



For the most part, oxen were incredibly gentle – given their immense strength – as seen here with the Hoffman brother's logging operation near Myrtle Point, circa 1910. As Nellie Hoffman Epperson Palmer recalls (currently 100 years old, shown at age five in this photo), the names of the bulls were Duke and Broad (up front), Buck and Ben (in middle) and Stub and Doc (in rear). The final animal was called Doc Number Two but is not hooked to the turn of logs. The bulls were fairly easy to train to pull as a team. Coos Historical and Maritime Museum, Jack Slattery Collection 992-8-0526

Bull team delivering logs alongside the South Fork Coos River, circa 1880.  
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