	1668	1728
44	160	312	360	416	476	536	596	656	716	776	836	896	956	1016	1076	1136	1196	1256	1316	1376	1436	1496	1556	1616	1676	1736
45	164	320	368	424	484	544	604	664	724	784	844	904	964	1024	1084	1144	1204	1264	1324	1384	1444	1504	1564	1624	1684	1744
46	168	328	376	432	492	552	612	672	732	792	852	912	972	1032	1092	1152	1212	1272	1332	1392	1452	1512	1572	1632	1692	1752
47	172	336	384	440	500	560	620	680	740	800	860	920	980	1040	1100	1160	1220	1280	1340	1400	1460	1520	1580	1640	1700	1760
48	176	344	392	448	508	568	628	688	748	808	868	928	988	1048	1108	1168	1228	1288	1348	1408	1468	1528	1588	1648	1708	1768
49	180	352	400	456	516	576	636	696	756	816	876	936	996	1056	1116	1176	1236	1296	1356	1416	1476	1536	1596	1656	1716	1776
50	184	360	408	464	524	584	644	704	764	824	884	944	1004	1064	1124	1184	1244	1304	1364	1424	1484	1544	1604	1664	1724	1784
51	188	368	416	472	532	592	652	712	772	832	892	952	1012	1072	1132	1192	1252	1312	1372	1432	1492	1552	1612	1672	1732	1792
52	192	376	424	480	540	600	660	720	780	840	900	960	1020	1080	1140	1200	1260	1320	1380	1440	1500	1560	1620	1680	1740	1800
53	196	384	432	488	548	608	668	728	788	848	908	968	1028	1088	1148	1208	1268	1328	1388	1448	1508	1568	1628	1688	1748	1808
54	200	392	440	496	556	616	676	736	796	856	916	976	1036	1096	1156	1216	1276	1336	1396	1456	1516	1576	1636	1696	1756	1816

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CUBIC FOOT VOLUME TABLE FOR YOUNG GROWTH DOUGLAS-FIR

Volumes for trees are determined to a top diameter inside bark of 4" from a stump height equal to the diameter breast height with a maximum of 24"

D. B. H. inches	Cubic-foot volumes when total height of tree in feet is																							
	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	
6	1.2	1.9	2.7	3.4	4.1	4.8	5.6	6.4	7.1	7.8	8.5	9.2	9.9	10.6	11.3	12.0	12.7	13.4	14.1	14.8	15.5	16.2	16.9	
7	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.1	6.0	7.1	8.3	9.4	10.5	11.6	12.7	13.8	14.9	16.0	17.1	18.2	19.3	20.4	21.5	22.6	23.7	24.8	25.9	
8	2.7	4.1	5.4	6.8	8.0	9.5	11.1	12.4	13.9	15.4	16.9	18.4	19.9	21.4	22.9	24.4	25.9	27.4	28.9	30.4	31.9	33.4	34.9	
9	3.6	5.3	7.1	8.7	10.4	12.3	14.1	15.8	17.6	19.4	21.2	23.0	24.8	26.6	28.4	30.2	32.0	33.8	35.6	37.4	39.2	41.0	42.8	
10	4.5	6.6	8.7	10.6	12.9	15.1	17.2	19.4	21.6	23.8	26.0	28.2	30.4	32.6	34.8	37.0	39.2	41.4	43.6	45.8	48.0	50.2	52.4	
11	5.4	8.1	10.7	13.0	15.7	18.2	21.2	23.8	26.4	29.0	31.6	34.2	36.8	39.4	42.0	44.6	47.2	49.8	52.4	55.0	57.6	60.2	62.8	
12	6.3	9.7	12.6	15.5	18.6	21.3	24.3	26.6	29.4	32.3	35.2	38.1	41.0	43.9	46.8	49.7	52.6	55.5	58.4	61.3	64.2	67.1	70.0	
13	7.2	11.2	14.7	18.0	21.7	24.9	28.5	31.4	34.7	38.3	41.8	45.4	49.0	52.6	56.2	59.8	63.4	67.0	70.6	74.2	77.8	81.4	85.0	
14	8.1	12.8	16.8	20.6	24.8	28.6	32.8	36.3	40.0	43.6	48.0	51.8	55.6	59.4	63.2	67.0	70.8	74.6	78.4	82.2	86.0	89.8	93.6	
15	9.0	13.8	18.2	22.5	27.1	31.7	36.8	41.5	45.6	49.4	54.5	58.6	62.8	67.0	71.2	75.4	79.6	83.8	88.0	92.2	96.4	100.6	104.8	
16	10.0	14.8	19.6	24.5	29.6	35.3	41.0	46.5	51.9	57.2	61.0	65.5	71.7	77.9	84.1	90.3	96.5	102.7	108.9	115.1	121.3	127.5	133.7	
17	11.0	15.8	21.0	26.5	32.5	39.1	46.5	52.5	58.5	64.5	70.5	77.5	84.5	91.5	98.5	105.5	112.5	119.5	126.5	133.5	140.5	147.5	154.5	
18	12.0	16.8	22.4	28.5	35.5	43.5	52.5	60.5	68.5	76.5	84.5	92.5	100.5	108.5	116.5	124.5	132.5	140.5	148.5	156.5	164.5	172.5	180.5	
19	13.0	17.8	24.0	31.5	39.5	48.5	58.5	68.5	78.5	88.5	98.5	108.5	118.5	128.5	138.5	148.5	158.5	168.5	178.5	188.5	198.5	208.5	218.5	
20	14.0	18.8	25.6	34.5	44.5	55.5	67.5	79.5	91.5	103.5	115.5	127.5	139.5	151.5	163.5	175.5	187.5	199.5	211.5	223.5	235.5	247.5	259.5	
21	15.0	19.8	27.0	36.5	47.5	59.5	72.5	85.5	98.5	111.5	124.5	137.5	150.5	163.5	176.5	189.5	202.5	215.5	228.5	241.5	254.5	267.5	280.5	
22	16.0	20.8	28.4	38.5	49.5	62.5	76.5	90.5	104.5	118.5	132.5	146.5	160.5	174.5	188.5	202.5	216.5	230.5	244.5	258.5	272.5	286.5	300.5	
23	17.0	21.8	29.8	40.5	52.5	65.5	80.5	95.5	110.5	125.5	140.5	155.5	170.5	185.5	200.5	215.5	230.5	245.5	260.5	275.5	290.5	305.5	320.5	
24	18.0	22.8	31.2	42.5	55.5	69.5	85.5	101.5	117.5	133.5	149.5	165.5	181.5	197.5	213.5	229.5	245.5	261.5	277.5	293.5	309.5	325.5	341.5	
25	19.0	23.8	32.6	44.5	58.5	74.5	91.5	108.5	125.5	142.5	159.5	176.5	193.5	210.5	227.5	244.5	261.5	278.5	295.5	312.5	329.5	346.5	363.5	
26	20.0	24.8	34.0	46.5	61.5	78.5	96.5	114.5	132.5	150.5	168.5	186.5	204.5	222.5	240.5	258.5	276.5	294.5	312.5	330.5	348.5	366.5	384.5	
27	21.0	25.8	35.4	48.5	64.5	82.5	101.5	120.5	139.5	158.5	177.5	196.5	215.5	234.5	253.5	272.5	291.5	310.5	329.5	348.5	367.5	386.5	405.5	
28	22.0	26.8	36.8	50.5	67.5	86.5	106.5	126.5	146.5	166.5	186.5	206.5	226.5	246.5	266.5	286.5	306.5	326.5	346.5	366.5	386.5	406.5	426.5	
29	23.0	27.8	38.2	52.5	70.5	90.5	111.5	132.5	153.5	174.5	195.5	216.5	237.5	258.5	279.5	299.5	320.5	341.5	362.5	383.5	404.5	425.5	446.5	
30	24.0	28.8	39.6	54.5	73.5	94.5	116.5	138.5	160.5	182.5	204.5	226.5	248.5	270.5	292.5	314.5	336.5	358.5	380.5	402.5	424.5	446.5	468.5	
31	25.0	29.8	41.0	56.5	76.5	99.5	121.5	144.5	167.5	191.5	215.5	239.5	263.5	287.5	311.5	335.5	359.5	383.5	407.5	431.5	455.5	479.5	503.5	
32	26.0	30.8	42.4	58.5	79.5	103.5	127.5	151.5	176.5	201.5	226.5	251.5	276.5	301.5	326.5	351.5	376.5	401.5	426.5	451.5	476.5	501.5	526.5	
33	27.0	31.8	43.8	60.5	82.5	107.5	133.5	158.5	184.5	210.5	236.5	262.5	288.5	314.5	340.5	366.5	392.5	418.5	444.5	470.5	496.5	522.5	548.5	
34	28.0	32.8	45.2	62.5	85.5	111.5	139.5	166.5	192.5	219.5	246.5	273.5	300.5	327.5	354.5	381.5	408.5	435.5	462.5	489.5	516.5	543.5	570.5	
35	29.0	33.8	46.6	64.5	88.5	115.5	143.5	171.5	200.5	228.5	256.5	284.5	312.5	340.5	368.5	396.5	424.5	452.5	480.5	508.5	536.5	564.5	592.5	
36	30.0	34.8	48.0	66.5	91.5	119.5	147.5	175.5	204.5	233.5	262.5	291.5	320.5	349.5	378.5	407.5	436.5	465.5	494.5	523.5	552.5	581.5	610.5	
37	31.0	35.8	49.4	68.5	94.5	123.5	151.5	180.5	208.5	238.5	268.5	298.5	328.5	358.5	388.5	418.5	448.5	478.5	508.5	538.5	568.5	598.5	628.5	
38	32.0	36.8	50.8	70.5	97.5	127.5	155.5	184.5	212.5	243.5	274.5	305.5	336.5	367.5	398.5	429.5	460.5	491.5	522.5	553.5	584.5	615.5	646.5	
39	33.0	37.8	52.2	72.5	100.5	131.5	159.5	188.5	216.5	248.5	280.5	312.5	344.5	376.5	408.5	440.5	472.5	504.5	536.5	568.5	600.5	632.5	664.5	
40	34.0	38.8	53.6	74.5	103.5	135.5	163.5	192.5	220.5	253.5	286.5	319.5	352.5	385.5	418.5	451.5	484.5	517.5	550.5	583.5	616.5	649.5	682.5	
41	35.0	39.8	55.0	76.5	106.5	139.5	167.5	196.5	224.5	258.5	292.5	326.5	359.5	392.5	425.5	458.5	491.5	524.5	557.5	590.5	623.5	656.5	689.5	
42	36.0	40.8	56.4	78.5	109.5	143.5	171.5	200.5	228.5	263.5	298.5	332.5	365.5	398.5	431.5	464.5	497.5	530.5	563.5	596.5	629.5	662.5	695.5	
43	37.0	41.8	57.8	80.5	112.5	147.5	175.5	204.5	232.5	268.5	304.5	338.5	371.5	404.5	437.5	470.5	503.5	536.5	569.5	602.5	635.5	668.5	701.5	
44	38.0	42.8	59.2	82.5	115.5	151.5	179.5	208.5	236.5	273.5	310.5	344.5	377.5	410.5	443.5	476.5	509.5	542.5	575.5	608.5	641.5	674.5	707.5	
45	39.0	43.8	60.6	84.5	118.5	155.5	183.5	212.5	240.5	278.5	314.5	348.5	381.5	414.5	447.5	480.5	513.5	546.5	579.5	612.5	645.5	678.5	711.5	
46	40.0	44.8	62.0	86.5	121.5	159.5	187.5	216.5	244.5	282.5	318.5	352.5	385.5	418.5	451.5	484.5	517.5	550.5	583.5	616.5	649.5	682.5	715.5	
47	41.0	45.8	63.4	88.5	124.5	163.5	191.5	220.5	248.5	286.5	322.5	356.5	389.5	422.5	455.5	488.5	521.5	554.5	587.5	620.5	653.5	686.5	719.5	
48	42.0	46.8	64.8	90.5	127.5	167.5	195.5	224.5	252.5	290.5	326.5	360.5	393.5	426.5	459.5	492.5	525.5	558.5	591.5	624.5	657.5	690.5	723.5	
49	43.0	47.8	66.2	92.5	130.5	171.5	199.5	228.5	256.5	294.5	330.5	364.5	397.5	430.5	463.5	496.5	529.5	562.5	595.5	628.5	661.5	694.5	727.5	
50	44.0	48.8	67.6	94.5	133.5	175.5	203.5	232.5	260.5	298.5	334.5	368.5	401.5	434.5	467.5	500.5	533.5	566.5	599.5	632.5	665.5	698.5	731.5	
51	45.0	49.8	69.0	96.5	136.5	179.5	207.5	236.5	264.5	302.5	338.5	372.5	405.5	438.5	471.5	504.5	537.5	570.5	603.5	636.5	669.5	702.5	735.5	
52	46.0	50.8	70.4	98.5	139.5	183.5	211.5	240.5	268.5	306.5	342.5	376.5	410.5	442.5	475.5	508.5	541.5	574.5	607.5	640.5	673.5	706.5	739.5	
53	47.0	51.8	71.8	100.5	142.5	187.5	215.5	244.5	272.5	310.5	346.5	380.5	414.5	446.5	479.5	512.5	545.5	578.5	611.5	644.5	677.5	710.5	743.5	
54	48.0	52.8	73.2	102.5	145.5	191.5	219.5	248.5	276.5	314.5	350.5	384.5	418.5	450.5	483.5	516.5	549.5	582.5	615.5	648.5	681.5	714.5	747.5	

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## PRIORITIES OF THINNING

### 1. Precommercial

Limitations of funds available for the purpose, the existing degree of stocking, and site productivity will require a determination by priority of areas to be precommercially thinned. Site, accessibility, stocking, age, and topography will be prime matters of consideration.

### 2. Commercial and Sanitation

The older young growth stands qualifying for sanitation thinnings contain large volumes of merchantable material in imminent danger of loss. This is a serious economic matter both from the standpoint of the loss of values involved and the loss of raw products needed by industry. Therefore, top priority will be given to sanitation thinnings in order to recover these values and volumes.

Stands qualifying for commercial release thinnings also face these losses of values and volumes. However, due to the younger ages of these stands, potential volume and value losses are much less, comparatively, and the situation is judged less critical than that which exists in the older stands. For that reason a lower economic priority is given to stands qualifying for commercial release thinning.

A clearcut decision confining thinning on a basis of priority exclusively to the sanitation type cannot be made. The operational feasibility of individual areas and the access to them among other things are determining factors in the type of stands available for thinning.

The type of thinning will be fitted to the needs of available stands. Accordingly, sanitation and commercial thinnings will usually be carried on simultaneously in most districts.



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First Thinning at Indicated Years

<u>Ten Years</u>				<u>Twenty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
10		302	12 x 12				
20	7.	227	14 x 14	20	4.5	409	10 x 10
30	11.	165	16 x 16	30	8.2	262	13 x 13
40	14.5	130	18 x 18	40	11.5	195	15 x 15
50	17.5	108	20 x 20	50	14.3	158	16.5 x 16.5
60	20.3	92	21.5 x 21.5	60	16.8	131	18 x 18
70	22.8	81	23 x 23	70	19.1	113	20 x 20
80	25.0	81	23 x 23	80	21.2	113	20 x 20

<u>Thirty Years</u>				<u>Forty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
30	7.	340	11 x 11				
40	10.1	243	13 x 13	40	9.4	276	13 x 13
50	12.8	191	15 x 15	50	12.0	217	14 x 14
60	15.2	158	16.5 x 16.5	60	14.3	178	15.5 x 15.5
70	17.4	134	18 x 18	70	16.4	150	17 x 17
80	19.4	134	18 x 18	80	18.4	150	17 x 17

<u>Fifty Years</u>				<u>Normal Stand</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
50	11.8	227	14 x 14	10			
60	14.0	187	15 x 15	20	4.5	880	7 x 7
70	16.0	157	16.5 x 16.5	30	7.0	555	9 x 9
80	18.0	157	16.5 x 16.5	40	9.4	385	10.5 x 10.5
				50	11.8	290	12 x 12
				60	14.0	228	14 x 14
				70	16.0	180	15 x 15
				80	17.9	159	16.5 x 16.5



Site III

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First Thinning at Indicated Years

<u>Ten Years</u>				<u>Twenty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
10		436	10 x 10	10			
20	5.8	332	11 x 11	20	3.4	666	6.5x 6.5
30	8.8	245	13 x 13	30	6.2	428	10 x 10
40	11.5	194	15 x 15	40	8.7	309	12 x 12
50	13.9	160	16.5 x 16.5	50	11.0	241	13 x 13
60	16.1	137	18 x 18	60	13.1	197	15 x 15
70	18.1	118	19 x 19	70	15.1	167	16 x 16
80	20.0	118	19 x 19	80	16.9	167	16 x 16

<u>Thirty Years</u>				<u>Forty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
10				10			
20				20			
30	5.5	520	9 x 9	30			
40	7.9	367	11 x 11	40	7.4	414	10 x 10
50	10.1	283	12 x 12	50	9.5	313	11 x 11
60	12.1	230	14 x 14	60	11.5	253	13 x 13
70	14.0	190	15 x 15	70	13.3	204	15 x 15
80	15.8	190	15 x 15	80	15.0	204	15 x 15

<u>Fifty Years</u>				<u>Normal Stand</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
10							
20				20	3.4	1460	5.5x 5.5
30				30	5.5	865	7 x 7
40				40	7.4	585	9 x 9
50	9.3	330	11.5 x 11.5	50	9.3	430	10 x 10
60	11.2	264	13 x 13	60	11.1	337	11 x 11
70	13.0	223	14 x 14	70	12.8	274	12.5 x 12.5
80	14.6	223	14 x 14	80	14.3	232	14 x 14



Site IV

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First Thinning at Indicated Years

<u>Ten to Twenty Years</u>				<u>Thirty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
10-20		436	10 x 10				
30	6.6	388	10.5 x 10.5	30	3.9	864	7 x 7
40	8.5	305	12 x 12	40	5.7	592	8 x 8
50	10.3	248	13 x 13	50	7.4	441	10 x 10
60	12.0	212	14 x 14	60	9.0	357	11 x 11
70	13.5	190	15 x 15	70	10.4	303	12 x 12
80	14.8	190	15 x 15	80	11.7	303	12 x 12

<u>Forty Years</u>				<u>Fifty Years</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing	Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
20				20			
30				30			
40	5.5	643	8 x 8	40			
50	7.1	484	9 x 9	50	7.0	659	8 x 8
60	8.6	394	10.5 x 10.5	60	8.5	500	9 x 9
70	9.9	337	11 x 11	70	9.8	405	10 x 10
80	11.1	337	11 x 11	80	10.9	345	11 x 11

<u>Normal Stand</u>			
Age	DBH	Trees	Spacing
20	2.2	3069	4 x 4
30	3.9	1472	5 x 5
40	5.5	927	7 x 7
50	7.0	659	8 x 8
60	8.5	500	9 x 9
70	9.8	405	10 x 10
80	10.9	345	11 x 11



## PROCEDURES

For the establishment and measurement of Thinning Sample Plots.

The use of this condensation should be preceded by a study of the procedures in full.

## PLOT TYPES

The system will require the use of a minimum of two 1/10 acre circular plots on each thinning area. One will be a permanent control plot. One will be a permanent sample plot.

The Permanent Control Plot should be located within the body of the stand to be thinned in a position which represents an average of stand conditions, type, site, aspect, and slope. The 1/10 acre plot is to have a buffer strip surrounding it of not less than 50 feet in width. See Exhibit g.

The 1/10 acre Permanent Sample Plot is to be established at a selected location within the thinning area. See Exhibit g. The location should be representative of the average stand, however, the plot should be free of large openings.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS

Establish equidistant about the perimeter of each permanent plot four permanent photographic reference points. Duplicate photographs should be taken immediately before and immediately after thinning. At the same times photograph crown closure from the plot center. See Exhibits i, j.

## PROCEDURES

Plot description, data, measurements, and procedures will be taken under the following adaptation of the Permanent Sample Plot procedure as set forth in the Outline of Forest Inventory Procedure dated June 1959. Data will be recorded on Form Al-159. Omit items (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (18), (19), (26) and (27) by entering the proper number of zeros in data spaces.



RECORDATION

(1) (2) (3) Record in office.

(4) Kind of Plot. Record as a single-digit code as follows:

- 5. Permanent BLM Control Plot
- 6. Permanent BLM Sample Plot

(5) Stand Age. Record as a three-digit code on each plot card. A specific stand age is assigned to each even-aged plot stand. Stand age is the actual age as determined from the subsequent measurement of selected trees. See (20) and (14) Site Tree.

(6) Volume Stratum. Record as zero.

(7) Local Type. Record as zero zero zero.

(8) Stand-size Class. Record as zero.

(9) Stocking. Record as zero.

\*(10) Understory Stocking. Record as zero.

\*(11) Understory Species. Record as zero.

\*(12) Past Cutting Record. Record as zero.

(13) Site. Record site index not site as a three-digit code as follows:

Actual site index - to nearest foot.

Determine this from the averaged data recorded under Site Tree.

(14) Not Coded. All items in the block are to be filled out on each permanent plot record card.

Photo No. List the photo project symbol, the flight and print number.

T. R. S. Township, range and section in which the plot is located.

Plot R. P. Establish a plot reference point by selecting a prominent cultural or topographic feature within a reasonable distance of the



plot. See Exhibit k. Identify on the photograph by a pinprick a nearby tree as the beginning point to the plot. Attach an aluminum plot reference tag to the tree at a height on the bole which ordinarily will be below stump height if the tree is cut. To facilitate relocation attach a second tag at a point higher on the bole where it will be readily visible. The second tag need not bear reference data. Record on the lower tag the symbol "RP", plot number, bearing, and measured distance to the plot. Example:

RP  
010-0  
N23°E  
10.35 ch.

Pinprick the plot position on the photograph and project connecting lines to RP.

Enter on the back of the photograph and on the plot record the following information:

SP. - species of the plot reference tree.

DBH - Diameter of the plot reference tree.

Dist.- measured distance from the R.P. to the plot.

Brg. fr. R.P. - record to nearest degree the bearing from the R.P. to the plot.

Decl. - record the local declination used to take bearings.

Sp. Ref. - establish the 1/10 acre plot by setting a permanent marker at the plot center. Select two live trees near the plot center as witness trees. (For permanent sample plots, these should be trees which are unlikely to be cut.) The trees chosen should vary in bearing from the plot center by at least 60 degrees. On each plot witness tree attach, facing the plot center, an aluminum reference tag at the DBH point. Designate on each tag



the plot number, the bearing and distance in feet from the witness tree to the plot center. Example: permanent control plot nine:

009-0  
N32°W  
15'

Permanent sample plots will be numbered as was the case with subplots under the inventory procedure system. Example, permanent control plot number nine, adjacent permanent sample plot number one:

009-1  
N32°W  
15'

Additional permanent sample plots, if any, will be numbered consecutively.

On the plot record card, list for each witness tree, the species, DBH, distance to the plot center in feet and the bearing.

Supplement the plot reference data with a sketch map of the area showing existing and proposed roads in relation to plot location. This map is to be revised as road construction progresses in the area.

Site Tree - three site tree measurements are required for each plot. Measure the heights of three of the tallest dominant trees on the plot. Average these measurements for recorded height. Measure the actual age of these trees and record the average age. Individual measurements for these trees are to be recorded under (20) and (25). These instructions are intended primarily for use with the predominant species of the stand.

Estimator - print full names of all crew members.

Date - record month, day and year of plot establishment.



Slope - measure average slope of the 1/10 acre on topographic abney. If two distinct slopes are found on a subplot, record the average.

Aspect - record one of the following aspects: NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, W, or level (less than 4 on a topographic abney).

Plot rad. - record the plot radius in feet.

O&C, CBWR, PD - record the ownership class of the land on which the plot is established.

Distances must be taped and corrected for slope. This applies to the determination of the plot boundary and not to the mapping of individual trees.

The radius of a horizontal 1/10 acre circular plot is 37.2 feet. An increase in slope will change the shape of the plot on the slope to that of an ellipse. The following table gives the slope radius to be used in measuring 1/10 acre circular horizontal plots.

<u>Topog.</u>	<u>Plot Radii</u>	<u>%</u>
0	37.2	0
4	37.3	6
8	37.5	12
12	37.8	18
16	38.3	24
20	38.9	30
24	39.6	36
28	40.4	42
32	41.4	48
36	42.4	55
40	43.5	61
44	44.7	67
48	46.0	73
52	47.4	79
56	48.8	85
60	50.2	91
64	51.8	97
66	52.6	100



(10)(11)(12) Tree Class. This will be used for all species. Record in the left hand margin adjacent to column (15) as a three-digit code using the following classification:

The first digit will denote canopy position; the second, stem quality; the third, crown condition.

The four canopy classes are:

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Dominant     | 2. Codominant |
| 3. Intermediate | 4. Suppressed |

The three stem classes are:

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Good stem           | 2. Slightly defective stem |
| 3. Very defective stem |                            |

The stem quality should be viewed in respect to that most desirable in the ultimate crop tree.

The three crown classes are:

- |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Good crown | 2. Fair crown | 3. Poor crown |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|

Canopy class described crown position, crown class describes crown condition found in each canopy class.

Examples of Coding:

A codominant tree having a good stem and a fair crown would be coded 212.

An intermediate tree having decay in the stem and a poor crown would be coded 333.

A suppressed tree having a badly scarred stem, but with an excellent crown considering its canopy class would be coded 431.

(15) Tree Number. Each plot will be oriented to the north. The upper-right quadrant of the plot will always be the NE quadrant and all trees will be tallied by quadrants in sequence clockwise from the north. Measure and identify each live tree tallied, 5.0" DBH and larger, with a numbered aluminum tag placed at DBH (4.5') measured from the "up-hill" side of the tree, each tag facing the plot center. Record consecutively as a three-digit code.



Example: tree number 12 - record as 012.

Each tree so numbered is to be mapped in place on the Tree Position Plot Diagram. See Exhibit h, page 80. Start in the NE quadrant and proceed clockwise. Each tree's position will be indicated on the map by its individual number circled.

Thus: tree number 12 (12) See Exhibit n1.

If trees to be cut in thinning have been marked prior to the time of initial measurement of the permanent sample plot, then the marked trees will be measured concurrently with the trees with which they are intermingled. The data will be recorded on the same sheet. The tree numbers of marked trees will be preceded by an X on the data sheet.

See Exhibit n, page 37. Thus: X 012 Superimpose an X over the circled tree number on the tree position diagram and follow with the date.

Thus: ~~(12)~~ 1960. Place the tree identification tag below probable stump height.

In a plot established after thinning, the stumps of trees which have been cut will be mapped and dated as of time of cutting. Thus: ~~(10)~~ 1958.

A number will be assigned preceded by an X on the data sheet and stump DIB will be recorded as DBH for these missing trees. No other items will be recorded. All required data will be secured for live trees. Plot history will include the average per acre volume of the material removed from the stand as a whole in the first cutting.

No measurements will be taken for trees which are dead at the time of establishment of permanent plots since it is the subsequent development of the living trees which will be studied. Trees which die or are windthrown after the establishment of permanent plots are to be identified as dead and fully accounted for at the time of remeasurement.

Precommercial thinning in the very small dbh classes imposes conditions not anticipated when the sampling procedures were devised. The 5 inch dbh minimum tree measurement limitation is too restrictive to enable dealing adequately with stands composed of very small stems. In order to obtain representative data the dbh measurement standard must be reduced.



## DOUGLAS-FIR

Control Plot. On the N.E. quadrant of the plot, count the total number of live trees estimated to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches dbh and over. Tally the count by one inch dbh classes. Derive the average dbh. Do not use tree position map.

Sample Plot. Before thinning count the total number of live trees on the N.E. quadrant of the plot estimated to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches dbh and over. Tally the count by one inch dbh classes. Derive the average dbh.

For all quadrants tag, measure and record data for all residual trees of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches dbh, and over. Map position of residual trees. Do not map position of trees cut in thinning.

## PONDEROSA PINE

Control Plot. On the N. E. quadrant of the plot, count the total number of live trees estimated to be .6 inch dbh and over. Tally the count by one inch dbh classes. Derive the average dbh. Do not map tree positions.

Sample Plot. Before thinning count the total number of live trees on the N. E. quadrant of the plot estimated to be .6 inch dbh and over. Tally the count by one inch dbh classes. Derive the average dbh.

For all quadrants tag, measure and record data for all residual trees of .6 inches dbh and over. Map position of residual trees. Do not map position of trees cut in thinning.

(16) Species. Record as a two-digit code using the following code:

<u>01</u> Douglas-fir	<u>32</u> Shasta red fir
<u>11</u> Ponderosa pine	<u>33</u> Grand fir
<u>12</u> Jeffrey pine	<u>34</u> Pacific silver fir
<u>13</u> Sugar pine	<u>35</u> Noble fir
<u>14</u> Western white pine	<u>36</u> Subalpine fir
<u>15</u> Lodgepole pine	<u>41</u> Engelmann spruce
<u>24</u> Knobcone pine	<u>42</u> Sitka spruce
<u>26</u> White bark pine	<u>46</u> Brewers spruce
<u>31</u> White fir	<u>47</u> Mountain hemlock



<u>48</u>	Western hemlock	<u>76</u>	Maple
<u>51</u>	Incense cedar	<u>77</u>	Willow
<u>52</u>	Alaska cedar	<u>81</u>	Black oak
<u>53</u>	Port Orford cedar	<u>84</u>	Canyon live oak
<u>54</u>	Western red cedar	<u>86</u>	Oregon white oak
<u>55</u>	Western larch	<u>87</u>	Tan oak
<u>56</u>	Alpine larch	<u>91</u>	California laurel
<u>62</u>	Pacific yew	<u>93</u>	Golden chinquapin
<u>63</u>	Western juniper	<u>94</u>	Madrone
<u>71</u>	Alder	<u>95</u>	Dogwood
<u>72</u>	Ash	<u>96</u>	Sycamore
<u>75</u>	Cottonwood	<u>98</u>	All other hardwood

- (17) DBH. Measure all diameters to the nearest 0.1" and record as a four-digit code, i.e., a 10.5" DBH tree would be coded as 0105, a 30.5" DBH would be 0305, a 6.5" DBH would be 0065.
- (18) Merch. Class. Record as zero.
- (20) Actual Age. For each plot determine total age of three tallest dominant trees. Record each tree's age in three digits. Record average age of these trees under site tree (14). Also record the average age under (5).
- See site tree (14)
- See Item (25)
- (21) C.D. (Cause of Death) Only when remeasurements are made, tally cause of death for all trees which have died since the initial measurements, using the following codes:
- |          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| <u>0</u> | Live tree            |
| <u>1</u> | Insect-killed tree   |
| <u>2</u> | Disease-killed tree  |
| <u>3</u> | Fire-killed tree     |
| <u>4</u> | Other cause of death |
| <u>8</u> | Windthrow            |
| <u>9</u> | Logging damage       |
- Actual death will probably be due to secondary causes. However, if such attacks followed severe logging damage, such damage will be considered the primary cause of death.
- (22) Keen Class. This crown classification system was designed for and has specific application to ponderosa pine. However, we believe it adaptable to other pine species for



descriptive purposes. Record as a two-digit code for all species of pine using the following classification:

Keen Class

<u>11-1A</u>	<u>31-3A</u>
<u>12-1B</u>	<u>32-3B</u>
<u>13-1C</u>	<u>33-3C</u>
<u>14-1D</u>	<u>34-3D</u>
<u>21-2A</u>	<u>41-4A</u>
<u>22-2B</u>	<u>42-4B</u>
<u>23-2C</u>	<u>43-4C</u>
<u>24-2D</u>	<u>44-4D</u>

00-All dead trees (applies only to pine and at time of remeasurement)

99-All species other than pine

(23) Tree Condition. Record as a two-digit code using the following classifications:

- 00 Tree dead
- 99 Tree okay
- 01 Bark-beetle attack (western pine beetle, mountain pine beetle, Douglas-fir beetle, Engraver beetle, etc.)
- 02 Other insect attack
- 03 Conks
- 04 Mistletoe and/or witches-broom
- 05 Blister rust
- 06 Other disease and rot
- 07 Multiple stem
- 08 Fire scar
- 09 Forked top
- 10 Top dead or dying (spike top)
- 11 Top out
- 12 Lightning struck
- 13 Logging damage
- 14 Winter injury
- 15 Other mechanical injury

(24) Risk. Record risk as a one-digit code for all trees 5.0" and larger DBH.

- 0 Dead tree
- 1 Dying tree - one which will probably die within the next ten years
- 2 Weak tree - one of declining vigor, but which will probably not die within the next ten years
- 3 Thrifty tree - one of apparent good vigor and showing no indications of a dangerous decline



- (25) Total Height Feet. For each plot measure total height of three tallest dominant trees. Also, record average height of these trees under Site Tree (14). See instructions Site Tree (14) Time permitting, important supplemental measurements of actual tree heights can be obtained at the time marked trees are cut on the sample plots. The data should be recorded by tree number on the tally sheet.
- (26) Defect by Log Position. Record as zero 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
- (27) Percent Merch. Record as zero.
- (28) Radial Growth. Radial growth borings will be taken on all live trees 5" DBH or over at DBH on the side of the tree facing the plot center and will be measured for the last 10 years to the nearest 1/20th (.05) inch. This will be recorded as a three-digit code as follows: 10-year radial growth of 1.05 inches would be coded 105, radial growth of 0.65 inches would be coded 065, etc.
- (29) Bark Measurement. For all trees recorded for Radial Growth (28), measure bark thickness to the nearest 1/20 (.05) inch. If possible measure bark thickness on the side of the tree facing the plot center at approximately DBH. Record single bark thickness as a three-digit code. For example, if the bark thickness was 1.95", it would be recorded as 195.
- (30) Understory Stocking. Record as zeros.



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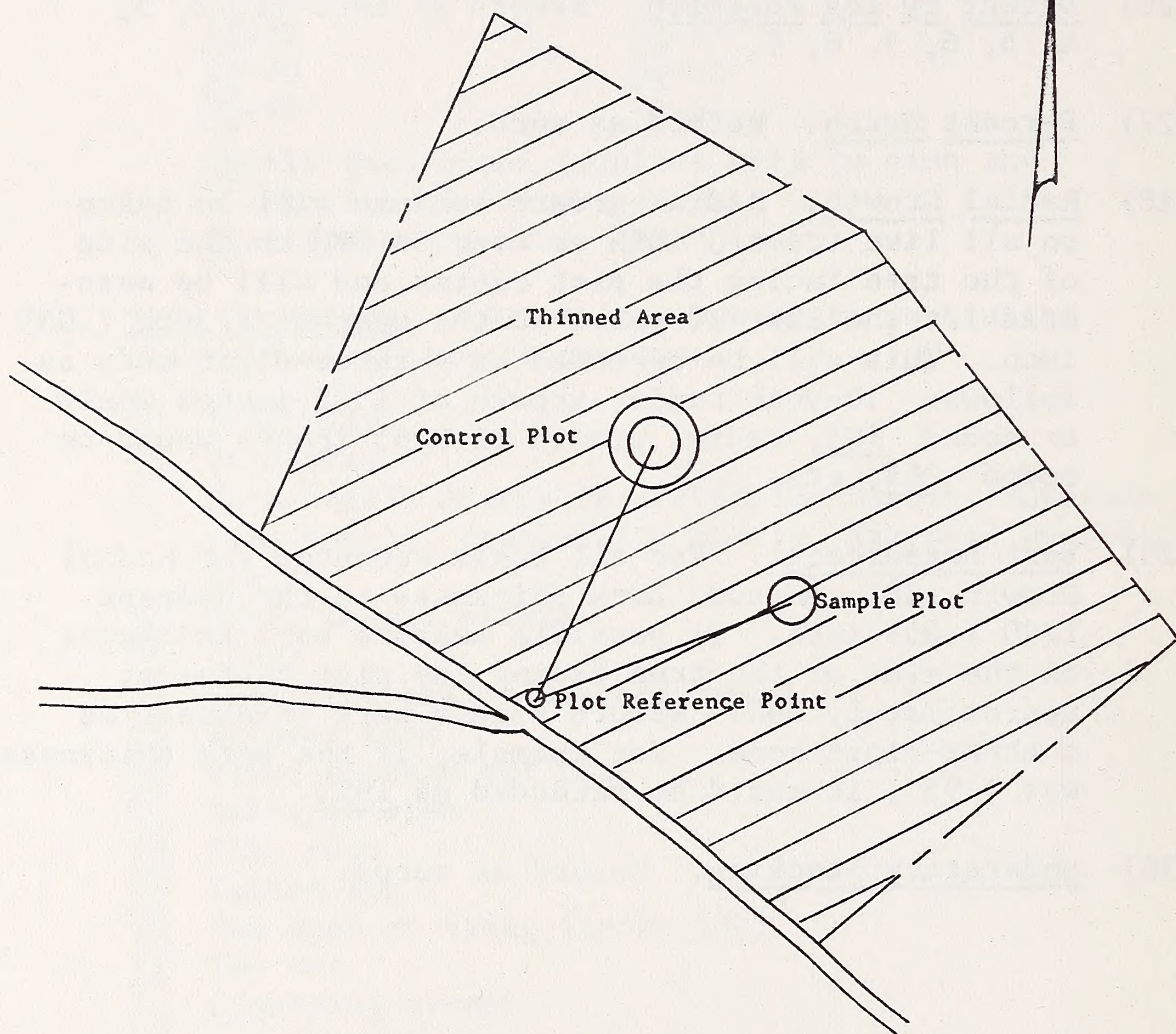
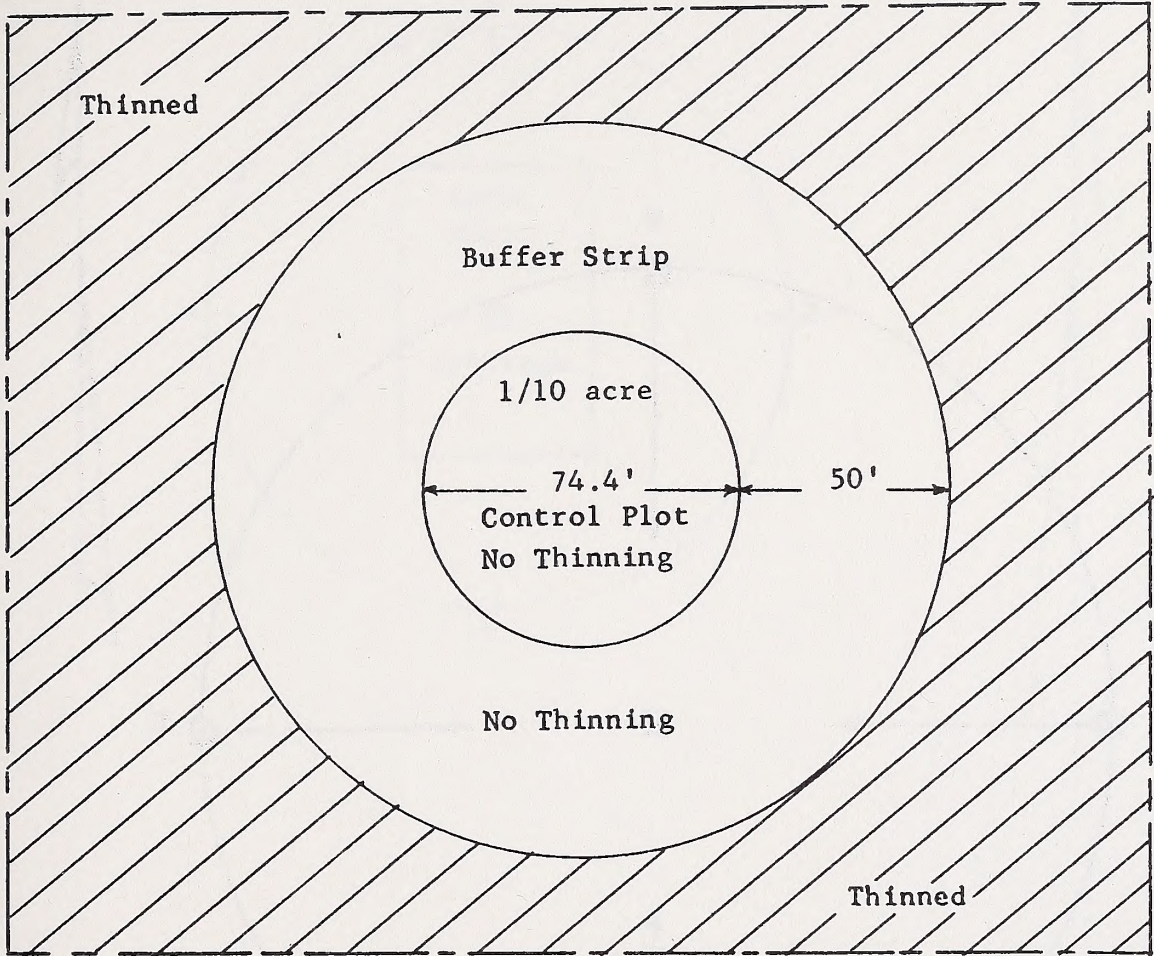


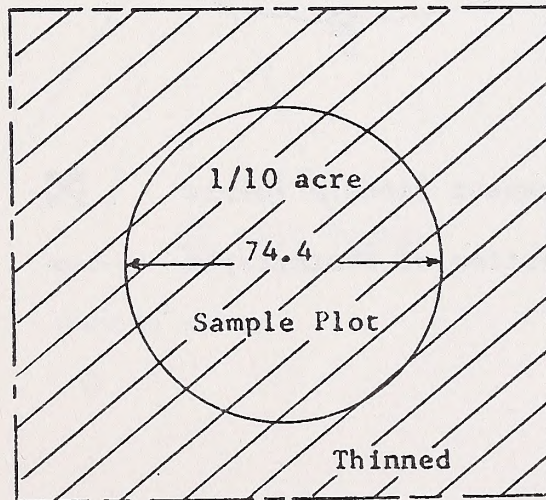
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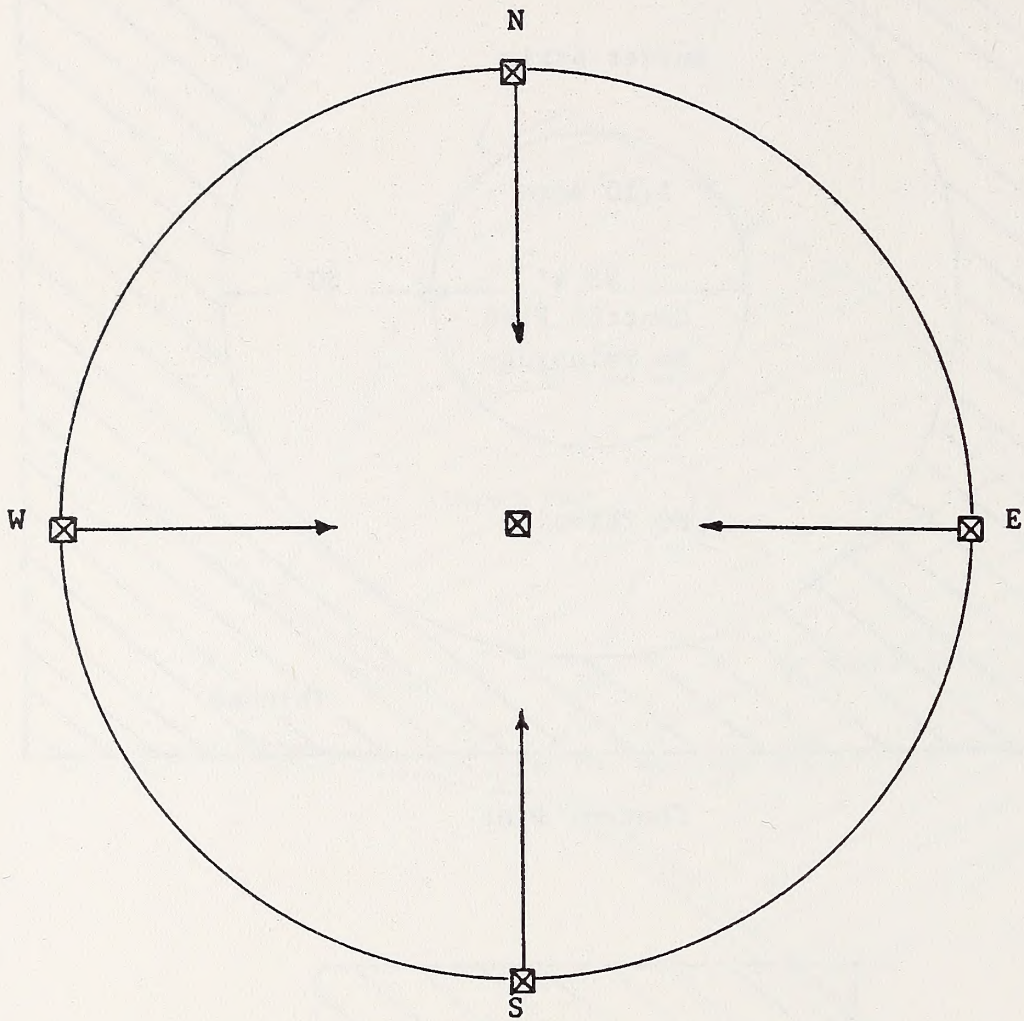



Sample Plot



Photograph Orientation

Interior Views



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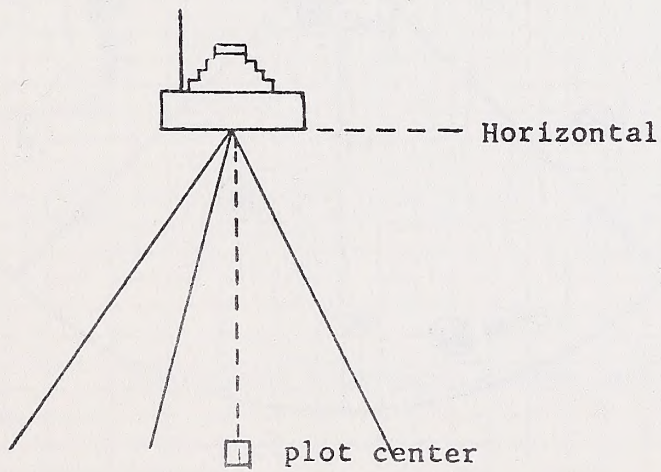
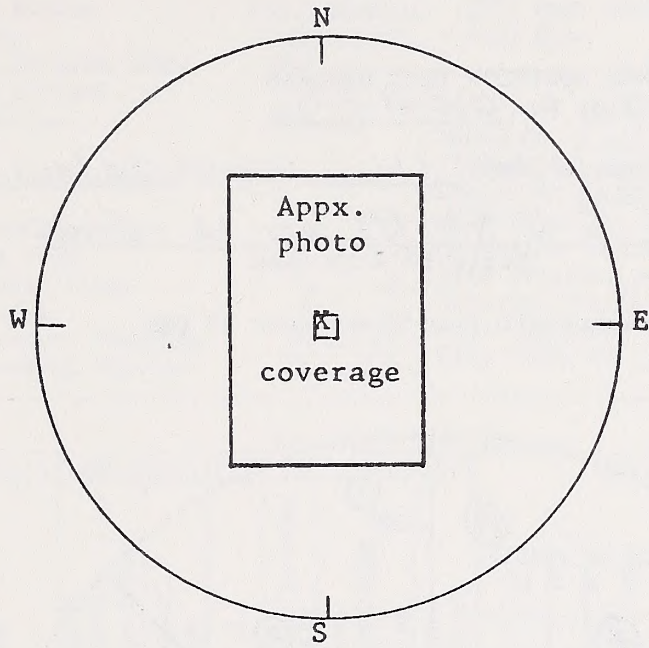
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Photograph Orientation

Crown Closure



Camera setup



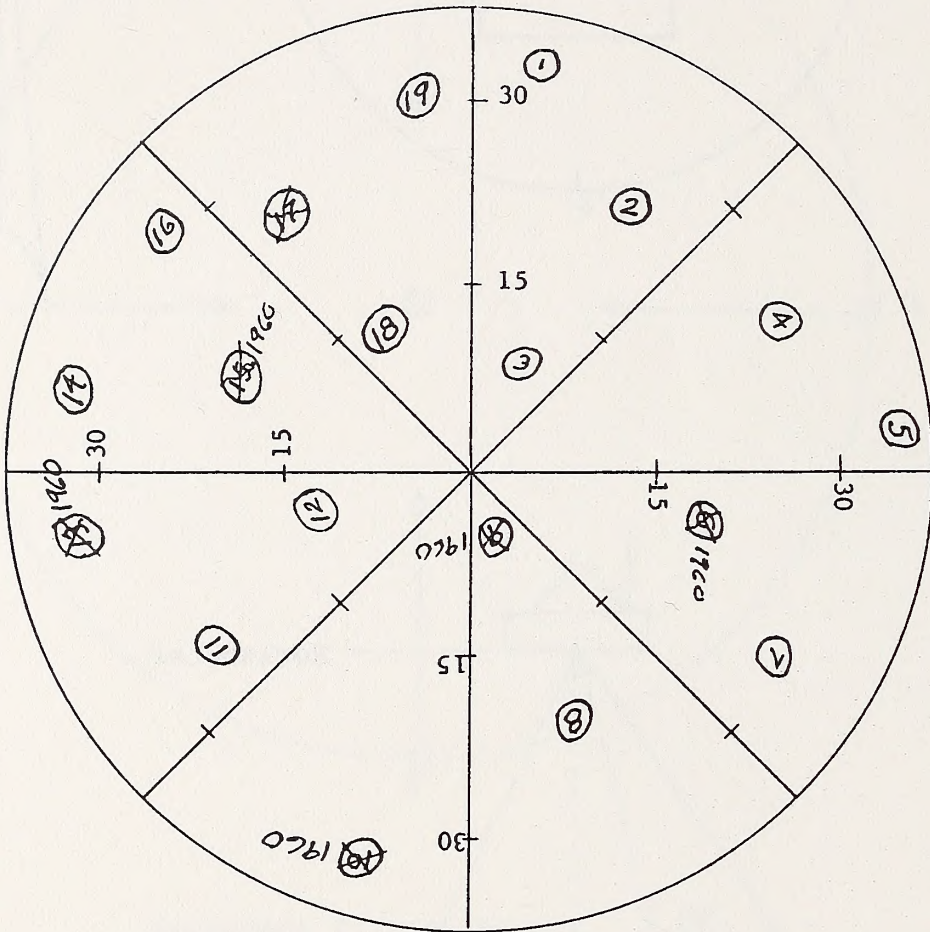
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TREE POSITION PLOT DIAGRAM  
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 Scale 1" = 15 feet

Record all live trees over 5" DBH



Legend

- Plot trees - tree number circled ----- (12)
- Marked trees - X over tree number and dated ---- (X) 1960
- Stumps - X over tree number and dated ---- (X) 1960

Exhibit n1















