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# Regional Solutions Participation Plan for the Oregon Department of Forestry June 2014

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The Oregon Department of Forestry is wholly supportive of the mission and interests of Regional Solutions and is enthusiastic to participate in regional priority projects where agency support and participation is requested and can benefit identified interests. The Department has demonstrated this commitment through previous participation in Regional Solutions projects and anticipates opportunities for future collaboration, particularly where projects interface with the Department of Forestry mission and activities.

## **Agency Background**

The mission of the Oregon Department of Forestry is “to serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.” Sustainable forest management means that forest resources are used, developed, and protected in ways that enable us to meet current environmental, economic and social needs, while ensuring that future generations can meet their needs. The state’s forest policy recognizes that all forests are not managed in the same way. It is a mosaic of responsible management approaches, with a variety of emphases that produces a healthy, resilient, and sustainable forest landscape.

Against this backdrop, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) helps to keep forests healthy, working, and contributing to Oregon’s environmental, economic and community sustainability. The Department represents a substantial share of Oregon’s investment in forest protection and management for the benefit of all Oregonians. These investments – in protection, stable regulation, and balanced management of state-owned lands – in turn provide a platform for ongoing private investment in forests and the forest sector.

Organizationally, the Oregon Department of Forestry is under the direction of the State Forester who is appointed by the State Board of Forestry. The statutes direct the state forester to act on all matters pertaining to forestry, including collecting and sharing information about the conditions of Oregon's forests, protecting forestlands and conserving forest resources. The Department engages in a range of activities as it seeks to achieve its mission. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Fire protection for 16 million acres of private, state, and federal forests
- Regulation of forest practices and promotion of forest stewardship on private and non federal land

- Implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds
- Detection and control of harmful pests and tree diseases on 12 million acres of lands
- Forest health monitoring
- Management of state-owned forestlands
- Forestry assistance to Oregon's 166,000 non-industrial private woodland owners
- Forest resource planning, policy and economics, and economic development support
- Community and urban forestry assistance

Supporting these activities entails staff with expertise and experience across disciplines.

- Forestry
- Urban and Community Forestry
- Family and Industrial Forestry
- Fire Suppression
- Land Use Analysis
- Meteorology
- GIS Mapping and Inventory
- Resource Policy and Economics
- Entomology and Disease Pathology
- GIS Mapping and Inventory
- Forest Genetics
- Hydrology and Geomorphology
- Biology and Ecology
- Forest Engineering

The major divisions and programs of the Department of Forestry include Private Forests, State Forests, and Fire Protection, Resources Planning, Urban and Community Forestry, Partnership Development and Administration. Division activities and funding follow.

### *Private Forests*

Works to protect natural resources and help maintain working forests and their social, economic, and environmental viability. This mission rests on the premise that healthy, diverse private forestlands provide value for all Oregonians, including watershed protection, economic activity, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, green infrastructure and other ecosystem services.

Approximately 10.7 million acres of forest, 35% of the state's total forestland base, are privately owned. These forests are highly diverse, including large corporate and industrial ownerships, family forestlands of many sizes, and treescapes in cities, suburbs and rural residential areas. To support diverse ownerships and resource interests, the division provides:

- Administration, educational assistance and enforcement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act
- Collaboration with other agencies on integrated research and monitoring of forest initiatives.
- Urban and Community forestry technical expertise
- Forest biomass utilization, technical support and analysis
- Technical and financial support to Watersheds Research Cooperative
- Early detection and response to forest and stream health threats and invasive species
- Family forestland technical assistance and incentive programs

*Funding* - Multiple funding sources support the Private Forests Division and contribute to maintaining working forests and the social, economic and ecological viability of those forests into the future. Revenue sources include:

- Forest Health Management is supported by General Fund and leverages Federal Funds and other funds to achieve objectives.
- Forest Practices – The division historically receives 60% of its Forest Practices Act (FPA) administration funding from the General Fund and 40% from the Oregon Forest Products Harvest Tax. The Harvest Tax rate is set each biennium once the budget has been determined, based on the revenue need and projected harvest levels.
- Family Forestland Assistance, Urban and Community Forestry (and other cooperative forestry programs), are entirely federally funded. The division receives these funds primarily from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- Other cooperative programs that are supported with Federal Funds include Forest Legacy, Conservation Reserve and Enhancement Program (CREP), and Tree Improvement. All USFS projects must conform to the specific elements within the federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act authority.
- Miscellaneous Other Funds revenues include cooperative projects, private donations and miscellaneous receipts. These include private donations for the Forest Resource Trust and Urban and Community Forest Programs; funds received for work in cooperative project; and miscellaneous receipts and fees (e.g., nursery rent, sale of seed for family forest landowners, and subscription fee for Notifications of Operations).

### *State Forests*

The State Forests Program manages 818,800 acres of state-owned forest land in Oregon. There are six state forests: the Tillamook, Clatsop, Santiam, Sun Pass, Elliott and Gilchrist, plus scattered tracts. Approximately 85% of the state forestlands are owned by the Board of Forestry; the remaining 15% are Common School Forest Lands (CSFL) owned by the State Land Board.

By law, Board of Forestry lands are managed to achieve Greatest Permanent Value – a broad range of benefits including timber, wildlife habitat, healthy streams and recreation. Almost 64% of timber sale revenue from these lands flows to counties where harvests occur, to help fund local public services, including schools. The Department retains the remaining revenue for management costs.

The remaining state-owned land, located primarily in the Elliott State Forest, is Common School Forest Land, deeded to Oregon at statehood and owned by the State Land Board. The Department manages these lands by agreement with the Land Board and the Department of State Lands. By constitutional mandate, the lands are managed to maximize revenue to the Common School Fund, consistent with sound management techniques. ODF is reimbursed for management costs.

In addition to forest management, the Department participates in the J.E. Schroeder Cooperative Seed Orchard. The seed orchard seeks to produce ample supplies of high-quality seed to meet reforestation requirements for State Forests, private cooperators and family forest landowners.

*Funding* - The division is entirely self-financed from timber sales and the sale of special forest products. The Department retains timber sale revenues for management of the state-owned county trust lands. The remaining funds are distributed to the counties and local taxing districts where the forestland is located.

### *Fire Protection*

The mission of the Fire Protection Division is to protect Oregon forestlands from fire through a complete and coordinated system with landowner partners and cooperators, including fire prevention, suppression, investigation and cost collection. Protection from wildfire is a service fundamental to Oregon's wellbeing as it helps to maintain a stable environment for ongoing investment in forest ownership, and protects public safety and signature natural resource values (jobs, clean air and water, habitat, etc.) that benefit all Oregonians.

The division provides fire protection on 16 million acres of Oregon forestland, having an estimated value of more than \$60 billion. Most of this land is in private, state or U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ownership. Fire protection is provided through a complete and coordinated system that incorporates the resources of federal wildfire agencies, other state agencies, city fire departments, rural fire protection districts and forest landowners. To provide for fair and equitable payment of the state's base fire protection services, the division by statute administers the forestland classification system, under which decisions are made locally about which lands classify as forestland or grazing land and therefore are subject to assessment and protection laws. These responsibilities make ODF the largest fire department in the state. The Fire program also provides:

- Direction and regulation for prescribed fire use statewide concerning smoke management, air quality and fuels reduction.
- A Federal Excess Property Program to provide low-cost suppression equipment to ODF, local fire districts and Rangeland Fire Protection Districts.
- Acquisition and management of federal grants to reduce fuels, increase wildland-urban interface home defensibility, increase fire prevention and education about wildfire risk reduction, and financial assistance to rural and volunteer local fire districts across the state.

The program operates in three primary functional areas:

- *Fire prevention* elements include education of the general public and the users of forestland, regulation of activities in the forest, media relations through collaboration with the Keep Oregon Green Association, inspection of forest operations, law enforcement, fire investigation, fire cost recovery, and fire studies.

- *Fire suppression* elements include maintaining a ready fire department through management of statewide severity resources (airtankers and helicopters), interagency mutual aid and joint response planning, coordination and agreements, fire detection, preparedness, initial attack response, resource mobilization and incident management. Also included is the use of forest inmate work crews, administration of the region's contracted fire crew workforce (3,000 firefighters), fire cache mobilization, federal excess personal property program administration and personnel safety, training and certification.
- *Treatment of forest fuels* includes smoke management, weather forecasting, hazard determination, forest fuels mitigation prescription design, implementation of hazardous fuels projects to protect communities and forest resources, engineering research, and education.

The program is delivered through a coordinated line/staff organization. The line function includes three operating areas incorporating 12 forest protection districts, three of which are operated by private, non-profit Forest Protective Associations (FPA). The staff function encompasses Fire Operations, Fire Policy and Prevention, Fire Business, Meteorology, and Administration.

*Funding* – Funding for the fire program comes from several sources:

Base Protection – ODF's base protection program is delivered through nine local Forest Protection Districts and three private Forest Protective Associations. Each local unit prepares an operating budget for prevention, detection, resource readiness, initial attack, and extra-cost deductible. The revenue to support the local budgets comes from a combination of the Public Share Fire Fund (General Fund) and forest patrol assessments on local forest landowners. The distribution is established in statute as 50% General Fund and 50% private landowner assessment. Public landowners receive no General Fund match and pay the full cost of fire protection. The contract for fire protection on Westside U.S. Bureau of Land Management land is subject to an adequate level of protection to meet the contract specifications.

Emergency Protection – The purpose of emergency protection is to pay for the excess fire suppression costs of major fires. The enabling legislation is based on the premise that the emergency fire suppression costs on forest lands protected by the State Forester need to be equalized so that no single district is required to pay the full amount of firefighting expenses. Funding for emergency costs is provided through the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (OFLP), administered by the Emergency Fire Cost Committee. Revenues to support the OFLP are generated from an assortment of landowner assessments and taxes:

- Harvest Tax of \$0.625 per thousand board feet on all merchantable forest products (\$4.2 million).
- Acreage assessment on all protected forest land (\$0.05 per acre for protected western Oregon forestlands, \$0.075 per acre for eastern Oregon protected forestland, and \$0.075 per acre for all grazing lands).
- Assessment of \$3.75 per lot (out of the \$18.75 minimum assessed for forest).

- Surcharge of \$47.50 for each improved tax lot.
- Interest from the State Treasurer's investments of the fund. The OFLPF reimburses fire suppression costs after a district meets an annual deductible based on protected acreage and a deductible of \$25,000 for any one fire or on any one day.

Catastrophic Protection – HB 2327 directs that, prior to February 1 of each year, the State Forester and the Emergency Fire Cost Committee review the need to purchase emergency fire suppression insurance and determine what level might be needed in view of the current condition of the forests, long-term weather predictions, available resources, and other factors. The statute includes a provision to annually assess the insurance premium equally between the OFLPF and the General Fund. The current insurance policy provides \$25 million total insurance with an annual deductible of \$20 million and an annual premium of \$1.2 million.

Smoke Management/Fuels program – Funded by registration and burning fees collected from landowners, contractual payments from other government agencies, and landowner assessments.

Additionally, Cooperative Fire is funded from other landowners' payments for work done on their lands by fire personnel and Federal Funds support the program and goals. Federal funds have declined steadily in recent years, and at least one grant has been eliminated as of fiscal year 2013.

## Regional Solutions Participation Plan

House Bill 4015 (2014 Session) requires specified natural resource agencies, including the Department of State Lands, to submit a plan to the Governor’s Office by July 1, 2014 describing each agency’s plan for participating in Regional Solutions Teams. In a memorandum, Regional Solutions Director Annette Liebe outlined the three-part content for those plans.

The Department offers the following plan in response.

- 1.) *Review the regional priorities and identify programs/projects that the agency is already involved in related to the regional priorities (by region).*
  - a. *Identify other state agencies involved in these programs/projects. If additional state, local or federal agencies are involved, how is interagency coordination and integration currently achieved?*
  - b. *Are additional resources (funding or staffing) needed in order to make these programs/projects successful? If so, what is the need?*

The Department of Forestry is engaged in a wide range of forestry and resource related activities throughout the state. In several circumstances there is a direct relationship between Departmental programs and projects and identified regional priorities. Priority projects with direct relationship to ongoing Department activities are identified in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Oregon Department of Forestry Projects that are related to regional priorities

<i>Region</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Departmental Project</i>	<i>Other Agencies</i>	<i>Coordination</i>
<b>South Coast</b>	<i>Active forestry management on O &amp; C timber lands</i>	The Oregon Department of Forestry has been actively supporting efforts to advance forest management on the O & C Lands. Recognizing the significance of federal forest management to the state and local economies and to Oregon’s forested ecosystems, the Board of Forestry developed a Federal Forest Management subcommittee in 2013. This subcommittee’s initial task was to develop Principle in response to a request from the Governor. The subcommittee continues to meet and is currently developing a work plan to identify specific opportunities to raise its voice in order to increase active management on federal forests in Oregon.	ODFW, DEQ, BLM Oregon Solutions, Governor’s Office, and USFS.	Governor’s Office
	<i>Access to natural resources, support of natural resource economy</i>	Similar to above in regards to the O&C Lands with one additional project. ODF staff played a key role in working with the Governor’s Office to complete the Illinoi Valley Timber Sustainability Assessment in partnership with the Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative. In addition, the division and programmatic activities of the Department support this interest.	ODFW, DEQ, BLM Oregon Solutions, Governor’s Office, and USFS.	Governor’s Office

**Table 1. Oregon Department of Forestry Projects that are related to regional priorities (Continued)**

<i>Region</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Departmental Project</i>	<i>Other Agencies</i>	<i>Coordination</i>
<b>Southern Region</b>	<i>Active forestry management on O &amp; C timber lands</i>	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
	<i>Maintain and enhance forest industry infrastructure</i>	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
<b>Central Region</b>	<i>Improve forest health and increase access to timber resources</i>	<p>The Oregon Department of Forestry has been actively supporting efforts to increase the pace and scale of federal forest restoration. Recognizing the significance of federal forest management to the state and local economies and to Oregon’s forested ecosystems, the Board of Forestry developed a Federal Forest Management subcommittee in 2013. This subcommittee’s initial task was to develop Principle in response to a request from the Governor. The subcommittee continues to meet and is currently developing a work plan to identify specific opportunities to raise its voice in order to increase active management on federal forests in Oregon.</p> <p>The primary mechanism through which this has been occurring is through implementation of the Federal Forest Health Collaboration Program funded in the 2013 Legislative Session. The Program has three components: 1) Collaborative Capacity Grants, 2) Technical Assistance and Science Support, and 3) New Business Model Partnership. The Program of work is beginning to ramp up in this Program and should deliver projects to the ground in Central Oregon in 2014 and early 2015 under the first two components. ODF also staffs the Governor’s Office as Convener of the Federal Forest Advisory Committee’s Implementation Working Group.</p>	ODFW, DEQ, BLM Oregon Solutions, Governor’s Office, and USFS.	Governor’s Office
<b>South Central Region</b>	<i>Improve Forest Health and access federal timber resources</i>	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
<b>Greater Eastern Region</b>	<i>Increased productivity from federal forest lands</i>	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
<b>Northeast Region</b>	<i>Increased productivity from federal forest lands</i>	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above

In addition to the projects noted above, the Department, through fulfillment of its mission and ongoing division and program activities indirectly supports resource related regional priorities throughout the state as well as providing ancillary support of priorities in regions which do not directly identify forestry concerns.

In the course of fulfilling its mission, the Department works with an array of partners and organizations, agencies, and private interests. Entities involved and coordination of these interactions is dependent on the activity under consideration.

*Additional Resources*— Regarding additional agency resources needed to make identified programs and projects successful, there is currently 1.0 FTE committed to as a federal liaison. An additional 1.0 FTE would be beneficial in advancing the interests related to the priorities concerning federal forestlands. Furthermore, if it was determined that placing Department staff in the Regional Solutions Centers was warranted, additional staff would be necessary to support those interests.

## **Grant and Loan Programs Administered by Oregon Department of Forestry**

2.) *Identify grant and loan programs administered by your agency and their purpose.*

- a. *Describe if/how current decision making processes/scoring criteria support consideration of regional priorities.*
- b. *Identify needed changes to scoring criteria in order to support regional priority projects (are these changes in statute or rule?)*

### *ODF Loan Programs*

The Department of Forestry does not administer loan programs with the exception of the Oregon Forest Resources Trust Forest Establishment Program. The Department of Forestry administers the trust to help landowners with agricultural range, pasture and other non-forested lands suitable for forest cover receive assistance to establish new forests. The program offers low-interest loans to establish a new forests with no ‘out-of-pocket’ expenses for the landowner. The Oregon Forest Resource Trust can provide funding for the direct costs of site preparation, tree planting, seedling protection, competitive release activities, forestry consultant services and other practices necessary to achieve a “free-to-grow” forest.

Landowners that choose to participate in the Forest Resource Trust commit to establish a healthy forest and take responsibility for seeing that the work gets done. Stewardship foresters from the Oregon Department of Forestry provide technical assistance on how to complete the tree planting project and are available to provide guidance about project management responsibilities for the landowner. All sites are reviewed for their feasibility to support forest cover and whether the current condition is supporting environmental values such as oak prairies and savannas that the landowner may wish to maintain or enhance as an alternative.

Payments are made back to the Trust only when harvest occurs. If timber is harvested from forests created with Trust funding and profits are generated, landowners must repay the Trust with fifty percent of net receipts for thinning or if the land is in final harvest, repay all Trust costs plus four percent simple interest as pro-rated against the area harvested. Family forest landowners owning 10 to 5,000 acres of eligible non-forested land or up to 15,000 acres of low site non-forested land are eligible to participate.

### *ODF Grant Programs*

The Department does receive and administer grants (see Attachment 3). Department grants are either oriented toward Protection from Fire or Private Forests. Grants include:

#### **Protection from Fire**

**National Fire Plan, Community Assistance** – Supports education and activities designed for forest landowners to reduce the cost of wildfire protection through reduction and modification of fuels, educating rural residents to take risk hazard reduction measures in and around their homes, increasing public awareness of human causes of wildfire, and assisting with the development of community fire plans. Supports hand labor crews doing fire hazard reduction work. ODF expects to receive about \$1.5 million in the next biennium.

**State Fire Assistance** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service for financial assistance to state wild land fire protection agencies for fire protection purposes. The grant provides partial funding for ODF for headquarters program costs, which in turn helps to keep landowner assessments low, special projects that could not otherwise be funded such as new technology “trials” that have statewide significance and some fire suppression activities in especially severe fire years. ODF expects to receive about \$2.4 million in the next biennium.

**Western States Fire Managers** – Wild land Urban Interface – These multi-agency grants are competitive grants used for critical fuel reduction projects, community fire planning, fire prevention, public education, and making interface homes fire defensible. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a 1:1 match rate, which is typically met by normal fire prevention expenditures. The grants provide assistance to local communities for development and implementation of wildfire mitigation plans, and reimbursement to landowners for participating in fuels reduction activities. ODF expects to receive about \$2.6 million in the next biennium.

**Federal Emergency Management Administration** – Enables ODF to offset eligible standby and direct wild land fire emergency management costs. Funding level varies widely between fire seasons due to unpredictable weather severity, proximity to communities, and level of resource loss.

**Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)** – An annual, non-competitive grant from the U.S. Forest Service used to assist smaller rural and volunteer fire districts around the state. The funds are awarded to the fire districts for district formation, equipment, safety, and training purposes. Receiving districts must provide a 50 percent funding match. ODF expects to receive about \$800,000 in the next biennium.

## Private Forests

**Forest Stewardship** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to fund field staff engaged in providing technical assistance to landowners. Technical assistance mainly of “walk in the woods” type of assistance with landowners, review of stewardship plans written by consultants, writing stewardship and management plans, and cost share administration including before and after visits on cost share projects. Cost-share projects consist of forestry consultant development of Forest Stewardship Plans. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a program level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by using the Private Forests budget and by landowner cost-share associated with developing stewardship plans. ODF expects to receive about \$600,000 in the next biennium.

**Forest Health Monitoring** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to fund field staff engaged in implementation, administration and management of Oregon’s Forest Health Monitoring Program. The highest priority for use of these funds is to allow the ODF Insect and Disease staff to participate in the cooperative (Pacific Northwest Region – Oregon and Washington) insect and disease aerial survey (27.6 million acres in Oregon) and conduct various insect and disease ground surveys. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a project level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by funds dedicated to insect and disease monitoring on State Forest lands. ODF expects to receive about \$170,000 in the next biennium.

**Forest Health Cooperative Assistance** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to be used to fund Salem Headquarter staff coordinating insect related grant activities and to provide technical expertise to forest landowners and agency field staff. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a program level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by using the share of the Private Forests budget related to insect and disease funding. ODF expects to receive about \$200,000 in the next biennium.

**Legacy Administration** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to be used to administer the day-to-day- operations of the Federal Forest Legacy Program. This program protects and conserves environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, through conservation easements and other mechanisms. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a project level match rate of 25 percent, which is typically met by general funds related to Forestry Assistance or the Oregon Plan. ODF expects to receive about \$90,000 in the next biennium.

**State Resources Planning** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to be used to promote the education and communication elements of the Department’s statewide forest resource plan, *The Forestry Program for Oregon*. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a project level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by using the Private Forests budget. ODF expects to receive about \$24,000 in the next biennium.

**Urban and Community Forests Grant** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to be used to plan for, establish, manage, and protect trees, forests, green spaces, and related natural resources in and adjacent to cities and towns. The urban forestry program provides ecosystem services, social and economic benefits and links governmental, private and grassroots organizations and resources to improve the quality of

life in these cities and towns. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a program level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by using the Private Forests budget. ODF expects to receive about \$475,000 in the next biennium.

**Forest Health projects** – An annual, non-competitive matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service intended to be used to support the numerous efforts throughout the state to mitigate the physical damage to trees and the potential extreme fire danger due to the mortality of individual trees and entire stands of timber as a result of insect and disease infestations. Each of the affected areas of the state will be directly involved with education of landowners (both one-on-one technical assistance and group education), identification of impacted timber stands, updating treatment costs, and ensuring that treatment contracts and payments are processed timely. The two major efforts in the state at this time are the eradication of Sudden Oak Death in Curry County and mitigating the impact of Western Bark Beetle in eastern and portions of southern Oregon. As a receiving agency, ODF must provide a project level match rate of 50 percent, which is typically met by using general fund portions of salaries for field staff. ODF expects to receive about \$600,000 in the next biennium.

**Landscape Restoration Competitive** – An annual competitive grant process designed to fund concepts that incorporate collaborative efforts across program and political lines to address environmental and procedural issues. These grants are part of the federal process to improve the delivery and approach to issues important to forestland owners. In previous years approximately \$ 1 million per year was received to fund urban forestry educational efforts, stream improvement projects, efforts to standardize forest management planning tools for landowners, and more.

### *Grant Making Process Challenge*

The Department is challenged in its ability to directly consider regional priorities in allocation of grant programs. The reason for this is due to the largely competitive and non-discretionary nature of grant funds sought and received by the Department. For many of the grants received the Department competes regionally and nationally for those funds to conduct specific activities in support of the agency mission. As such, flexibility and the capacity to consider additional criteria in the course of fund distribution is limited and failure to apply funds in a manner consistent with specified purposes could violate grant terms and jeopardize future funding. Moreover, a distinct portion of these monies are utilized to fund Department personnel necessary to conducting activities in support of the agency mission.

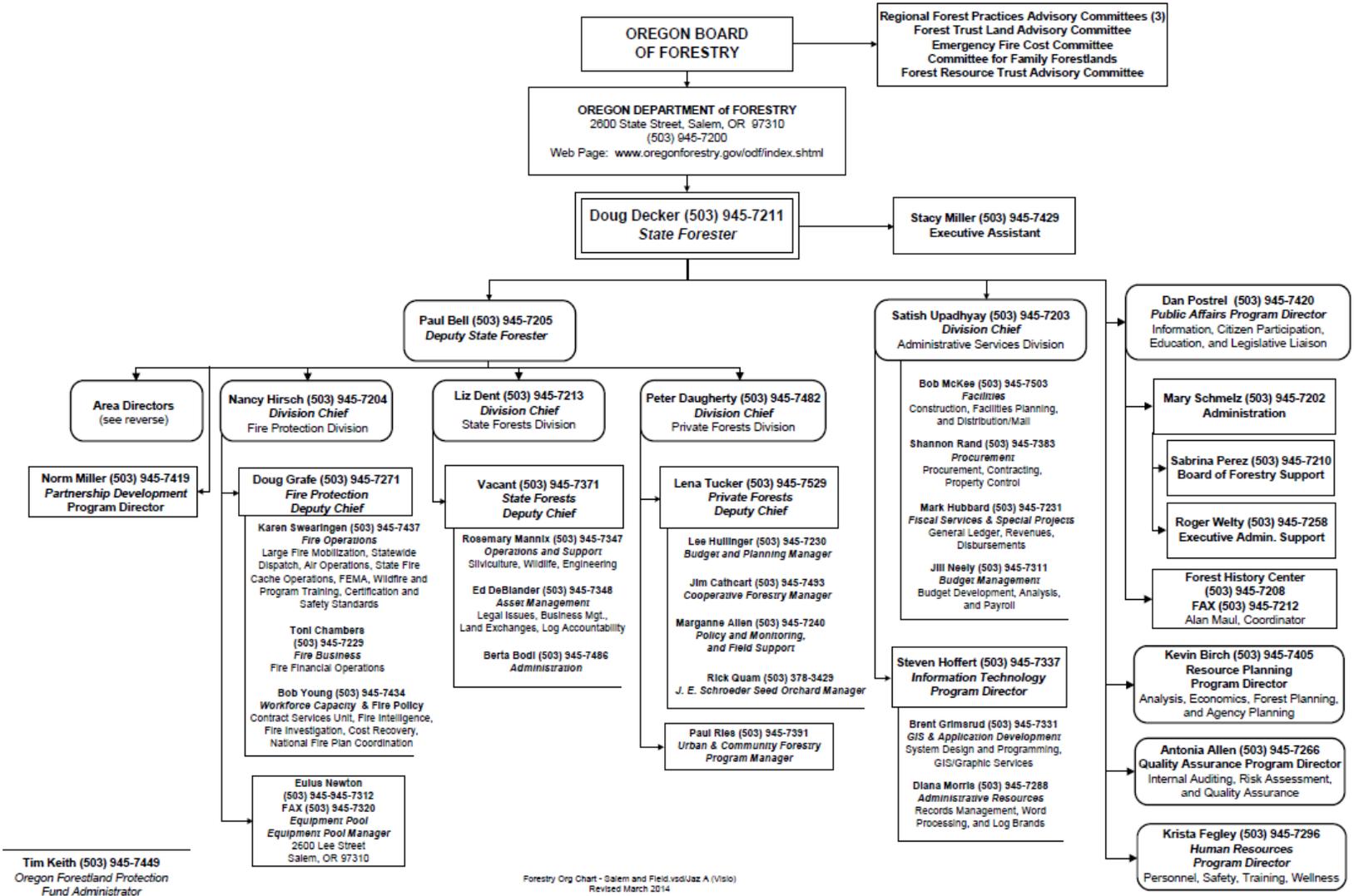
While the capacity of the Department to directly consider regional priorities in grant administration is challenged, the Department will seek to coordinate application and allocation in a manner that recognizes and supports regional priorities. The Department of Forestry Regional Solutions liaison will provide direction for this concern.

## **Staff Participation**

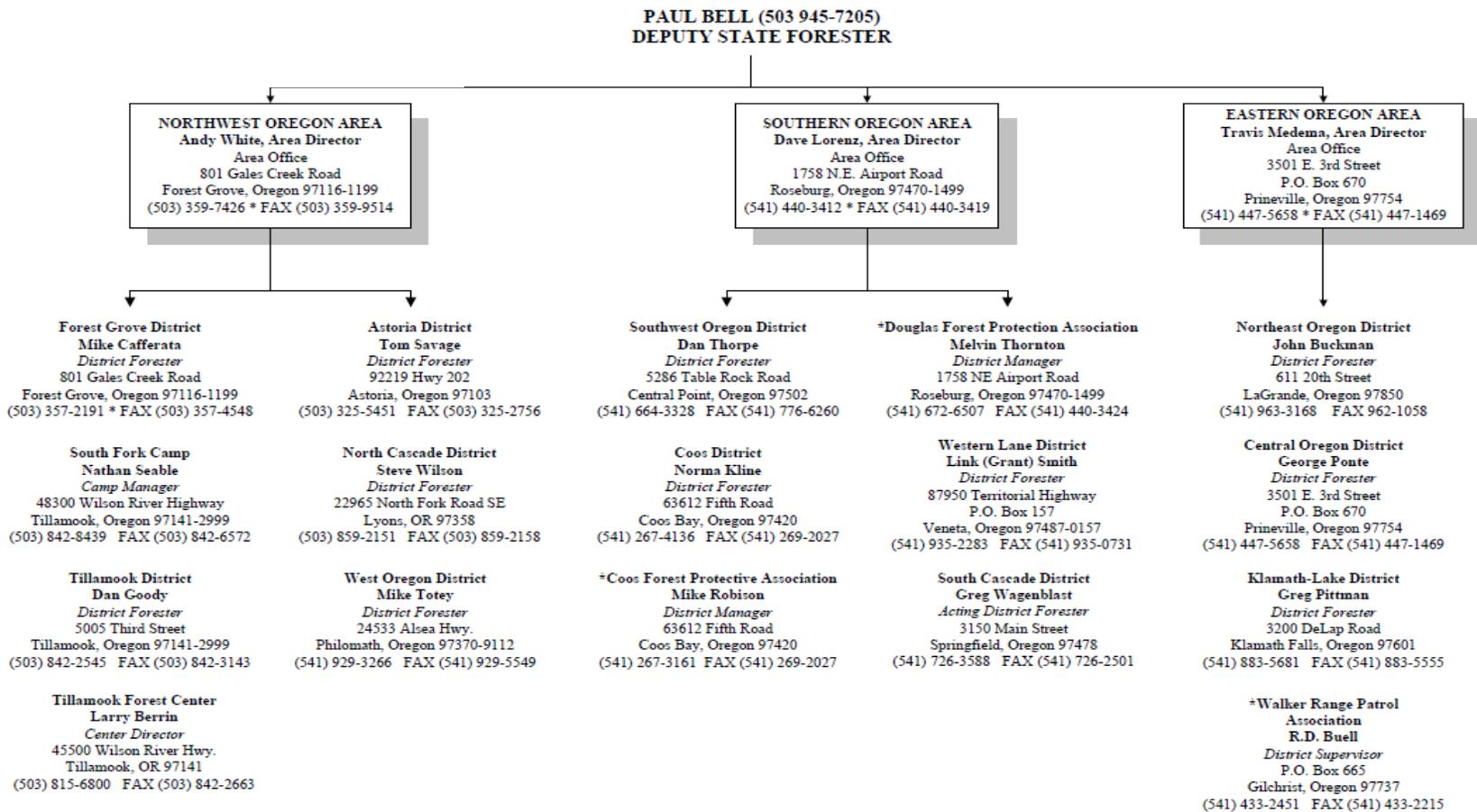
*3) Identify staff that will participate in Regional Solutions Teams to coordinate outreach, permitting, approval, grant, loan and planning functions within your agency.*

There has not been a formalized position in the Department that entails interaction with Regional Solutions. Moving forward, Deputy State Forester, Paul Bell will act as a liaison to Regional Solutions. The liaison will actively coordinate with Regional Solutions to direct outreach, permitting, approval, and grant, loan, and planning, within the Department as activities relate to Regional Solutions. In addition, the liaison will direct inquiries to divisions and programs most closely aligned with the Regional Solutions identified needs and interests. Attachment 1 and 2 provide detailed Department structure and contacts.

**Attachment 1. Oregon Department of Forestry Structure - Salem**



**Attachment 2. Oregon Department of Forestry – Field Structure**



\* Designated activities in Fire Protection Program

**Attachment 3. Oregon Department of Forestry – Grant Spending and Allocation**

Grant Title	Project #	End Date	Grant Amount (\$)	Expended to Date	Amount Billed	Amount to Bill	Amount Remaining	Grant Area	Grant Activities	Application	
										ODF %	Ext %
<b>Program Area – Private Forests</b>											
Technical Assistance to Thurston Hills Community Forest Plan	427303	12/31/2015	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	Lane County	Acquisition/Management of Thurston Hill Community Forest	100%	0%
Forest Stewardship / Resource Management	427304	12/31/2016	230,500	0	0	0	230,500	Statewide	Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans	77%	23%
Forest Stewardship Program	427304	12/31/2015	232,000	114,993	0	114,993	117,007	Statewide	Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans	81%	19%
Forest Stewardship/Resource Management	427304	12/31/2013	293,500	293,500	293,500	0	0	Statewide	Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans	79%	21%
Forest Stewardship/Resource Management	427304	09/30/2014	290,000	280,066	263,616	16,451	9,934	Statewide	Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans	78%	22%
Forest Stewardship/Resource Management	427304	12/31/2014	273,000	258,031	136,582	121,449	14,969	Statewide	Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans	77%	23%
State Forestry Resource Planning	427314	12/31/2014	12,000	7,947	0	7,947	4,053	Statewide	Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Program for Oregon)	100%	0%
State Forestry Resource Planning	427314	12/31/2015	12,000	3,572	0	3,572	8,428	Statewide	Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Program for Oregon)	38%	63%
State Forestry Resource Planning	427314	12/31/2016	12,000	113	0	113	11,887	Statewide	Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Program for Oregon)	79%	21%
Seedling, Nursery and Tree Improvement	427323	12/31/2015	25,000	17,164	0	17,164	7,836	Statewide	Fund ODF geneticist to provide reforestation services to landowners	100%	0%
Seedling, Nursery and Tree Improvement	427323	12/31/2016	24,500	10,588	0	10,588	13,912	Statewide	Fund ODF geneticist to provide reforestation services to landowners	100%	0%
Forest Legacy Administration	427324	12/31/2015	45,000	24,714	0	24,714	20,286	Statewide	Promote Forest Legacy Program (FLP)	100%	0%
Forest Health Monitoring	427327	12/31/2014	125,000	125,000	61,518	63,482	0	Statewide	Implementation, admin, and management of Oregon Forest Health Monitoring Prog.	70%	30%
Forest Health Monitoring	427327	12/31/2015	127,000	87,380	0	87,380	39,620	Statewide	Implementation, admin, and management of Oregon Forest Health Monitoring Prog.	70%	30%
Forest Health Monitoring	427327	12/31/2015	107,000	8,413	0	8,413	98,587	Statewide	Implementation, admin, and management of Oregon Forest Health Monitoring Prog.	83%	17%
Forest Legacy - Gilchrist Forest Acquisition	427332	12/31/2015	3,000,000	41,456	0	41,456	2,958,544	Klamath County	Land acquisition to support FLP	100%	0%
Conservation Reserve Program	427333	12/31/2014	64,962	59,325	0	59,325	5,637	Statewide	Protect water quality and fish habitat (creating riparian buffers on agri. Land)	100%	0%
Conservation Reserve Program	427333	12/31/2014	53,527	0	0	0	53,527	Statewide	Protect water quality and fish habitat (creating riparian buffers on agri. Land)	100%	0%
Forest Legacy - Blue Mountain Heritage Conservation Easement	427335	12/31/2016	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	NE Oregon	Conservation Easement acquisition	100%	0%

<b>Forest Stewardship Interface</b>	427342	12/31/2013	114,435	114,435	114,435	0	0	Statewide	Reducing Forest Fragmentation in Interface Forest Landscapes	59%	41%
<b>Western Larch Cooperative Seed Orchard</b>	427343	09/30/2014	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	Statewide	Increased capacity for Seed Orchard	95%	5%
<b>Ties to the Land: Succession Planning for Family Forest Landowners</b>	427344	09/30/2014	110,000	87,447	0	87,447	22,553	Statewide	Preventing family forests from fragmentation/conversion	24%	76%
<b>Online Urban Forestry</b>	427345	09/30/2014	95,123	87,463	39,687	47,776	7,660	Statewide	Creating a Nat. Res. Technology Transfer to aid in outreach	58%	42%
<b>Online Stewardship</b>	427346	09/30/2014	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	Statewide	Specific content-driven stewardship programing under Tech Transfer	11%	89%
<b>Online Forest Health</b>	427347	09/30/2014	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	Statewide	Specific content-driven forest health programing under larger Tech Transfer	11%	89%
<b>Partnership for Forestry Education</b>	427348	09/30/2014	207,950	202,401	144,304	58,096	5,550	Statewide	Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Stewardship)	25%	75%
<b>Partnership for Forestry Education - Phase II</b>	427348	12/31/2015	300,000	507	0	507	299,493	Statewide	Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Stewardship)	47%	53%
<b>Partnership for Forestry Education</b>	427349	09/30/2014	50,000	47,754	34,476	13,279	2,246	Statewide	Forest Health Education (Veg. Integrated Pest Mgmt.)	34%	66%
<b>Partnership for Forestry Education</b>	427350	09/30/2014	15,000	14,117	10,141	3,976	883	Statewide	Asst. landowners in writing mgmt plans	70%	30%
<b>Partnership for Forestry Education</b>	427351	09/30/2014	20,000	15,912	12,897	3,015	4,088	Statewide	Urban and community forestry education	11%	89%
<b>Unifrom Resource Plan and Endorsement System</b>	427352	09/30/2014	239,375	213,690	140,899	72,791	25,685	Statewide	Coordination of planning efforts for stew. Forest training	41%	59%
<b>Unifrom Resource Plan and Endorsement System</b>	427353	09/30/2014	10,000	5,685	0	5,685	4,315	Statewide	Coordination of planning efforts for forest health training	11%	89%
<b>Sudden Oak Death Prevention and Suppression</b>	427405	12/31/2013	700,000	691,658	506,615	185,043	8,343	Curry County	Supports diverse treatments for Sudden Oak Death in SW Oregon	46%	54%
<b>Sudden Oak Death Prevention and Suppression</b>	427405	09/30/2016	546,000	474,590	0	474,590	71,410	Curry County	Supports SOD early detection and rapid response program	27%	73%
<b>Sudden Oak Death Prevention and Suppression</b>	427405	09/30/2016	467,274	327,405	0	327,405	139,869	Curry County	Supports SOD early detection and rapid response program	40%	60%
<b>Cooperative Forest Health</b>	427412	09/30/2014	105,000	73,842	20,255	53,587	31,158	Statewide	Funds an insect and disease specialist to work with stakeholders	100%	0%
<b>Cooperative Forest Health</b>	427412	12/31/2014	129,000	78,654	0	78,654	50,346	Statewide	Funds an insect and disease specialist to work with stakeholders	100%	0%
<b>Cooperative Forest Health</b>	427412	12/31/2015	115,000	4,762	0	4,762	110,238	Statewide	Funds an insect and disease specialist to work with stakeholders	100%	0%
<b>Cooperative Forest Health</b>	427412	12/31/2016	123,000	6,912	0	6,912	116,088	Statewide	Funds an invasive species specialist to work with stakeholders	100%	0%
<b>Survey and Monitor Sudden Oak Death</b>	427427	09/22/2014	358,000	358,000	341,030	16,970	0	Curry	Funds survey work to monitor Sudden Oak Death on BLM lands	92%	8%
<b>Red Zone Forest Health</b>	427428	12/31/2013	155,850	155,850	155,850	0	0	Klamath & Lake	Education & coordination with landowners to improve forest health	19%	81%
<b>Bark Beetle</b>	427429	06/30/2015	300,000	274,396	168,257	106,139	25,604	Statewide	Mitigate the impact of bark beetles through	50%	50%

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<b>Statewide Bark Beetle Mitigation</b>	427429	08/30/2016	520,000	287,897	168,968	118,929	232,103	Statewide	Mitigate the impact of bark beetles through planning, education & communication	42%	58%
<b>Western Bark Beetle</b>	427429	12/31/2016	156,000	7,426	0	7,426	148,574	Statewide	Mitigate the impact of bark beetles through planning, education & communication	57%	43%
<b>Red Zone Protection</b>	427430	12/31/2013	124,150	124,150	124,150	0	0	Klamath & Lake	Assistance to landowners in fire hazard reduction	12%	88%
<b>Klamath County Bark Beetle Mitigation</b>	427431	12/31/2015	205,946	133,364	0	133,364	72,582	Klamath	Bark Beetle treatments	11%	89%
<b>Urban and Community Forest</b>	427501	12/31/2014	223,700	221,517	208,868	12,650	2,183	Statewide	Funding to support staff to promote urban forestry outreach	99%	1%
<b>Urban and Community Forest</b>	427501	12/31/2015	234,100	200,310	0	200,310	33,790	Statewide	Funding to support staff to promote urban forestry outreach	99%	1%
<b>Urban and Community Forest</b>	427501	12/31/2016	245,000	7,254	0	7,254	237,746	Statewide	Funding to support staff to promote urban forestry outreach	98%	2%
<b>Interface Urban</b>	427505	12/31/2013	113,135	113,135	113,135	0	0	Clackamas & Jackson (assistance), Statewide (education)	Funding over a two-year period to develop and pilot a new assistance approach for reducing the effects of forest fragmentation in urban/rural interface areas	84%	16%
<b>Interface Fire</b>	427506	12/31/2013	30,010	30,010	30,010	0	0	Clackamas & Jackson (assistance), Statewide (education)	Funding over a two-year period to develop and pilot a new assistance approach for reducing the effects of forest fragmentation in urban/rural interface areas	69%	31%
<b>Linking People and Landscapes</b>	427507	12/31/2014	270,763	215,215	175,159	40,056	55,548	Statewide	Public outreach focused on education about Urban Forestry	17%	83%
<b>Advancing Urban Forestry Programs</b>	427508	12/31/2015	166,348	73,440	0	73,440	92,908	Portland Metro Area	Inc. tree canopy and improve ecosystem services promoting healthy forests	45%	55%
<b>Mobility UCF</b>	427509	12/31/2016	48,250	1,050	0	1,050	47,200	Statewide	Combining forestry, tourism and mobile technology as a public ed tool	33%	67%
<b>Mobility SFA</b>	427510	12/31/2016	48,250	1,050	0	1,050	47,200	Statewide	Combining forestry, tourism and mobile technology as a public ed tool	33%	67%
<b>Mobility Coop Health</b>	427511	12/31/2016	60,300	1,313	0	1,313	58,987	Statewide	Combining forestry, tourism and mobile technology as a public ed tool	33%	67%
<b>Mobility Stewardship</b>	427512	12/31/2016	84,434	1,838	0	1,838	82,596	Statewide	Combining forestry, tourism and mobile technology as a public ed tool	33%	67%
<b>Western Bark Beetle</b>	427429	12/31/2017	160,233	0	0	0	160,233	Statewide	Work with landowners to implement Bark Beetle mitigation projects	50%	50%

**Program Area - Protection**

<b>State Fire Assistance</b>	449001	12/31/2015	1,401,425	838,150	739,819	98,330	563,275	Statewide	funding to support ODF fire protection program	98%	2%
<b>Automated Smoke Detection System</b>	471286	08/16/2014	236,800	101,844	0	101,844	134,956	Josephine	Early fire detection by installing an Automated Smoke Detection Camera	100%	0%
<b>Biochar Working Group Capacity</b>	449011	12/31/2014	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Statewide	Conduct Biochar market research resulting in analysis, vision and road map	50%	50%
<b>Citizen Fire Coop Health</b>	449009	12/31/2016	8,000	882	0	882	7,118	Statewide	Volunteer train-the-trainer program (fire education outreach to landowners)	13%	87%
<b>Citizen Fire SFA</b>	449009	12/31/2016	120,000	13,228	0	13,228	106,772	Statewide	Volunteer train-the-trainer program (fire education outreach to landowners)	13%	87%
<b>Citizen Fire Stewardship</b>	449009	12/31/2016	27,523	3,034	0	3,034	24,489	Statewide	Volunteer train-the-trainer program (fire education outreach to landowners)	13%	87%
<b>Citizen Fire UCF</b>	449009	12/31/2016	28,000	3,087	0	3,087	24,913	Statewide	Volunteer train-the-trainer program (fire education outreach to landowners)	13%	87%
<b>Cohesive Wildfire Strategy and Biomass Market Development</b>	449006	12/31/2016	595,998	165,511	0	165,511	430,487	NE Oregon	Collaborative approach to managing lands for wildfire and biomass market creation	65%	35%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449004	12/31/2015	876,500	274,134	0	274,134	602,366	Baker, Union, Douglas, Wasco, Umatilla	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	27%	73%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449008	12/31/2016	657,375	10,631	0	10,631	646,744	Union, Crook, Umatilla	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	39%	61%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449971	12/31/2013	652,338	652,338	604,747	47,591	0	Grant, Wallowa, Wasco, Baker	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	46%	54%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449977	12/31/2013	3,800,000	3,503,632	2,919,090	584,542	296,368	Statewide	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	70%	30%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449980	12/31/2014	550,500	494,097	426,300	67,797	56,403	Statewide	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	40%	60%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449989	08/18/2015	200,000	148,096	47,380	100,716	51,904	Linn, Baker, Union Counties	Fuels reduction in support of Nat. Fire Plan	46%	54%
<b>Community Assistance</b>	449990	09/30/2014	2,253,409	1,593,120	1,044,341	548,779	660,289	Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, Wallowa, Wasco, Crook, Union, Lane, Grant, Jackson	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	41%	59%

<b>Community Assistance</b>	449996	12/31/2014	600,000	283,520	34,919	248,601	316,480	Lane, Lake, Douglas	Support Nat. Fire Plan and asst. communities at risk for wildfires	45%	55%
<b>Prairie Peak - Mt. Nebo Smoke Detection System</b>	477780	06/20/2015	141,000	129,683	1,821	127,862	11,317	Lane	Early fire detection by installing an Automated Smoke Detection Camera	100%	0%
<b>Private Land BLM Beach - Three Rivers</b>	449997	09/30/2014	167,000	16,198	0	16,198	150,802	Jefferson	Fuels reduction program outreach to homeowners assoc. and landowners	50%	50%
<b>State Fire Assistance</b>	449005	12/31/2016	975,535	466,566	185,390	281,176	508,969	Statewide	funding to support ODF fire protection program	92%	8%
<b>State Fire Assistance</b>	449986	09/30/2014	1,398,000	1,346,317	1,331,628	14,689	51,683	Statewide	funding to support ODF fire protection program	78%	22%
<b>State Fire Assistance</b>	449993	12/31/2014	1,360,400	1,289,532	1,018,352	271,180	70,868	Statewide	funding to support ODF fire protection program	93%	7%
<b>Volunteer Fire Assistance</b>	449002	03/31/2015	359,500	359,500	291,184	68,316	0	Statewide	providing funding to support rural fire districts	21%	79%
<b>Volunteer Fire Assistance</b>	449010	12/31/2016	341,000	288,104	0	288,104	52,896	Statewide	providing funding to support rural fire districts	23%	77%
<b>Western States Fire Managers</b>	449003	12/31/2015	2,099,950	578,778	0	578,778	1,521,172	Statewide	fuels reduction and prevention education project	44%	56%
<b>Western States Fire Managers</b>	449979	12/31/2013	1,614,807	1,569,965	1,364,749	205,217	44,842	Klamath, Linn, Josephine, Hood River, Union, Columbia	hazardous fuels reduction and prevention education	39%	61%
<b>Western States Fire Managers</b>	449988	09/30/2014	1,391,275	1,114,190	637,178	477,013	277,085	Wallowa, Douglas, Clackamas, Grant, Lane Harney,	hazardous fuels reduction and prevention education	35%	65%
<b>Western States Fire Managers</b>	449995	12/31/2014	2,400,000	1,138,875	560,854	578,022	1,261,125	Klamath, Lane, Polk, Benton, Yamhill, Washington, Tillamook, Crook, Hood River, Union,	hazardous fuels reduction and prevention education	61%	39%
<b>Western States Fire Managers - Hazard Mitigation</b>	449007	12/31/2016	2,235,000	98,313	0	98,313	2,136,687	Wallowa, Douglas, Lane, Baker, Crook, Multnomah, Jackson, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco	hazardous fuels reduction and prevention education	49%	51%

