



Oregon State Forests FY2021 Annual Operations Plans Information Item

Topics:

- Planning Hierarchy and Relationships
- State Forests Annual Operations Planning Process
- Public Comments and Preliminary Responses

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Relationship of FMP → IP → AOP

Forest Management Plans

Adopted by BOF

Strategic Plan

- Adopted as Administrative Rule - Equals GPV
- Long Range Plan

Contains

- Guiding Principles
- Goals
- Strategies
- Guidelines for IPs, Asset Management, etc.
- Implementation levels

Implementation Plans

Approved by State Forester

Tactical Plan

- Achieves goals of FMP
- District Specific
- Mid Range Plan

Contains

- District overview of key resources and land ownership
- Management opportunities
- Average annual harvest objective
- Current forest structure
- Desired future forest condition

Annual Operations Plans

Approved by District Forester

Operational Plan

- Achieves IP Objectives
- District Specific
- Fiscal Year Plan

Contains

- Description of harvest operations and forest projects
 - Timber Sales
 - Habitat Improvements
 - Young Stand Mgmt.
 - Recreation
 - Road Mgmt. Projects
 - Monitoring/Research

Relationship of FMP → IP → AOP

Example: Complex Forest Conditions and Harvest Levels

**Forest
Management
Plans**
Adopted by BOF

**Implementation
Plans**
Approved by
State Forester

**Annual
Operations Plans**
Approved by
District Forester

Strategic Plan

- Achieves GPV

Examples:

- Establishes long term goal for desired future condition 30-50%
- Retains all existing old growth, and existing OFS where mapped in Implementation Plans
- Active management framework

Tactical Plan

- Achieves goals of FMP

Examples

- Mapped landscape design for complex forest development currently 30 – 45%
- Landscape design created collaboratively with resource specialists
- Establishes average annual harvest objective

Operational Plan

- Achieves IP Objectives

Examples

- Harvest prescriptions aligned with mapped Desired Future Condition
- Achieves average annual harvest objective



Questions on Planning Hierarchy and Relationships

State Forests Annual Operations Planning (AOP) Process

Overview:

- AOP development is a multi-year collaborative process
- Aligned with District Implementation Plans and Forest Management Plans
- Results in fiscal year plans for:
 - Harvest operations
 - Road projects
 - Young stand silviculture
 - Aquatic habitat enhancement
 - Recreation projects
 - County/Common School Fund revenues



State Forests Annual Operations Planning

Initial Scoping:

- 1 to 3 years prior to AOP year
- District staff and resource specialists identify timber sale candidate pool, identify trade-offs, and select candidates to move forward
- Threatened and endangered species surveys scheduled where required
- Forest projects for recreation, roads, environmental enhancements and young stand silviculture considered



State Forests AOP Process:

Internal Review:

- Occurs in the summer/fall prior to AOP year
- Office/field reviews by district staff and resource specialist conducted (GeoTech, Aquatics Specialists, Wildlife Biologists, Division Engineer, etc.)
- Preliminary preoperations reports are prepared that incorporate input from district staff and resource specialists

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External Review:

- Occurs in the fall/winter prior to AOP year
- AOPs are reviewed by resource specialists from multiple agencies who give feedback specific to their areas of expertise:
 - ODFW Wildlife and Fish Biologists
 - ODOT Archaeologists - cultural/historic resource review
 - OPRD - Scenic Waterways
 - USFWS - T&E information sharing
 - Government to government engagement with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes



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Public Engagement:

- Ongoing process prior to AOP year
- Two AOP informational sessions were held in February (Astoria and Salem)
- 45-Day Public Comment Period (March – May)
- Web map tool for the public to view sale locations and detailed pre-operations reports
- State Forests Advisory Committee review and feedback
- District engagement with local governments and neighbors

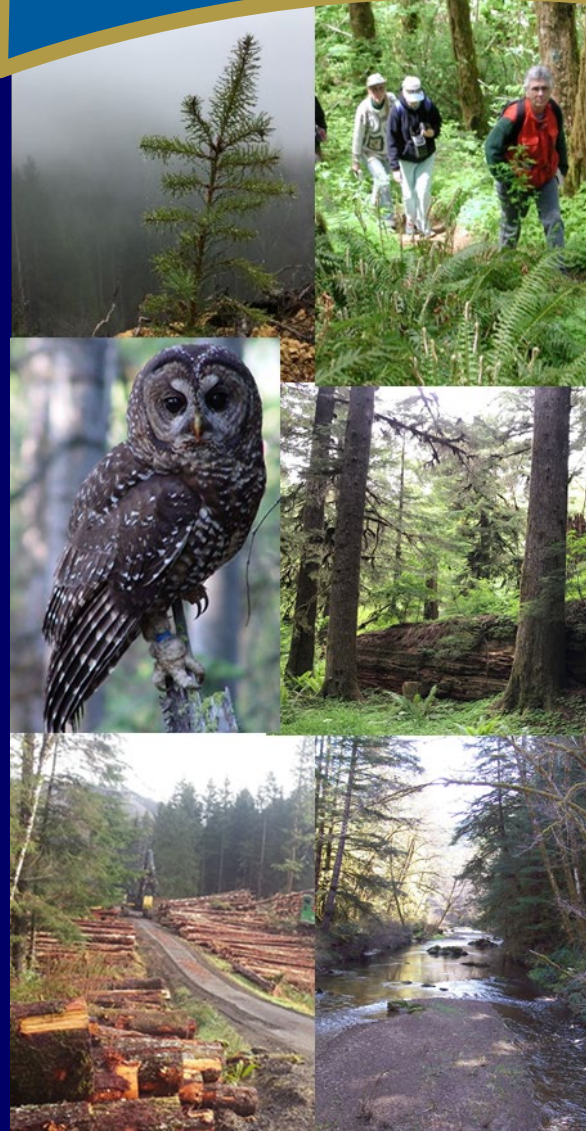


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Annual Operations Planning Process

AOP Finalization and Approval:

- District Foresters and staff consider public comments and make final refinements to AOPs
- AOPs approved by District Foresters prior to June 30
- Specialist consultation continues as needed during sale layout





Questions on State Forests Annual Operations Planning Process

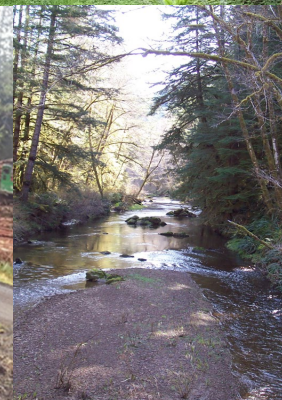
FY2021 Annual Operations Plan Public Comment Themes



- Recreation
- Pesticide Use
- Climate Change & Carbon
- Roads
- Slopes and Aquatics
- Targets & Performance Measures
- Timber Harvest

Recreation Comments

- Majority of comments voiced support for plans to develop trailheads at a downhill mountain biking trail area and the Wilson River Trail in the Tillamook State Forest
- Others requested increased services including hiking trails, horseback riding, mountain biking, or OHV opportunities
- A few related to maintaining public access and reducing number of gates



Pesticide Use Comments

- Requests to:
 - Reduce/eliminate use of pesticides
 - Reduce/eliminate aerial applications
 - Increase communication with public about pesticide use



Climate Change/Carbon Comments



- Concerns:

- Planned activities will reduce carbon sequestration
- Make landscapes more vulnerable to wildfires and climate change

Roads Comments

- Concerns:
 - Building too many new roads and requests to close more existing roads
 - Hydrologic connectivity of roads to streams
 - Investment levels in road maintenance



Streams and Steep Slopes Comments

- Concerns:
 - Planned timber sales on steep slopes near streams
 - All Geotechnical reviews not finalized prior to AOP public comment period




Targets and Performance Measures Comments

- Concerns:
 - Plans focus on revenue
 - Lack targets for other forest values



Timber Harvest Comments

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- Concern about clearcutting layered stands/older stands
 - Requests to increase harvest/not harvesting growth
 - Support for harvesting to generate revenue to rural communities and provide timber related Jobs
 - Concern about harvest sustainability



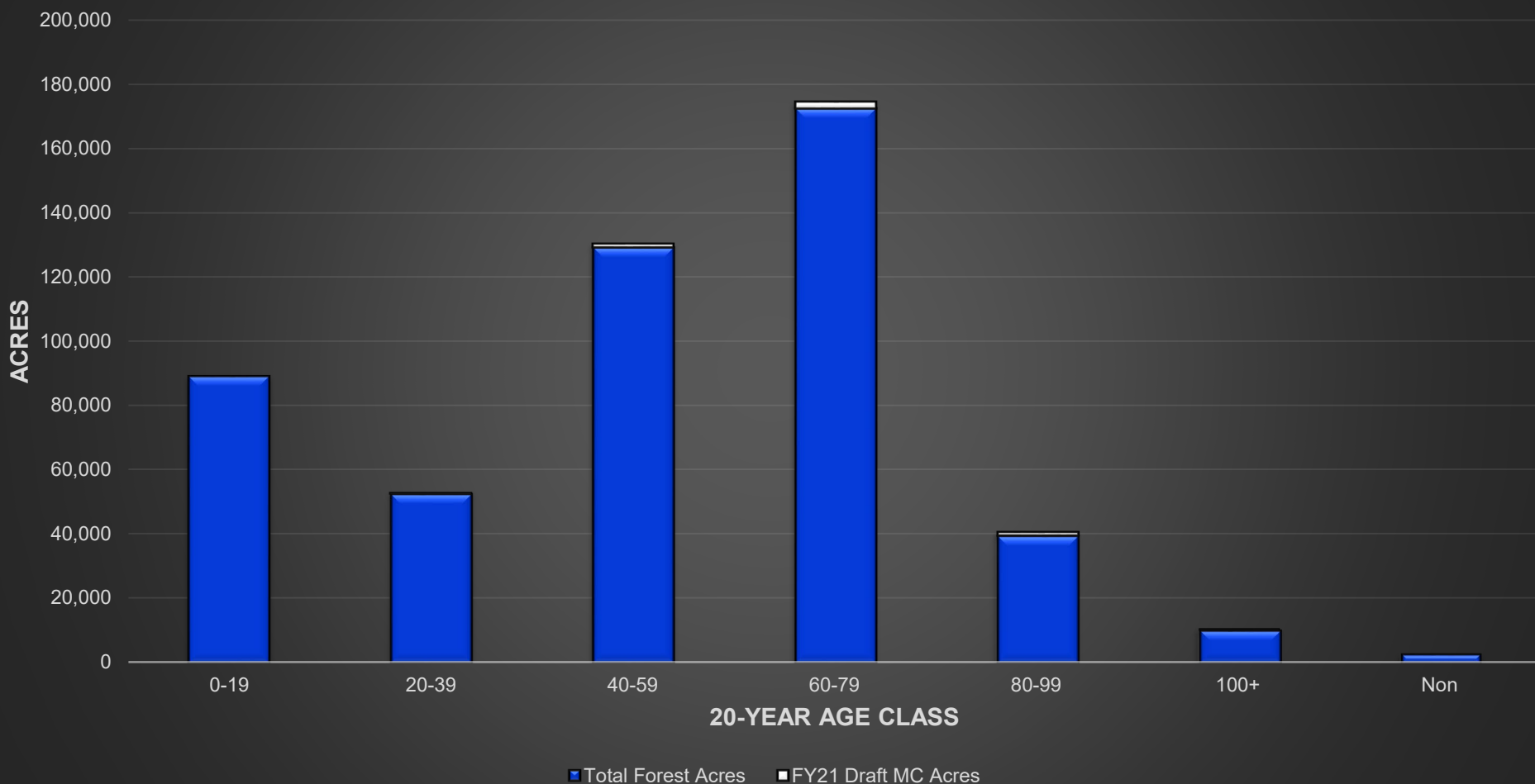
Questions on FY2021 Public Comments and Responses

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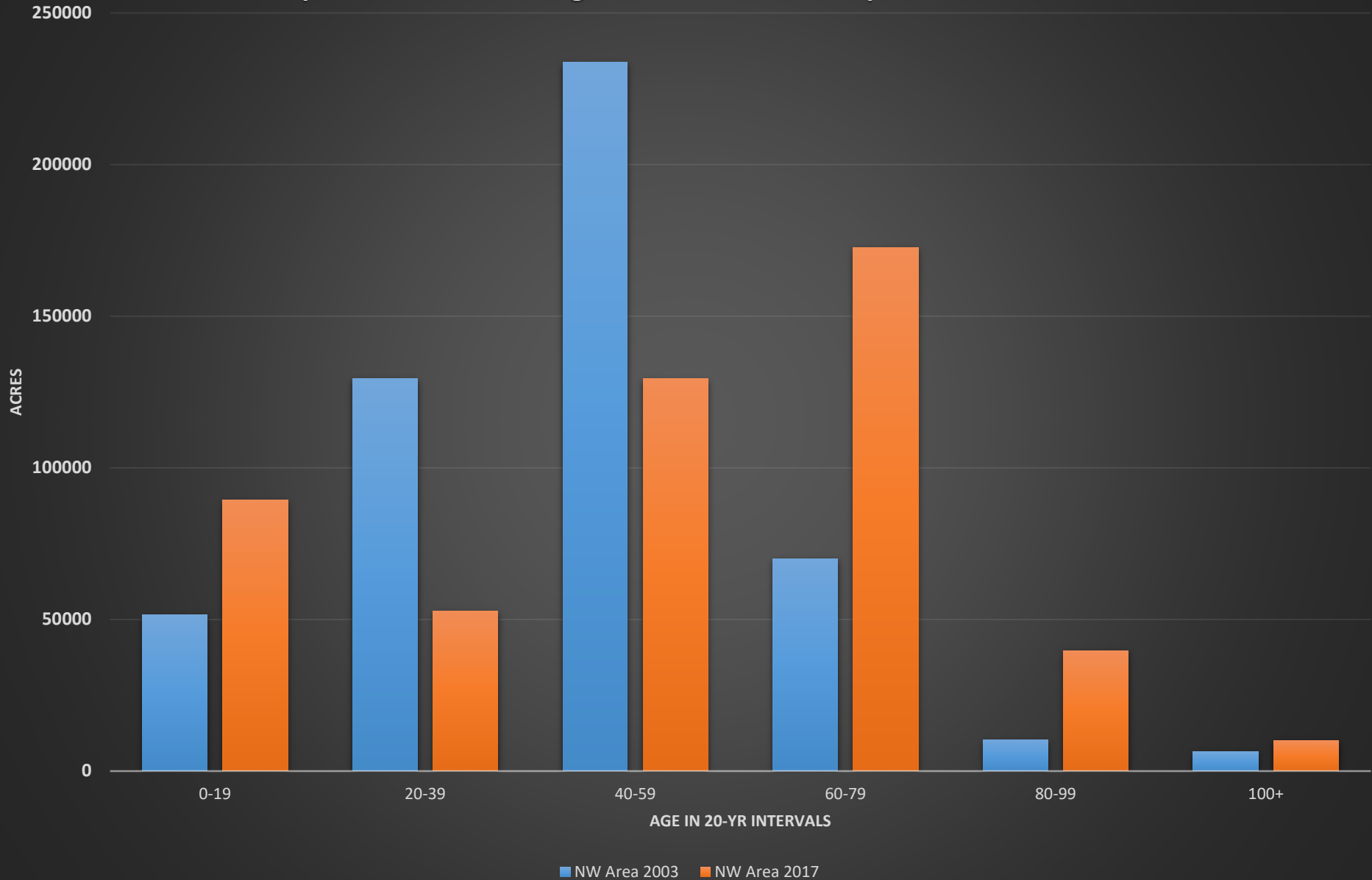
Modified Clearcut Harvest by Age Class

Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests

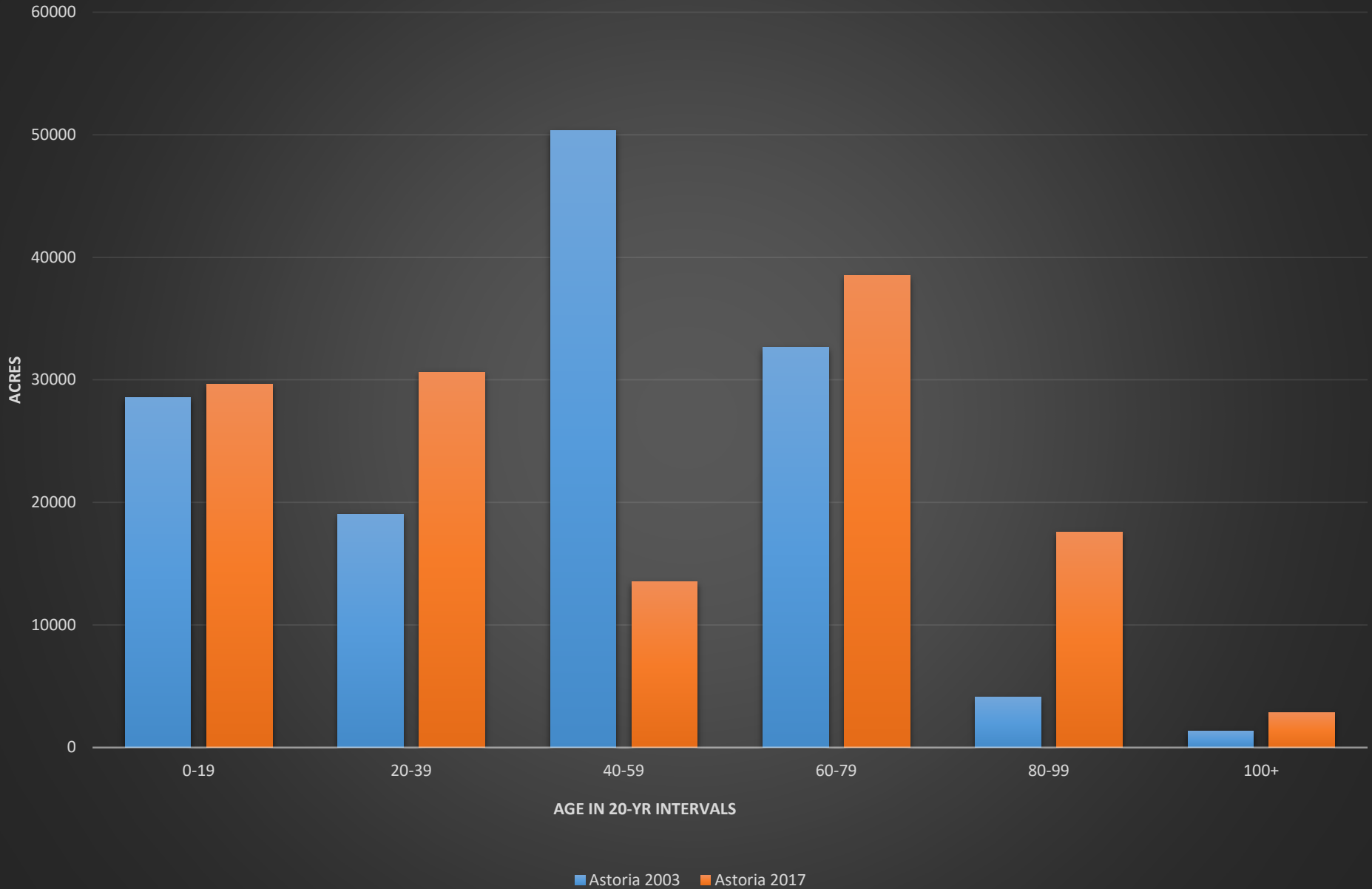
Modified Clearcut = 0.9% of Total Acres



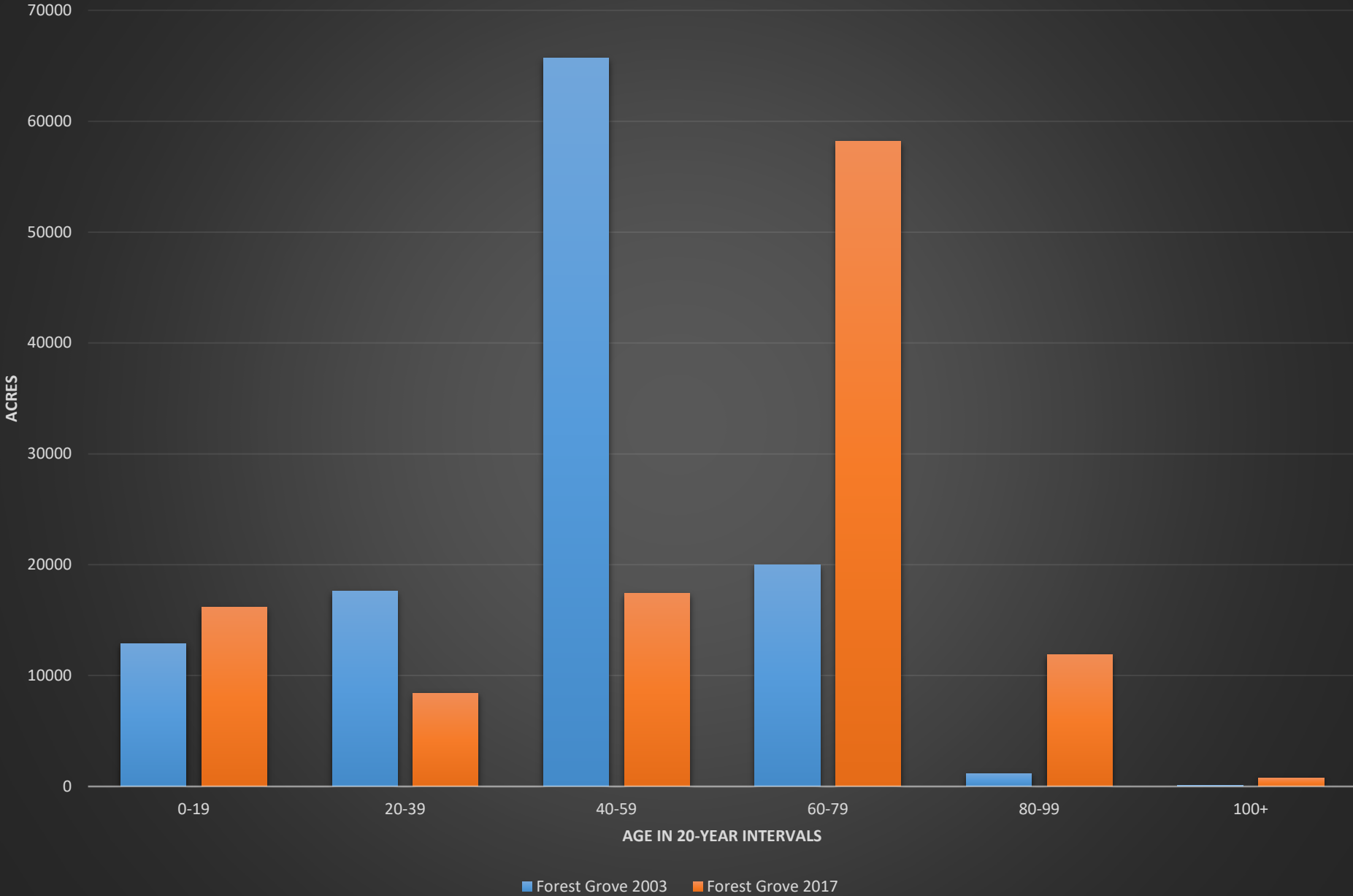
Clatsop and Tillamook Age Distribution Comparison 2003 to 2017



Astoria Age Graph Comparison 2003 to 2017



Forest Grove Age Comparison 2003 to 2017



Tillamook Age Graph Comparison 2003 to 2017

