

Forestry Program for Oregon and Planning Cycles

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Forestry Program for Oregon – Overview

The Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO) is not a statute or rule, it is a document and process that provides a coherent foundation for establishing the Board's priorities, policy deliberation, and guidance to Department initiatives and planning.

Guides Policy

"...the FPFO provides a clear, quantifiable picture of what sustainable forest management of all of the state's public and private forests should look like. It also provides the basis for future policy work..."
(2011 Forestry Program for Oregon)

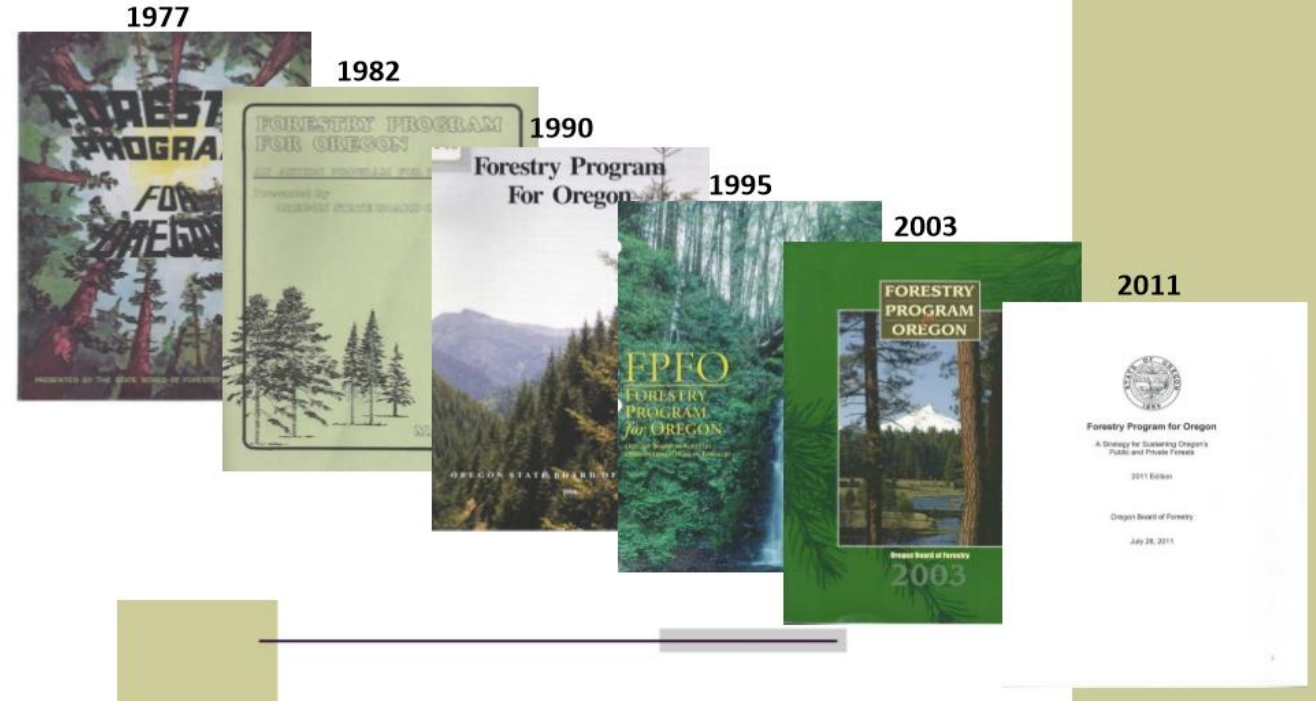
Guides Planning

"...this Forestry Program for Oregon is not an end product. It is the foundation for discussion and planning over the next eight years. The Board hopes to show a clear connection between its goals and objectives, Board Work Plans and meeting agendas, Department of Forestry programs, and the policies of other natural resource agencies with responsibilities that affect forestlands. ."
(2011 Forestry Program for Oregon)

Forestry Program for Oregon – Overview

The Forestry Program for Oregon describes the Board's mission, values, vision, goals, objectives, and indicators of sustainable forest management.

- Mission establishes the purpose of the Board
- Values identify guiding forestry philosophies
- Vision describes conditions the Board wants to establish, on a 20-year horizon
- Goals identify what the Board wants to achieve over the next eight years
- Objectives are near term actions to focus efforts
- Indicators serve to reflect change and progress in goal achievement



Forestry Program for Oregon - History

1977 Forestry Program for Oregon

- Began with a board decision (1972) to respond to editorials raising concern over forest assessment needs, resource issues, and leadership needs
- Included a catalog and index of existing resource data
- Report was a program to sustain production while considering amenity values

1982 Forestry Program for Oregon

- Recognition of need to go beyond supply and assess non-timber resources
- Updated using public input and research
- Focused on intensive management, inventory, land use planning, forest taxation, protection from fire, insect, disease, and resource monitoring

Forestry Program for Oregon – History

1990 Forestry Program for Oregon

- Organized around a mission statement, objectives, and policy goals related to objectives
- Objectives: forest land use, forest practices, timber growth and harvest, recreation, fish and wildlife, grazing and other uses, protection and public education
- Beginning of considering all forest resources not just timber and ownership
- Effort to consider forests as a whole and actions to the benefit of the state and citizens

1995 Forestry Program for Oregon

- Revision of mission, developed vision and value statements
- Objectives reflected prior edition, included policies to address vision and values
- Commitment to monitoring, adaptive management, and ecosystem health and sustainability

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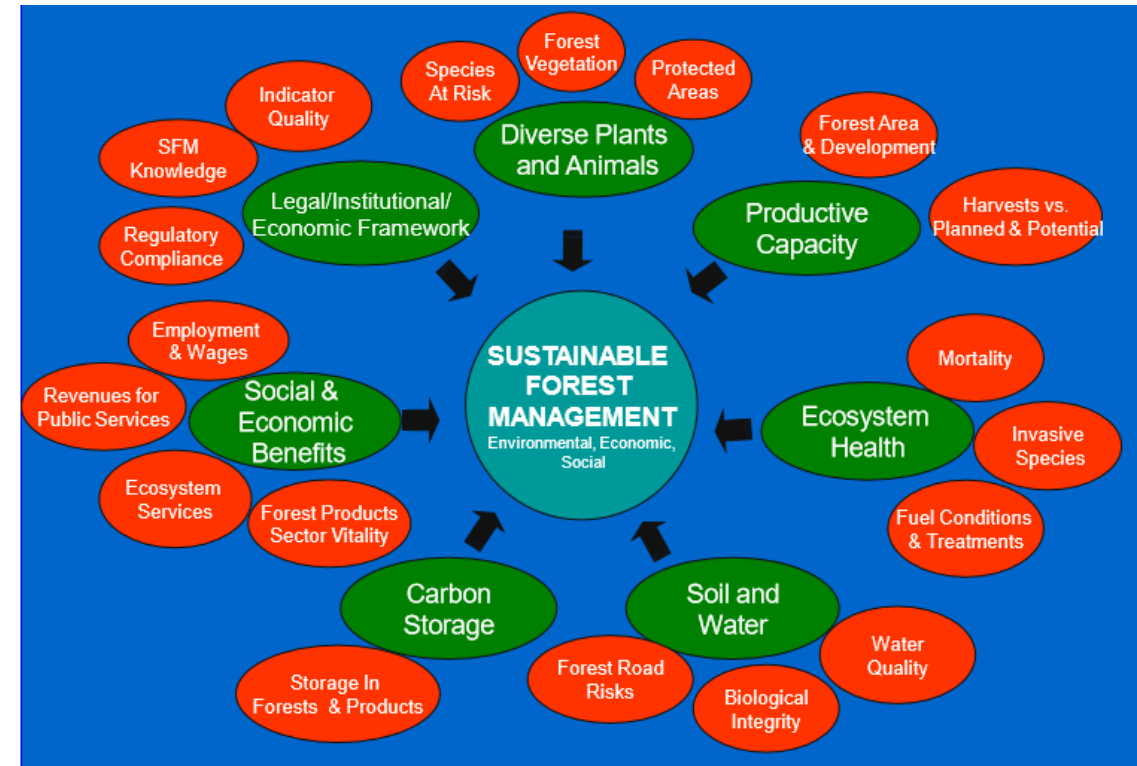
2003 Forestry Program for Oregon

- Substantive change in framework and goals based on the Montreal Process for Sustainable Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests
- Seven Goals included: Social and economic benefits, carbon storage, soil and water, ecosystem health, productive capacity, diverse plant and animal populations and habitat, and sound legal and economic framework
- Included indicators for measuring progress
- First Approximation Report, comprehensive assessment of Oregon forest resources as basis to evaluate using Montreal criteria and indicators.

2011 Forestry Program for Oregon

Current Edition

- Reflected the 2003 edition using Montreal criteria for sustainable forestry
- Updated mission, vision, and values
- Focus shift from timber supply assessments to keeping forest land in forest use
- Included 19 indicators of sustainable management to measure quantitative and qualitative attributes and monitor trends
- Direction to update the Forestry Program for Oregon on 8-year cycles and establish board work plans to integrate planning into decision making



Forestry Program for Oregon - Revision

Revision is a substantial process in terms of time and commitment

- Assessments, public engagement and input, Board discussion and time
- The process has served to harmonize the Board and Department in policy and priority
- The documents serve as a coherent voice regarding Board forest policy and planning

A revision and review of indicators could begin in 2022

- Following Climate Change Carbon Plan
- Begin with consideration of Montreal criteria or alternative framework

Board and Agency Planning and Cycles

The Board and Department use interrelated processes for developing and implementing strategic direction and operational aspects of agency business with planning occurring at three organizational levels:

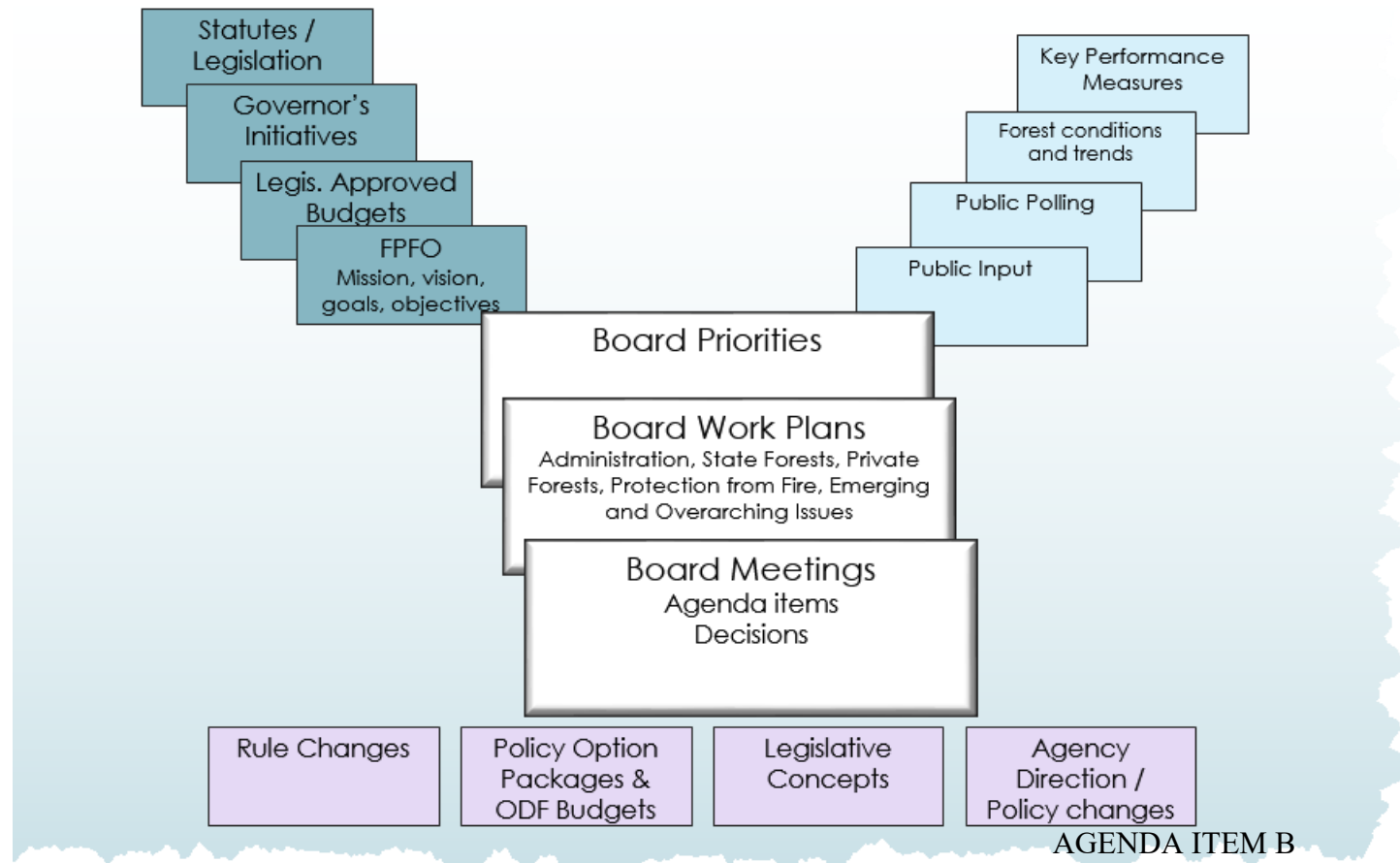
- Board
- Agency
- Operational

Board Planning

Board planning is driven by board priorities which are informed via multiple inputs...

- Forestry Program for Oregon, Budgets, Statutes, Governor Initiatives, Public Interests, Resource Conditions, and other Factors.

Together these establish the Board's Priorities which inform Agency and Division Work plans and Initiatives.



Board Biennial Planning Cycle

Even Numbered Years			
January	March	July	October
Board presented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two-year work plans - Budget requests and legislative concepts for next biennium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board finalizes two-year work plans. - Board governance performance self-evaluation initiated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agency Request Budget approved by the Board for upcoming biennium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modifications to approved work plans and alignment for strategic planning discussed. - Board annual self-evaluation and performance review for State Forester.

Odd Numbered Years				
January	July	September	October	November
Board presented staff recommendations to modify the current two-year work plans	Legislative session update provided.	Board takes stock of issues and Department reports to Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning workshop with Board and Department to discuss priorities for coming two years. - Board annual self-evaluation and performance review for State Forester. 	Department reviews proposed two-year work plans with Board.

AGENDA ITEM B
Attachment 2

Agency and Operational Planning

Agency Planning

- Agency planning revolves on a strategic assessment, identifies longer term (3 to 5 years) focus areas and strategic goals
- Focus areas inform strategic initiatives to pursue in the next biennium
- The strategic assessment is carried out biennially beginning in July (odd years) with agency leadership (Executive Team), Board (October Planning Retreat), and Leadership Team

Operational Planning

- Annual implementation of agency businesses in field units, Divisions, and Programs
- Process identifies key actions and resources each Division needs to include in operations plans for the implementation of strategic initiatives

Strategic Planning and Budgeting

Strategic and Operational Planning Process Components and Timelines																								
Odd-Numbered Years												Even-Numbered Years												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legislative Session												LS												
					Periodic Strategic Assessment																			
									BOF Work Plan Integration													BOF		
												Budget Prep & Submittal												
												LC Prep & Submittal												
Fiscal Budget & FYOP												Fiscal Budget & FYOP												
Individual Work Plans and Performance Evaluations																								

Agency and Operational Planning

The Department's planning process is designed to be responsive, adaptive, and intended to:

- Foster alignment with Board policy and inform topics for Board work plans
- Foster alignment in agency leadership on the direction for key businesses
- Provide a process for managing change in relation to agency business and services
- Clearly and consistently seek input from public and constituents
- Communicate to employees on proposed changes to agency and seek input
- Identify actions for inclusion in Division, Program, or field unit Operational Plans

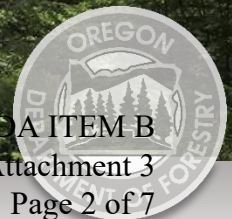
Questions



Stewardship Agreements

What is a Stewardship Agreement?

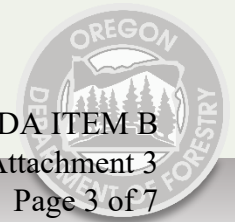
- Outlines the commitments of the Landowner and ODF
- Aims to provide regulatory stability –
 - Specific to the scope of the Oregon Forest Practices Act
- Supports and recognizes complimentary programs & landowner efforts



Key Events



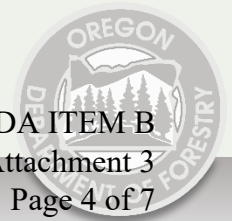
- Created in 1997
- 2007 – SA current form
- 2008. HFRP reauthorized in the Farm Bill
- 2010. Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement for the Northern Spotted Owl



Oregon FPA - Division 21

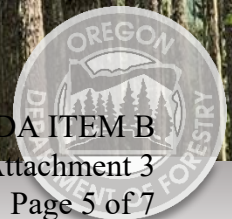


- Set of rules that provide the direction and process from start to finish
- Some points of interest:
 - program may not meet the objectives of all landowners.
 - Commitments of the landowner and the department
 - Allowances for Revising and Terminating



Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)

- Voluntary federal program (NRCS)
- Intends to enhance forest ecosystems
- Oregon HFRP was focused on NSO
 - Easements and conservation practices



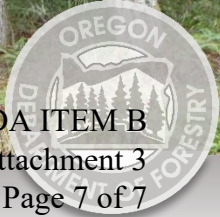
Programmatic Safe Harbor - NSO



- Mutual Agreement between: ODF, NRCS, and USFWS
- ODF is the permit holder
- Landowner receives a Certificate of Inclusion
- Requires a Stewardship Agreement



Spotlight: Bauman Tree Farm

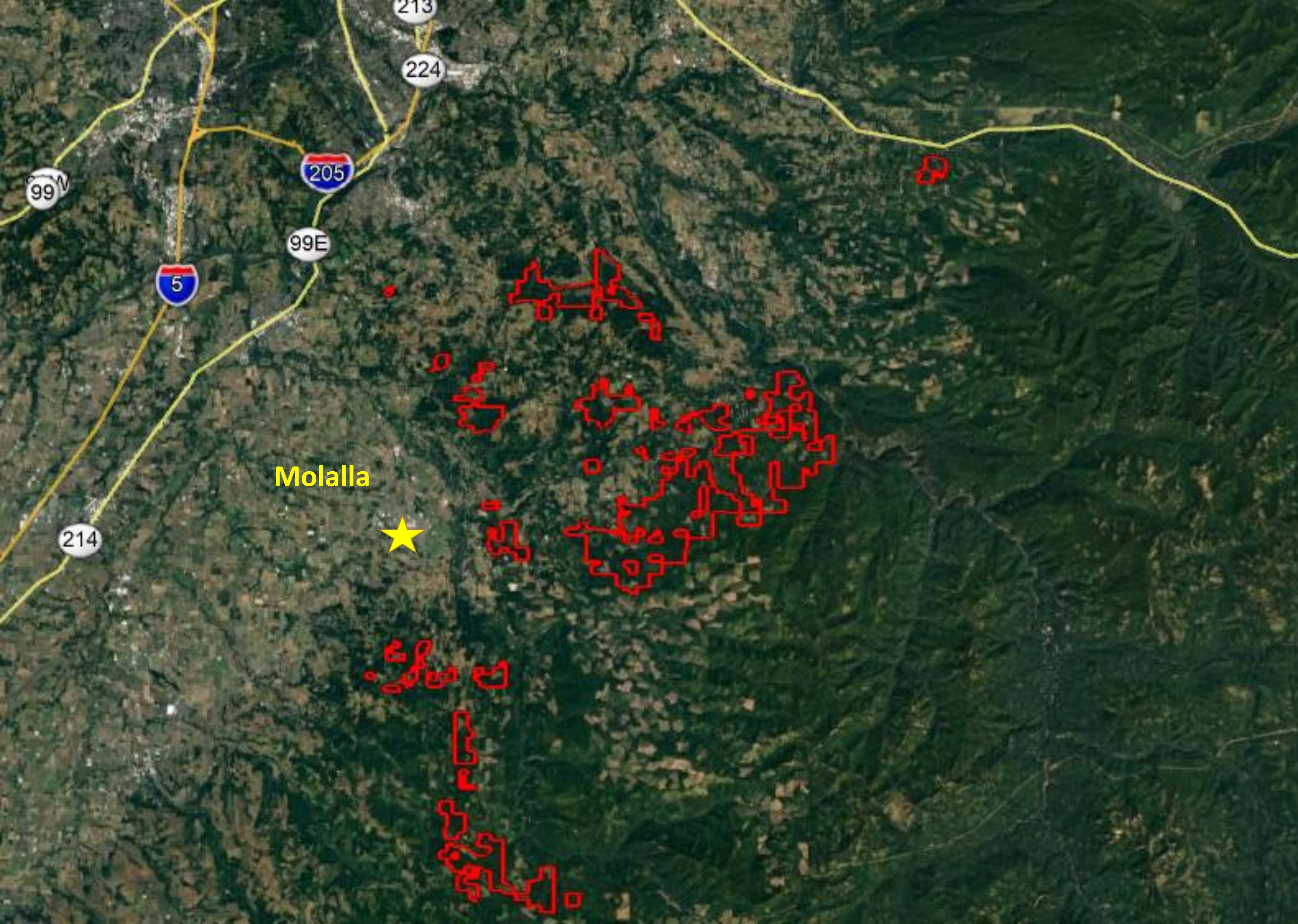


PORT BLAKELY: A STEWARDSHIP STORY

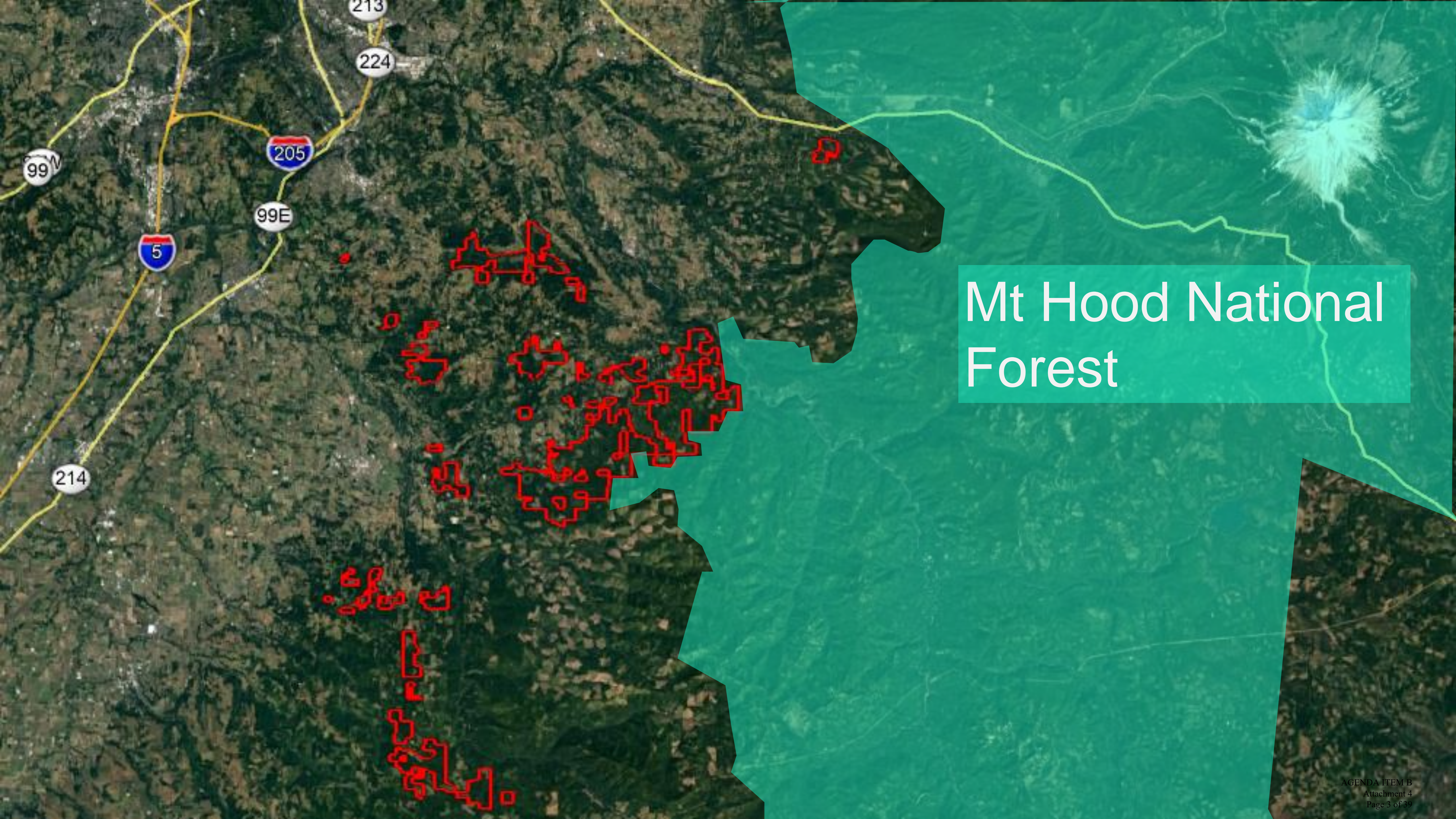
Board of Forestry

April 21, 2021





Why is a Stewardship Agreement important for this forest?



Mt Hood National Forest

Portland Metro & Suburban

Mt Hood National Forest

Willamette Valley Agriculture

Our Objectives

Provides

- long-term forest planning for timber production investments
- environmental protection

Through

- science-based conservation strategies
- protection of year-around flowing waters
- mature forest landscape through longer harvest rotation ages
- managed forest roads system that protect water quality

For

- 50 years

Will

- continue compliance with ODF rules not covered under the SA

COLLABORATION & OUTREACH



MORE THAN 100 STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED

Conservation **& Environmental**

Audubon of Portland
The Nature Conservancy
Wild Salmon Center
Clackamas Stewardship
Partners
Molalla River Watch
Native Fish Society
Pacific Forest Trust
The Climate Trust
OR Stream Protection
Coalition
The Freshwater Trust
Sustainable Northwest

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Watershed Councils

Clackamas River Basin Council
OR Watershed Enhancement Board
Molalla River Alliance
Greater Oregon City Watershed Council
Molalla River Watch

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Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association
Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Hopkins Demonstration Forest
Oregon Forest Resources Institute
OSU Extension foresters
Oregon Forest & Industries Council
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Tribal *Government*

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PUBLIC HEARING



CONTINUING COLLABORATION

WOODCOCK CREEK RESTORATION



SIDE CHANNEL PROTECTION COLLABORATION



SIGNING OF LARGEST FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT IN OREGON



CONSERVATION STRATEGY



HABITAT FUNCTION



- Landscape & local scale habitat management
- Protective & restorative prescriptions
- Functioning aquatic & terrestrial habitats
- Protection for unique & ecologically sensitive habitats

RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Managed: Non-fish Perennial



Unmanaged: Fish (all sizes)



RIPARIAN BUFFERS



AQUATIC WOODY DEBRIS



UPLAND HABITAT PATCHES



Video: Pat McAbery

UPLAND HABITAT PATCHES



CREATED & NATURAL SNAGS



Video: Pat McAbery

Video: Pat McAbery

TERRESTRIAL WOODY DEBRIS



Video: Pat McAbery

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE



Photo: Bonny Glendenning

CERTAINTY, IMPLEMENTATION & EFFICIENCY

CERTAINTY

Stewardship Agreement prescriptions stay constant allowing long-term investment.



IMPLEMENTATION



All streams are identified and classified to support appropriate prescriptions for future management activities.

IMPLEMENTATION & EFFICIENCY

The agreement is the written plan in the notification process and allows for a single notification when planning for annual regeneration harvests.

Stewardship Agreement

between

**Port Blakely
John Franklin Eddy Forestlands
31644 S. Grimm Road
Molalla, Oregon 97038**

and

**Oregon Department of Forestry
North Cascade District
Molalla Unit
14995 OR-211
Molalla, Oregon
&
Private Forests Division
2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310**

February 21 2020



EFFICIENCY

ODF forester field visits are more efficient when approving harvest related riparian prescriptions.



IMPLEMENTATION & EFFICIENCY

Marked buffers allow loggers to easily identify protected aquatic and terrestrial areas.



CERTAINTY, IMPLEMENTATION & EFFICIENCY

Reliable road system protects water and provides for effective timber transportation.



CERTAINTY, IMPLEMENTATION & EFFICIENCY





**PORT
BLAKELY**

PORT BLAKELY
WATERFRONT
2015

QUESTIONS?



Advancing Shared Stewardship



Isolated Efforts lead to Focused Investments



Oregon Department of Forestry

+



US Forest Service

+

Myriad of other Partner Projects



= *Shared Stewardship*



State & Private Forestry Grants

- USFS funding roughly \$8 - \$12 million/year
 - **Western States Fire Managers Grants**
 - Urban & Community Forestry
 - **Sudden Oak Death Treatment**
 - State Fire Assistance
 - **Community Assistance**
 - Forest Health Monitoring
 - **Forest Stewardship Program**
 - Volunteer Fire Assistance
 - **Western Bark Beetle**
 - Landscape Scale restoration



State & Private Forestry Grants

Western States Fire Managers

- 2016 Fire Program Grant
 - Long Gold Project
 - Coyote Ridge Project
 - Deschutes Project
 - Granite/Greenhorn Project



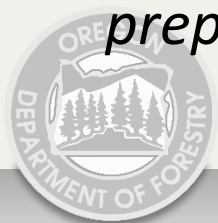
	2016 WSFM Grant Life Cycle		
	Expended	Acres	Landowners
2016	\$ 3,500	7	3
2017	\$ 128,818	119	18
2018	\$ 204,661	210	46
2019	\$ 334,143	520	59
2020	\$ 225,832	103	25
2021	\$ 89,980	34	5
Total	\$986,934	993	156



State & Private Forestry Grants



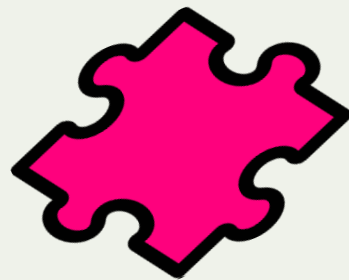
These federal grant dollars allow us to better protect ourselves while we protect the citizens of Polk and Yamhill Counties. Again, “thank you” from all of our citizens for helping us to be prepared.” – Chief Jason Crowe, West Valley Fire District



State & Private Forestry Grants

- **Sudden Oak Death Treatment**

- 2013 Grant funded project for \$2,692,000
- Seven aerial surveys covering over 1.14 million acres
- Host removal (killing or cutting tanoak in areas of probable disease spread) was completed on 768 acres
- Eradication treatments (herbicide treatment, cutting and burning) were completed on 871 acres.



Federal Forest Restoration

- Board of Forestry formed the Federal Forest Advisory Committee
 - 2009 report called for state investment
- Program initiated by Legislature in 2013
- Good Neighbor Authority, 2014 Farm Bill



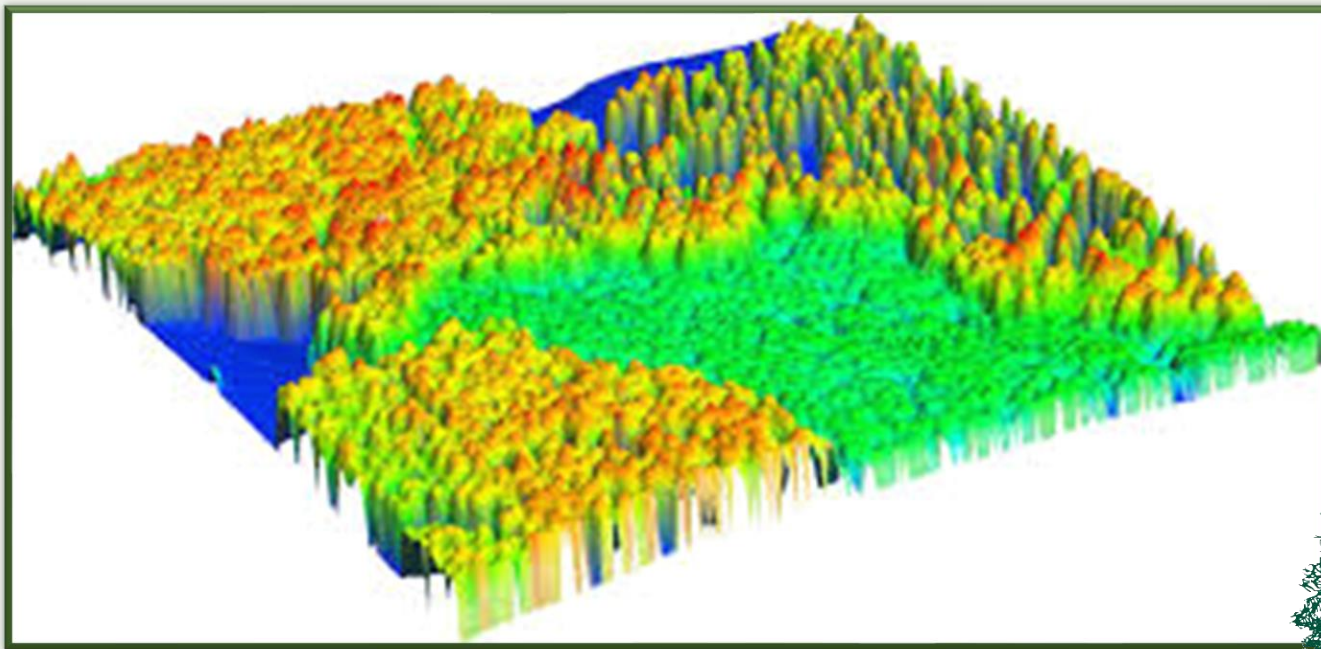
Good Neighbor Authority

- A tool in our Federal Forest Restoration toolbox.
- Allows the state to act as an agent of the USFS to carry out “authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services” on National Forests.
- Restoration treatments & timber sales
- Not funding for private lands



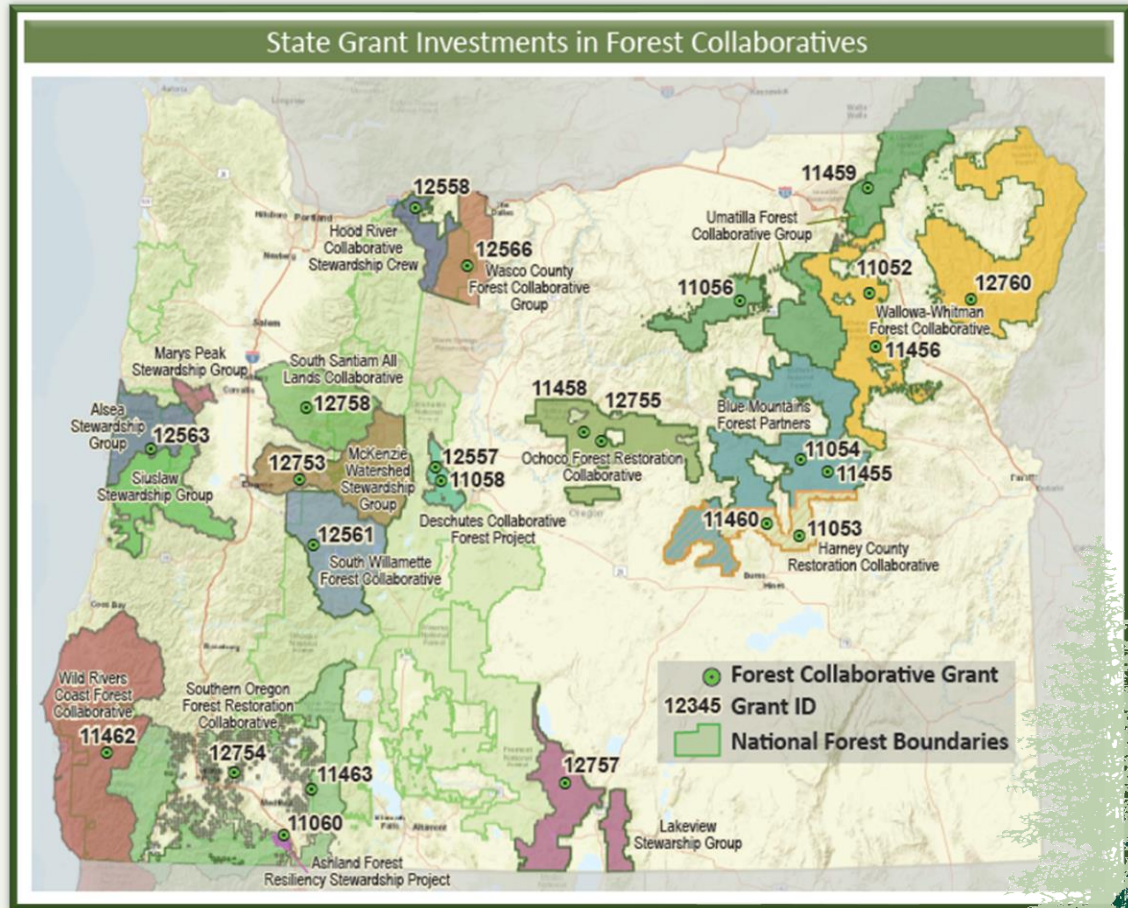
Planning and Environmental Review

- Data collection
- Contract environmental assessment

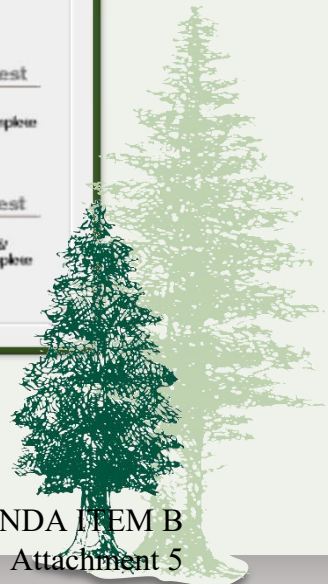
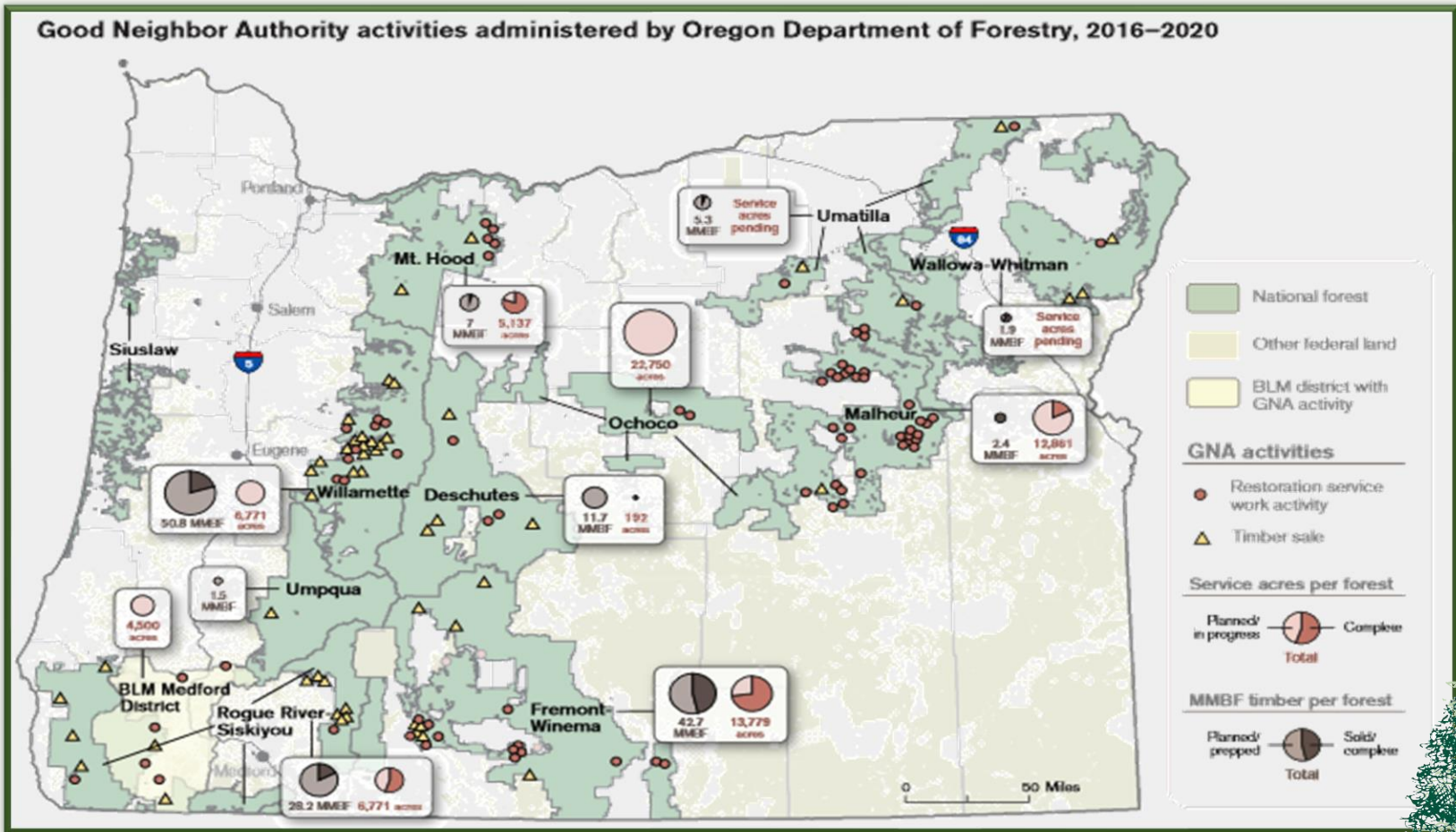


Collaborative Support

- Technical Assistance Grants
- City/ County
- Non-Profits
- State Agencies - ODFW



GNA Statewide



Shared Stewardship

- August of 2019, Governor Brown signed an MOU on the state's behalf with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- ODF works collaboratively across boundaries engaging multiple partners.
- Implementing meaningful land management activities to create fire adapted communities and restore and maintain resilient landscapes.

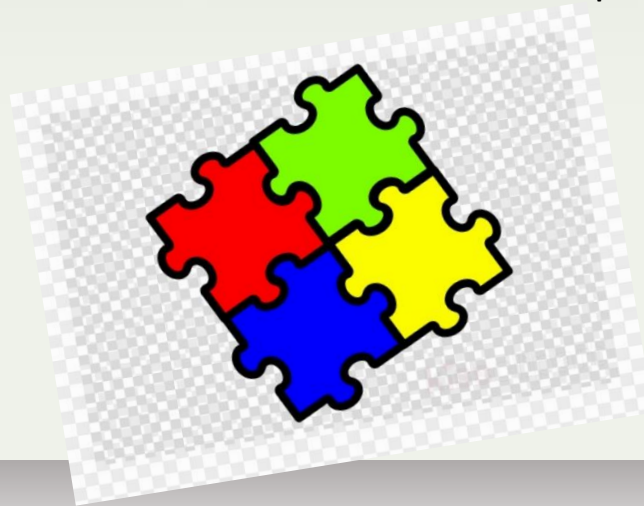


Shared Stewardship

Putting the Puzzle Together

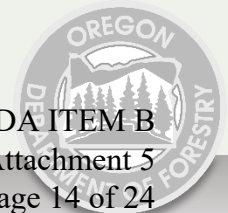
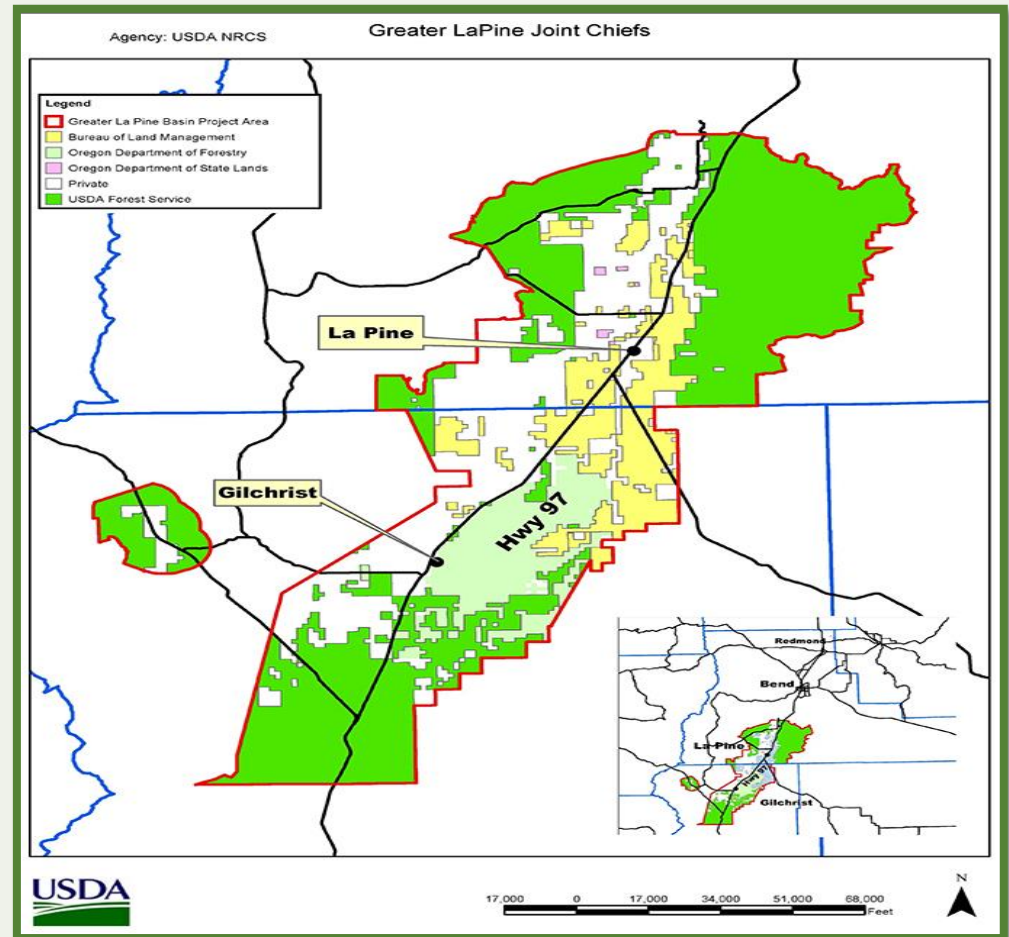
Shared Stewardship embodies core principles that make this cross-boundary work possible including:

- Open, transparent, and inclusive processes;
- Frequent communication that builds and sustains durable relationships among agency partners and participants;
- Support of Oregon's collaborative approach for developing local solutions;
- Adaptive management, with room to experiment and learn; and
- Focus on outcomes with metrics, in addition to outputs.

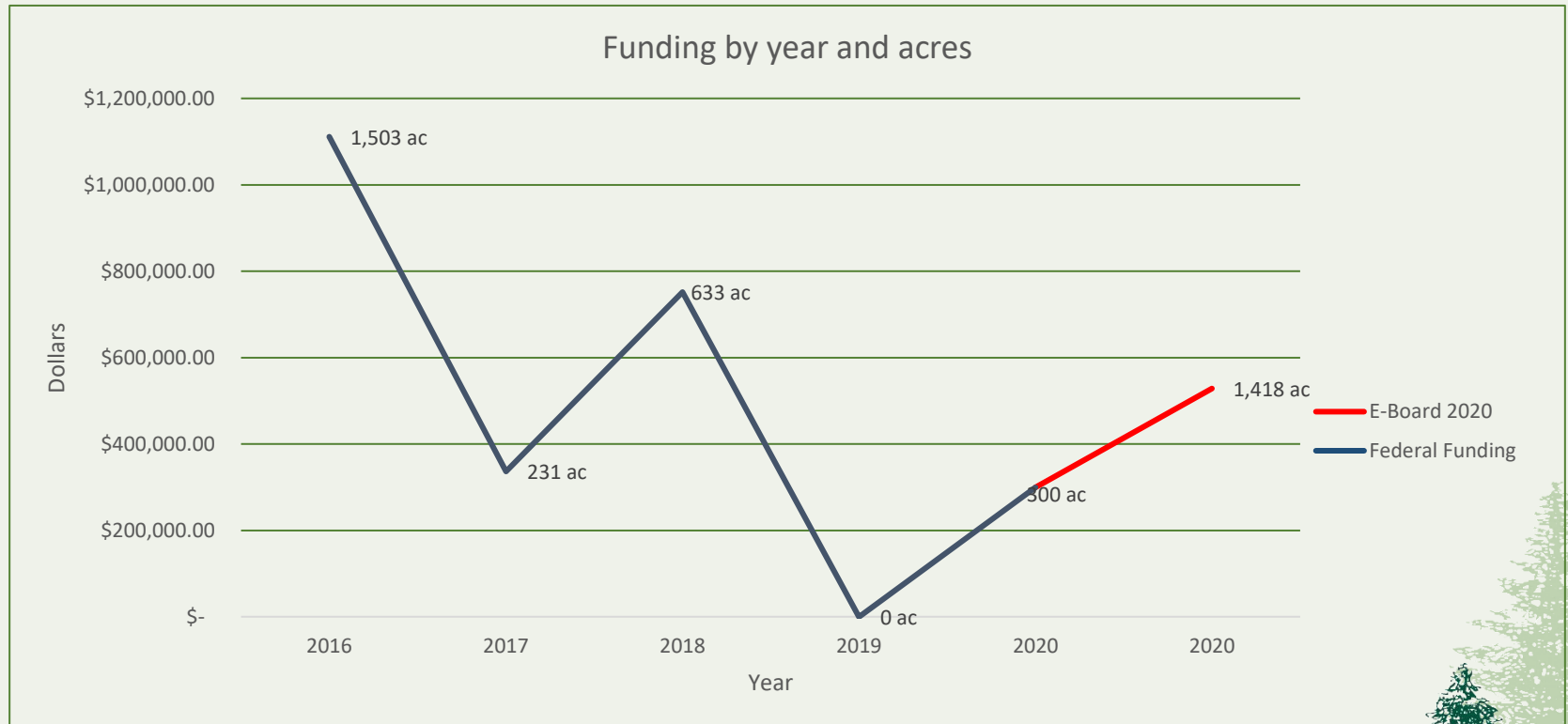


La Pine Joint Chiefs Project

- **Deschutes County**
- Project Wildfire
- **Oregon Department of Forestry**
- Bureau of Land Management
- **Oregon State University Extension**
- Walker Range
- Oregon Department of Corrections
- **Upper Deschutes River Coalition**
- Upper Deschutes Watershed Council
- **Firewise Communities**
- Klamath County
- Central Oregon Fire Chief's Association
- **USFS Deschutes National Forest**
- Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Initiative
- Deschutes Fire Learning Network
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**

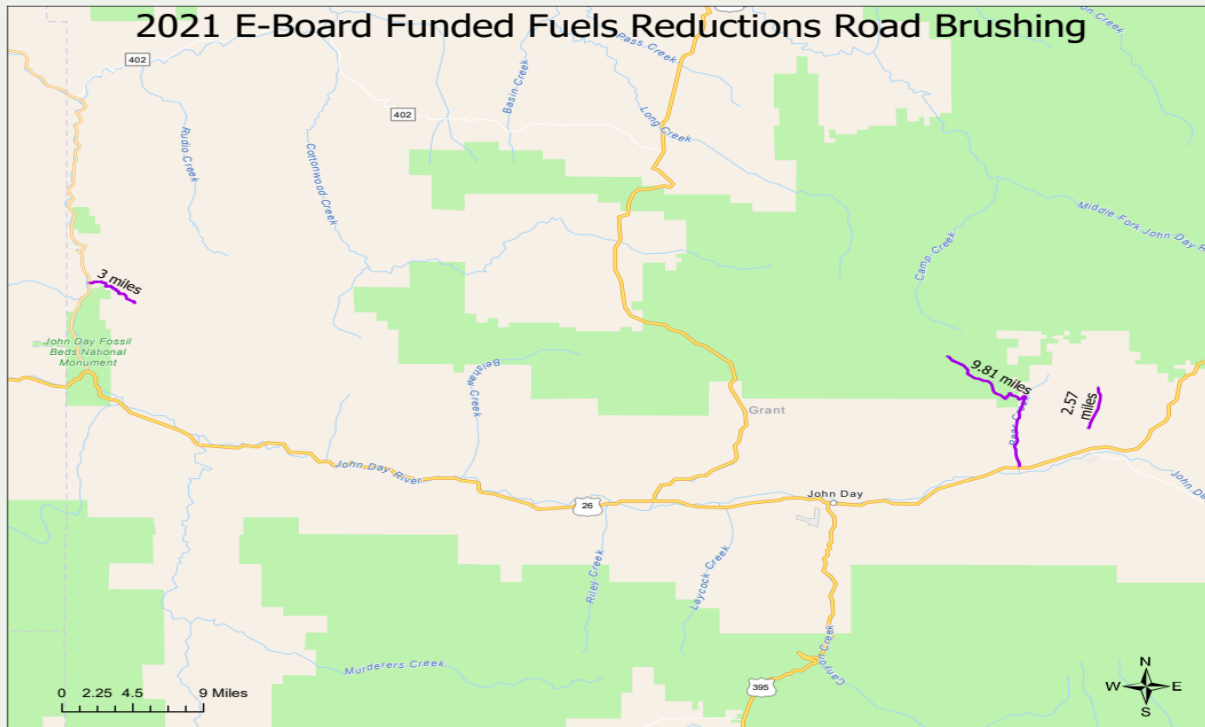


Greater La Pine Joint Chiefs Funding



Grant County Right of Way Project

- Planned with multiple partnerships - Grant County, USFS, Private Landowners and ODF
- Continues past S&PF grant funded work



Grant County Right of Way Project

- Decreases vegetation along the road edge to create a fuel break
- Improves ingress/egress for not only citizens but for responding emergency resources
- Provides access to scattered rural residents, communities, and popular recreation sites
- Enables the county to plan long term
- Supports FF training, retention and recruitment efforts



Increasing State Funding

- On January 8, 2021, the Oregon Legislative Emergency Board (E-Board) approved \$5 million to ODF to bolster Shared Stewardship.
- Intent to collaborate across boundaries and ownerships to improve community resilience to wildfire and restore and maintain resilient forests.
 - Limited to a 10 day Call For Proposals
 - ODF received requests of over \$20.3 million from 93 applicants



Eboard Forest Resiliency Funds

- Able to award 37 projects with the expected return of:
 - **7,199 target acres to be treated for fuel reduction including prescribed fire**
 - 1,400 hours of volunteer work
 - 750 trees repurposed for in-stream habitat restoration logs
 - **500 hours of young adult training - Northwest Youth Core**
 - 20 miles of right-of-way fuel mitigation treatments
 - **10 miles of hiking trails triaged from Labor Day Fire impacts**
 - 1 Post Fire Effects Study



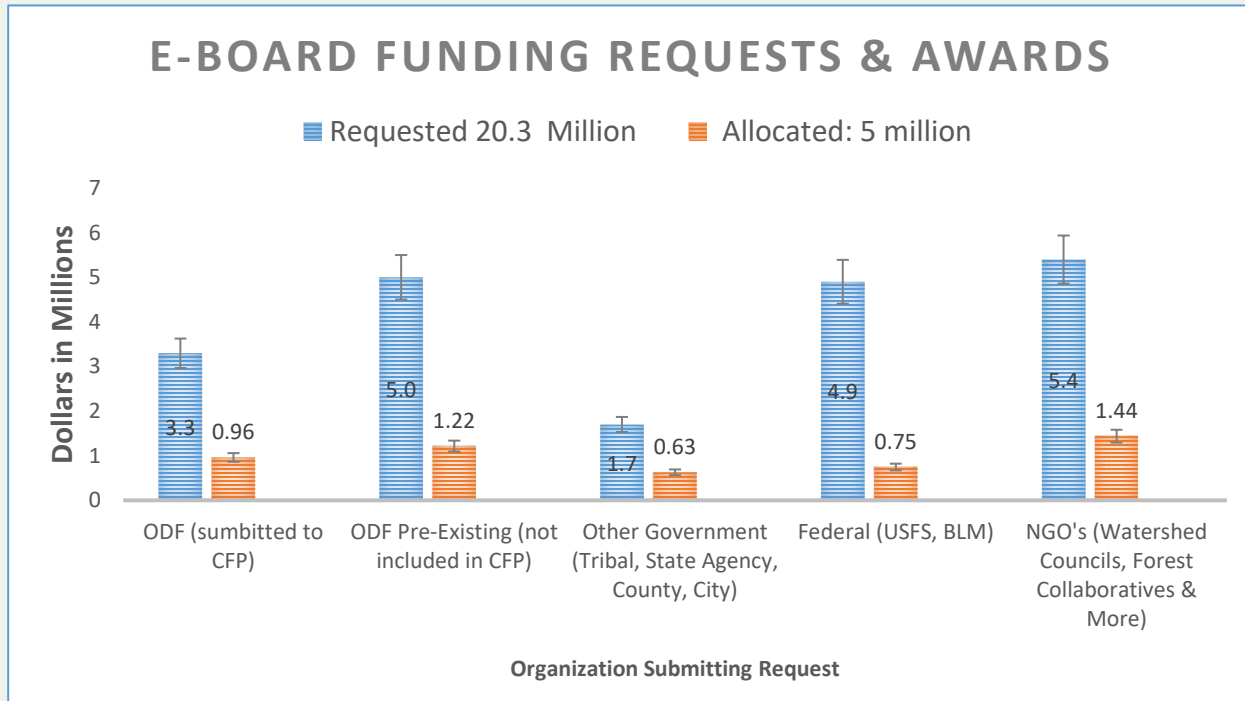
Stories of Shared Stewardship

- “Oregon Department of Forestry has been an incredibly supportive partner to Northwest Youth Corps. They have provided technical expertise, logistical support, and educational enrichment to our fuels reduction crews working in priority fire risk areas. Together, we have been able to reduce fire danger in high-risk communities while building workforce skills in future resource management professionals. “ Jeff Parker, Executive Director, Northwest Youth Corps



Potential Across the Landscape

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- Able to award 37 projects



Unfunded Shelf Ready Projects

- Potential to award 56 additional “Shelf Ready” projects for \$16.2 million
- Below is a summary of unfunded project deliverables. These deliverables were pulled from 56 projects totaling roughly 16 million of unfunded project submissions.
 - 16,418 acres of fuel reduction **treatment** activities
 - 8,100 acres of fuel and fire **planning** (Prescribed Burn Planning, NEPA, Heritage Surveys etc.)
 - 4,000 Labor Day Fire salvage logs repurposed for in-stream habitat.
 - 3,000 + landowners: education & outreach materials or site visit events
 - 75 miles of Migratory Mule Deer Connectivity (highway fuel reduction & fencing projects)
 - 546 mi² of Post-Fire Effects Mapping: LIDAR
 - 12 Scientific support projects to improve consensus on treatment methods or monitoring of fire/fuel effects.



Shared Stewardship

- Together—along with other federal, state, local, and NGO partners—we can think and work creatively to increase the pace, scale, and quality of restoration on all lands.



Questions and Discussion

