

NATURAL PROCESSES ISSUE
Proposed Policy Recommendations

Problem

Natural processes, especially fire, have been disrupted in the forests of Oregon. Many of these forests are now overly-dense, experiencing extensive forest health problems, and in danger of losing key ecological components to either wildfire or lack of successional processes.

Policy Recommendations

New initiatives

1. Create a statewide task force to develop and implement a comprehensive forest health strategy.
2. Develop a programmatic EIS to cover fuels treatments in dry forest types statewide.
3. Sponsor Oregon Solutions projects to prioritize treatments and attract investments at the local level. The statewide strategy should be detailed out in local treatment plans that address the unique characteristics and variety of landscape conditions.

Legal/Policy changes

4. Modify HFRA to include more than 20 million acres nationwide, and allocate additional funding.