

Diversity Thinning

Project made possible through the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act.

On the McKenzie River Ranger District a huge backlog of over 2000 acres in Late Successional Reserves needed thinning. With the help of Title II funding, the backlog has been reduced and should be caught up by 2006.

Diversity Thinning accelerates the development of late-successional characteristics. It restores and maintains streams, concurrently benefiting wildlife and plant communities. This particular thinning project covered 358 acres. Permanent monitoring plots and photo points were established to track tree and vegetation growth and diversity over a number of years.

*Youth Conservation Corp Crew
establishing Pre-treatment Monitoring.*



Stand after Diversity Thinning. Notice gaps, clumps, and variable spacing.

- **Total Project Cost:** \$79,057
- **Title II Funding:** \$79,057
- **Employed:** 42 Laborer Days
- **Type of Project:** Thinning
- **County:** Lane
- **Year Awarded:** 2002



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