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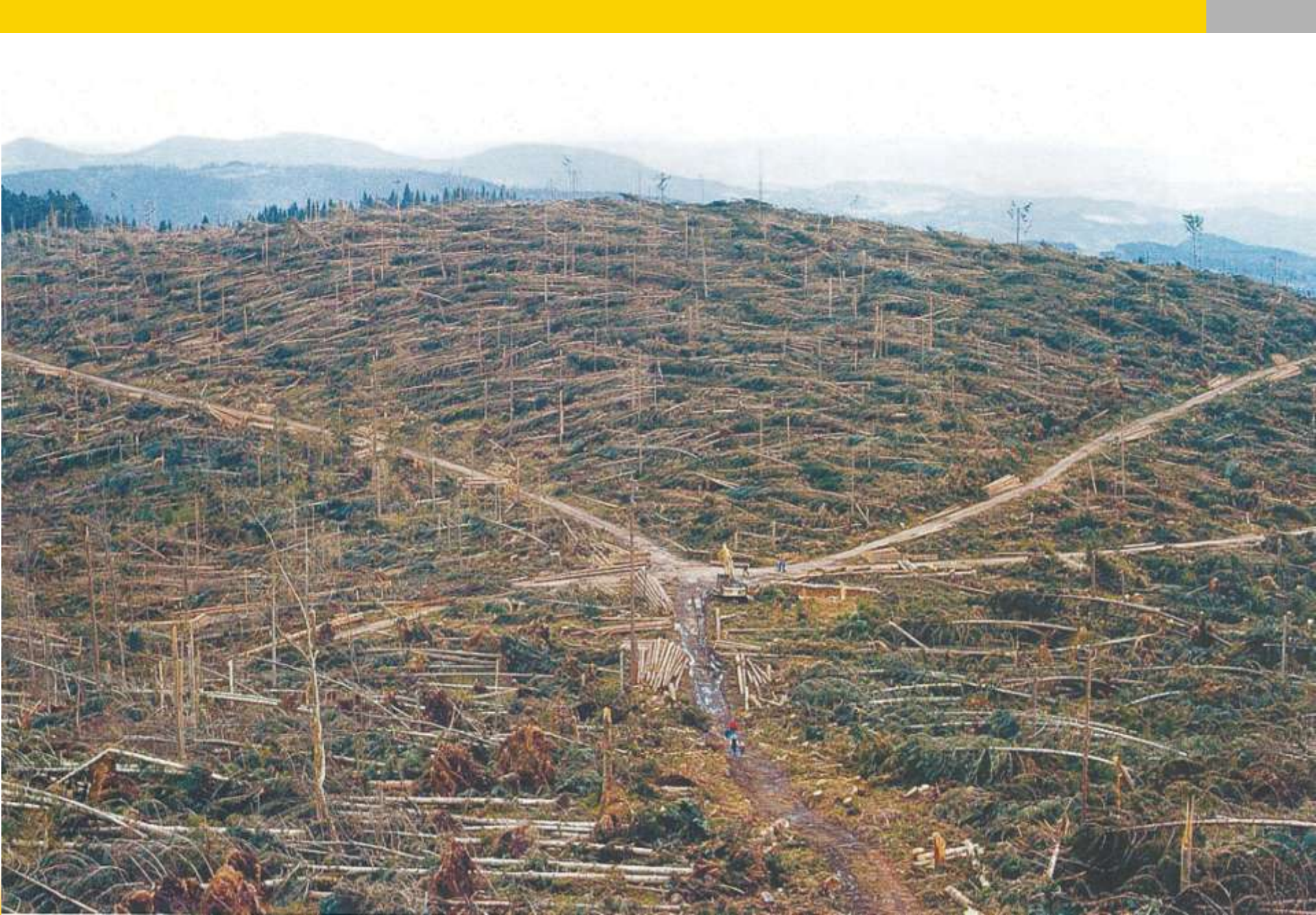
Topic: Joint Salvage Logging of Storm-Damaged Timber



Amount of Damaged Timber from Storm Lothar

Christmas 1999

Baden-Württemberg	District Ortenau	Former Forestry District Gengenbach
30 million m³	3.5 million m³	0.7 million m³













What happened first?



- State of shock and overreaction
- First casualties
- Political pleas

Exact Procedure



- 28.12.1999 – Concept discussion
3 Mayors, Chairman of Forest Enterprise Association(FGB), Forestry Office, 3 Foresters
--> Result: Establishment of a community based on solidarity
- 02.01.2000 – Concept adopted
- 07.01.2000 – Forest owners assembly with 300 forest owners

Focus of the Concept, Part 1



- Establishment of a mutually supportive community with the forestry office and the forest enterprise association
 - All types of forest ownership (private, communal and state forest) are included in this solidarity-based forest community (FSG)
- The administrative work would be managed by the forestry office

Focus of the Concept, Part 2



- Private and communal forest owners are offered that the FSG take over the whole salvage logging activity
- FSG organises the pre-financing of the salvage logging costs
- Communities undertake the loan guarantee with the local credit institutions
- To ease the strain on the market, wet storage areas are to be created

Focus of the Concept, Part 3



- All FSG forest owners are to be treated equally in the marketing process, regardless of when the salvage logging takes place
- It is, in case of forestry matters, politically desired that the state forest acts in favor of private forests
- A managing director and a supervisory board are to be founded

Priorities in the Sale of Timber



- Immediately after the salvage logging large quantities should be sold (but not at throwaway prices)
- The timber that has not been sold or processed by spring-time must be stored wet storage facilities (starting from 300,000 m³)

Financial Implementation



- All sales revenue go to a special account of FBG
- Through high necessary pre-financing is an advance payment only possible, if large quantities are sold
- Forest owners, who reprocess on their own, receive an advance payment in the amount of salvage logging costs (about 25 €/m³)
- All possible grants (salvage logging costs, storage costs, marketing premiums) are initially placed in a special account

- Only after all the wood is sold (including the ones in wet storage facilities) will the final settlement take place
- For this are all necessary data (volume, tree species, diameter and quality classes, as well as salvage logging costs) stored

Results from the FSG

- Completion, Spring 2004
- There was an average revenue of €46 (ranging 35-37 €/m³)
- The average salvage logging costs were €25
- All participants were satisfied, no dispute existed

Funding of „Emergency Measures“ after Storm Lothar



1. Salvage logging credit of 30 €/m³ storm wood
 - Low-interest loans (under 1%)
2. Establishment of wet storage facility
 - 40% of the costs
3. Transport to dry or wet storage facility
 - 5 €/m³
4. Storage in wet storage facility
 - 3 €/m³ and year

Funding of „Emergency Measures“ after Storm Lothar, Part 2



5. Clearing of storm areas for site preparation
 - 1000 €/ha
6. Reconstruction and upgrading of the pathways
 - 40-50% of costs depending on complexity/broadleaves
7. With broadleaves or mix silver cultures
 - 85 to 70% of the costs, max. 4100 €/ha
8. Reconstruction measures
 - Annual allowance of 100-250 €/ha

What would we do differently?



- Start slower and calmer
- One week development of concept: Forest owners may return in the forest only after a week
- Control salvage logging in the forest according to timber flow
- No big salvage logging contracts
- For every business owner a local personnel