## Washington County Forest Inventory Stocks



Distribution of 160 Idaho USDA Forest Inventory and Analysis Plots by land ownership

## Land Base Overview

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program administered by the USDA Forest Service serves as our national forest inventory. In Idaho, each plot represents roughly 6,000 acres and is revisited on a 10-year cycle beginning in 2004. The data collected provides valuable information on forest extent and stocks as well as how those stocks change over time. This fact sheet details the FIA data for Washington County, Idaho.

| Area Sq <br> Miles | Forested <br> Acres | \% Forested | Total Acres |
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| 1,474 | 98,781 | $10.5 \%$ | 943,064 |

Washington County has just under 100,000 acres (10\%) of its land base classified as forest. Forest Service and state forests are found in the northern parts of the county while the private and federal land dominate the southern part of the county.

Land Use


- Agriculture
- Rangeland
- Developed
- Other
- Forested


## Area and Volume by Forest Type and Owner

Equally important to the overall extent of the county's forests is its ownership and prevalent forest types. Forest extent by type and the volume on those acres provides insight into the economic and ecological opportunities given each owner's management focus. Washington County is dominated by Forest Service land in largely softwood forest types like True Fir and Douglas-fir.

|  | Forest Service | Other Federal | State/ Local | Private/ <br> Native American | Total | Forest Service | Other Federal | State/ Local | Private/ <br> Native American | Total |
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| Softwood |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas-fir | 112 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 120 | 46 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 52 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| True Fir | 57 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 63 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 24 |
| Total | 209 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 225 | 79 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 93 |

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## Forest Carbon

Forests are a significant part of the global carbon cycle. The productivity class indicates potential annual forest growth. This potential along with current forest size and stocking affect how much carbon a forest can intake, sequestering it from atmospheric accounts into woody biomass. Washington County's forests have been emitting carbon at a rate of 0.06 MT C per year since 2013. Dead tree carbon pools have fluctuated over that time period ranging between less than 0.1 and 0.5 MT C in stocks.

Forest Productivity Class



Each year since 2004, the FIA has measured 1/10th of the plots in Washington County. This means that a full sample was not collected until 2013. This is indicated by the blue coloring on the graph, which becomes lighter as more plots are measured. The early measurements are less precise than the ones after 2013, when all plots were measured, and the remeasuring process began.

## Disturbance



Disturbances, either natural or management-related, are another factor of change affecting Idaho's forests. Insects are the largest factor of disturbance observed in the FIA data for Washington County, and becoming a bigger problem as they infect more trees. Forest management related disturbance is much smaller.

|  | Forest <br> Service | Other <br> Federal | State/ <br> Local | Private/ <br> Native <br> American |  |
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| Disturbance |  |  |  |  | Total |
| $\quad$ Disease | 2,514 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,514 |
| Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insect | 3,771 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,771 |
| Other Disturbance | 5,499 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,499 |
| Total | 6,284 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,284 |
| Management |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Planting | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cutting | 628 | 0 | 1,786 | 0 | 2,414 |
| Other Treatment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Preparation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 628 | 0 | 1,786 | 0 | 2,414 |
| Grand Total | 6,913 | 0 | 1,786 | 0 | 8,698 |

