



Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership

A Model for Shared Stewardship
&

Landscape-Scale Cross-Boundary Restoration

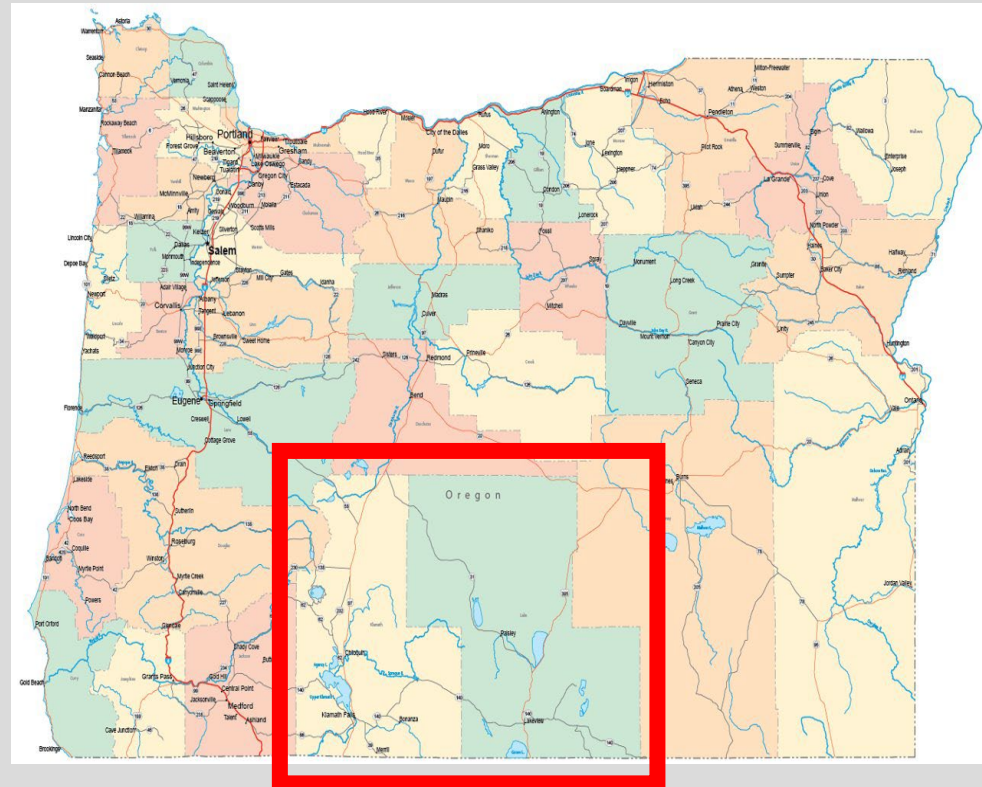
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Mission: To facilitate restoration projects on public and private forestland in Klamath and Lake Counties through education, outreach, and diverse partnerships.

- 501 (c)(3) non-profit
- Very simple bylaws
- No paid staff
- Shared facilitation & administration
- Operate through subcommittees
- Monthly meetings with all partners
- All key partners are involved
- Focus – getting acres treated!





Shared Stewardship MOUs

State Level (2019)

Local Level (2020)



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
On
SHARED STEWARDSHIP**

Between the
**STATE OF OREGON
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

And the
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
USDA FOREST SERVICE, PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of Oregon through its Department of Forestry, hereinafter referred to as the "State," and the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Service."

Background:

The purpose of this MOU is to document the commitment of the State, represented by the Governor's Office and Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Forest Service to work collaboratively to create a shared stewardship approach for implementing land management activities in the state of Oregon.

The Forest Service and the State have a long history of collaboration. The Forest Service is a critical partner in Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system. The State and Forest Service use grant programs to cooperatively manage forest health issues across all forested lands in Oregon, provide technical and financial assistance to nonindustrial landowners, and support urban and community forest protection and management. The State and Forest Service collaborate on multiple monitoring and research projects. The State and Forest Service collaboration extends to the National Forest System with Oregon's Federal Forest Restoration Program; we jointly implement Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership projects, Landscape Scale Restoration projects, and Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) projects. Shared Stewardship is a logical evolution of this relationship.

Oregon is home to 26 forest collaborative groups that work to bring together diverse interests, find common ground, and build greater support for large-scale forest restoration projects. This local work is the foundation of what is known as the "Oregon Model." Financial support of local collaborative groups by both the State and the Forest Service is critical to achieving an increase in the pace, scale, and quality of restoration efforts. Needed restoration work spans forest types and ownership boundaries, and the current level of available funding requires prioritization.

*Shared Stewardship in Klamath and Lake Counties
Memorandum of Understanding*

SHARED STEWARDSHIP IN KLAMATH AND LAKE COUNTIES

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Between the

Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership
U.S. Forest Service Fremont-Winema National Forest
Oregon Department of Forestry (Klamath-Lake District)
Natural Resources Conservation Service (Klamath/Lake Counties)
Oregon State University Extension (Klamath/Lake Counties)

Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council

Klamath Watershed Partnership

Lake County Resources Initiative

Klamath County

Lake County

The Nature Conservancy (Sycan Marsh Preserve)

Bureau of Land Management (Lakeview District)

Forest Stewards Guild

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (Klamath/Lake Counties)

Lakeview Soil and Water Conservation District

Klamath Soil and Water Conservation District

Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Area

Oregon Prescribed Fire Council

Collins Pine Companies

Green Diamond Resource Company

Red Rock Biofuels Holdings, Inc.

Quicksilver Contracting Company





Central Partnership for Implementing Shared Stewardship



South Warner
Project

Chiloquin Community
Forest and Fire Project

SE Cascades
Forest and Fire
Project

Gerber Project

Lost River
Project

Lake County
Project

Summer
Lake Project

Sycan Project

Education and
Outreach

Forest Collaboration

Post-Fire Recovery

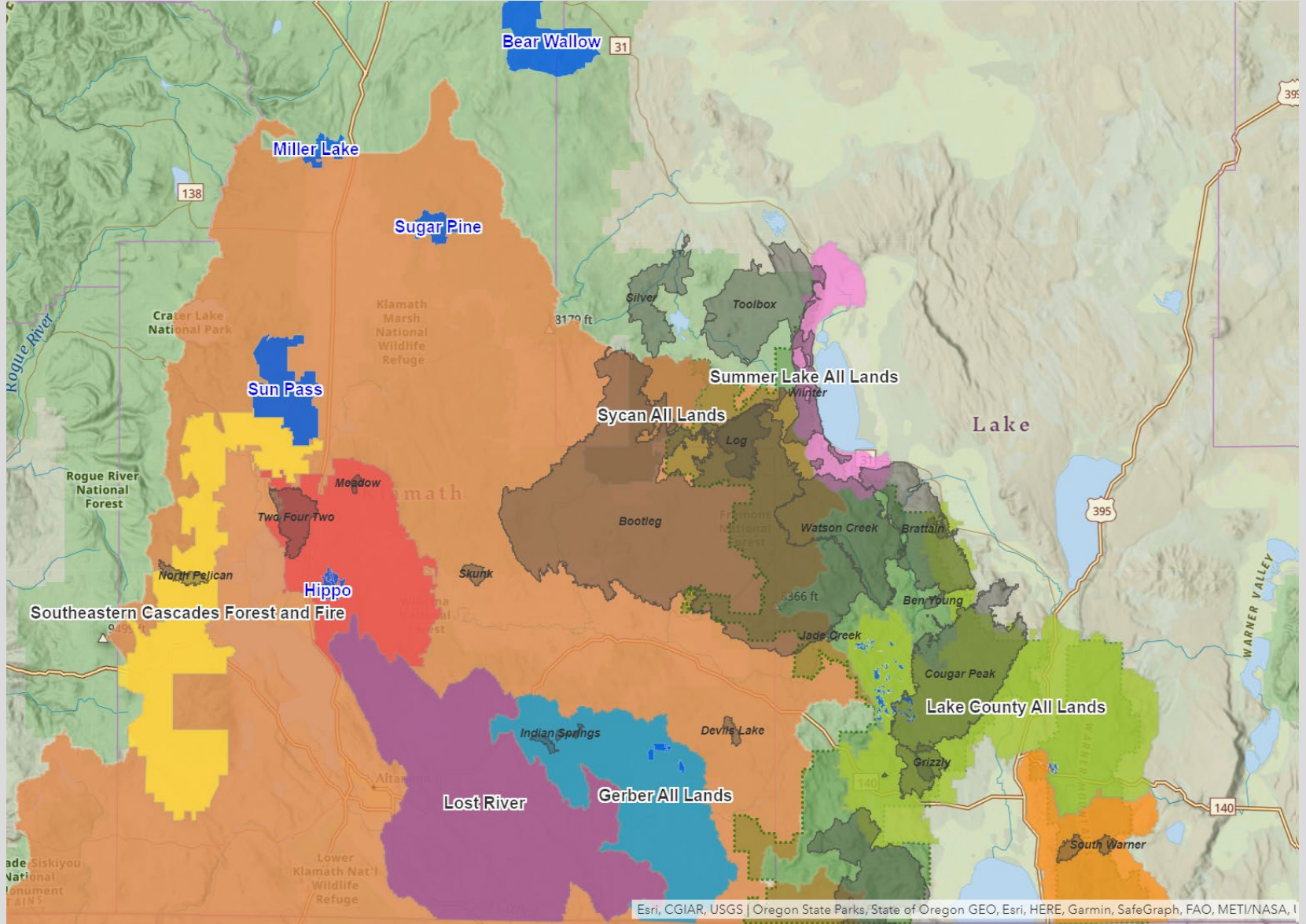
Prescribed Fire

All Lands Monitoring

GNA and FFR



Time is of the essence.....~660,000 acres of Wildfire since 2018





Planning and Implementing Cross-boundary, Landscape-scale Restoration and Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects

A Guide to Achieving the Goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

Daniel Leavell, Amy Markus, Craig Bianz, Kallie Carlson, Emily Jane Davis, Michael Douglas,
David F. Ferguson, Lee Fiedlerjohann, Kasey Johnson, Ned Livingston, Jason Pettigrew,
Gene Rogers, Marci Schreder, Dan Shoun, and Leigh Ann Vradenburg



1. Identification of a landscape
2. Landowner outreach and education
3. Mapping and inventory
4. Support to private landowners
5. Grant writing for implementation
6. Agreements
7. Implementation
8. Ecological, social, and economic benefits



KLFHP Achievements:

- Forest inventory - 144,000+ acres of non-industrial private land
- Competitive funding - \$50,000,000+ leveraged
- Removing barriers - prescribed fire on private land
- Local capacity - long-term maintenance
- Key partners - industrial private landowners
- Treating acres! 36,000+ acres of private land
50,000+ acres of USFS land





KLFHP Keys to Success:

- It starts with a partnership....
- Keep it simple and local
- Roles and responsibilities
- Boots on the ground & landowner connection
- Use of every tool & agreement
- Stay focused on getting acres treated!



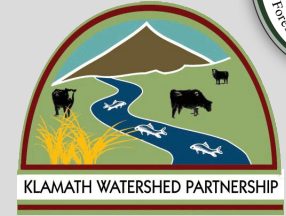


Challenges to Significantly Increasing Pace and Scale:

- Capacity and funding
- Lack of biomass utilization
- Laws, policy, and culture are from a different era
- Maintenance of investments
- Restoring landscapes before they burn
- Post-fire restoration



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PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

