



June 22nd, 2021

Oregon Board of Forestry  
Oregon Department of Forestry  
2600 State Street  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Chair Kelly and Board Members,

For the new State Forester, we ask you to appoint an individual with a deep understanding of ecology and climate change mitigation, not just timber production.

Oregonians are experiencing the climate crisis now. The global atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration recently hit a record high, and heat waves are already moving across the country in the early summer. Wildfires are increasing in the West, driven by warmer temperatures and reduced snowfall. This crisis is linked to the accelerating collapse of biodiversity, according to a new report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Both of these issues need to be central considerations in decision making at the ODF.

Oregon's forests have a superpower — the potential to keep vast amounts of carbon out of the atmosphere, offsetting carbon emissions. Some forests in Western Oregon can sequester as much per acre as any forest ecosystem in the world, even including the Amazon. However, business-as-usual logging practices greatly reduce the amount of carbon stored in industrial timberlands by as much as two-thirds.

Industrial logging practices in Oregon not only limit forest carbon storage, they also harm community drinking water supplies, degrade fish habitat, contribute to drought and flooding, and increase the risk of extreme wildfire seasons. The new State Forester must acknowledge these harmful effects and take the necessary actions to safeguard our communities. The State Forester must also promote community-focused, evidence-based policies around wildfire preparedness.

The appointment of a new State Forester is a critical opportunity to guide Oregon towards forestry practices that use the best available science to increase forest carbon storage. The new State Forester should have extensive knowledge of forest carbon science and work to advance climate-friendly forest practices. These practices should maximize carbon storage on the landscape as much as practical and improve forest climate resilience. With such leadership, Oregon could become a world leader in forest-based solutions to climate change.

Under its previous leadership, ODF struggled to adequately respond to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. The initial response submitted by ODF was so weak that the Governor requested that the agency revise its plan and submit one that prioritizes "improving carbon sequestration and storage and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to plan for the impacts of climate change and take actions to encourage carbon sequestration". The Department of Forestry recently produced its draft Climate Change and Carbon Plan (CCCP), nearly a year after Governor Brown asked for a stronger plan. The CCCP is an improvement, but still prioritizes maintaining a wood fiber supply over urgently combatting the climate crisis. These repeated shortcomings in ODF's responses to the Governor's executive order are symptomatic of the culture at ODF, which has historically prioritized timber production over other forest ecosystem services, such as producing clean drinking water, protecting biodiversity, and providing places for recreation. We believe that the new State Forester, who will guide ODF during the few critical years we have left to avoid irreversible climate damage, must look at the value of forests in the state more holistically. A State Forester whose outlook is shaped by ecology and climate change mitigation is more prepared to lead the changes required at ODF.

We understand that in addition to increasing forest carbon sequestration and storage, the State Forester must have many skills and qualifications including financial management, clear communication, and promoting accountability and transparency. In addition, it is important that the new State Forester has a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion of historically marginalized groups. We hope there will be opportunities for public input in the selection process, and we would be happy to participate. If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with candidates about the role of Oregon forests in mitigating the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Felice Kelly and Leslie Grush  
Forest Defense Team Co-Leaders  
350PDX

To: Oregon Board of Forestry  
Cc: Oregon Global Warming Commission  
Date: 6/23/2021  
Re: June 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Forestry Meeting,  
Agenda Item No. 2: State Forester Recruitment

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Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony for the Board of Forestry's June 9th, 2021 meeting. We, the undersigned organizations, are participants in the Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP) coalition's forest policy sub-table, tasked with coordinating stakeholder advocacy around implementation of Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04 (EO 20-04). Choosing an effective State Forester to lead the Oregon Department of Forestry is one of the most critical roles the Board of Forestry can play in ensuring the agency is capable of meeting the new and emerging challenges of the 21st century. The agency is in need of strong leadership now more than ever before — in addition to reordering its financial management, ODF will need to contend with the growing threat of climate change and the biodiversity crisis. Given the wide scope of these needs, a new State Forester must be a visionary leader who is able to tackle the necessary structural changes within ODF. This position must have the ability to:

**Lead culture change within the agency and demonstrate valuable interpersonal skills**

- Demonstrate a visionary approach to reforming ODF — significant changes will be needed to position Oregon as a world leader in climate-smart forestry.
- Demonstrate a commitment to an open and transparent decision-making process that is inclusive of other state agencies, the public and other critical stakeholders.
- Demonstrate commitment to accountability (a new state forester must hold the agency accountable for meeting its goals and commitments, and must have a track record of achieving this).
- Demonstrate solid interpersonal skills for communication, active listening, outreach, and engagement within the agency and other stakeholders. A new leader must be able to repair damaged relationships with stakeholders.
- Value diversity, equity, and inclusion within ODF staff and with ODF collaborators and partners.
- Ensure dedication to addressing the ecological crises presented by climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Ensure a creative and adaptive approach to managing the needs of an evolving agency and an evolving state.

### **Ensure collaboration and interdisciplinary work with DEQ, OWEB, other state agencies**

- The state forester must be inclusive of other state agencies who may have greater expertise than ODF in their relevant issue areas. This includes ODFW, DEQ, OWEB, and the OGWC and is especially critical with regards to carbon emissions tracking, drinking water reports, Clean Water Act compliance, stream typing, Endangered Species compliance, etc.

### **Ensure ecological forest management and demonstrate commitment to science**

- Ensure ODF's future goals, strategies, and policies are anchored in the ecological and social needs of the 21st century. This means the agency must shift its focus from "forestry" and timber production to "ecological forest management," with a holistic approach that elevates all ecological values.
- Ensure ODF confronts climate change through both mitigation (emissions reductions and carbon sequestration) and adaptation (reducing future risks like more intense flooding, heatwaves and wildfire). Forests and trees offer numerous solutions to today's challenges, and Oregon's next state forester must recognize and advance these critical natural climate solutions.
- Demonstrate a commitment to valuing and understanding forest management science, climate change science, ecological restoration science, and social science. While it is too much to ask that a future state forester be an expert in numerous scientific fields (commitment to collaboration is more important), this leader should still value science highly and seek the views of scientists.

### **Prioritize wildfire emergency planning**

- Ensure people and communities take priority when tackling the risk of wildfire in Oregon. Studies show that focusing fuel treatment efforts in the home ignition zone is a more effective strategy than logging operations in more distant forested regions. Factors such as the type of materials homes and buildings are made of and the design and maintenance of our infrastructure are huge factors in determining residential losses.<sup>1</sup> Addressing the threat to homes and communities should be a priority given limited funding.
- Prioritize building bridges to low income, rural, and BIPOC communities in Oregon to assess their needs first, and ask those communities what exactly they need to help them deal with the threat of wildfire and smoke.

We hope that the Board will strive to have an open and inclusive hiring process for a new State Forester that ensures a diverse applicant pool with a wide range of backgrounds and expertise. Ultimately, the most important qualities of a new state forester will be a commitment to

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<sup>1</sup> Calkin, D.E., et al. 2014. How risk management can prevent future wildfire disasters in the wildland-urban interface. Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. 111: 746-751. <https://www.pnas.org/content/111/2/746>



collaboration, science, and equity. In order to confront the threat of climate change, we must ensure the scope and scale of our solutions match the magnitude of the challenge, and ODF needs a truly visionary leader to fully recognize this ambition.

Sincerely,

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Oregon Wild

Alan Journet Ph.D.  
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Rand Schenck  
Forestry Lead  
Metro Climate Action Team

Joseph Vaile  
Climate Director  
KS Wild



# 2021 Fire Season

## Board of Forestry

June 09, 2021

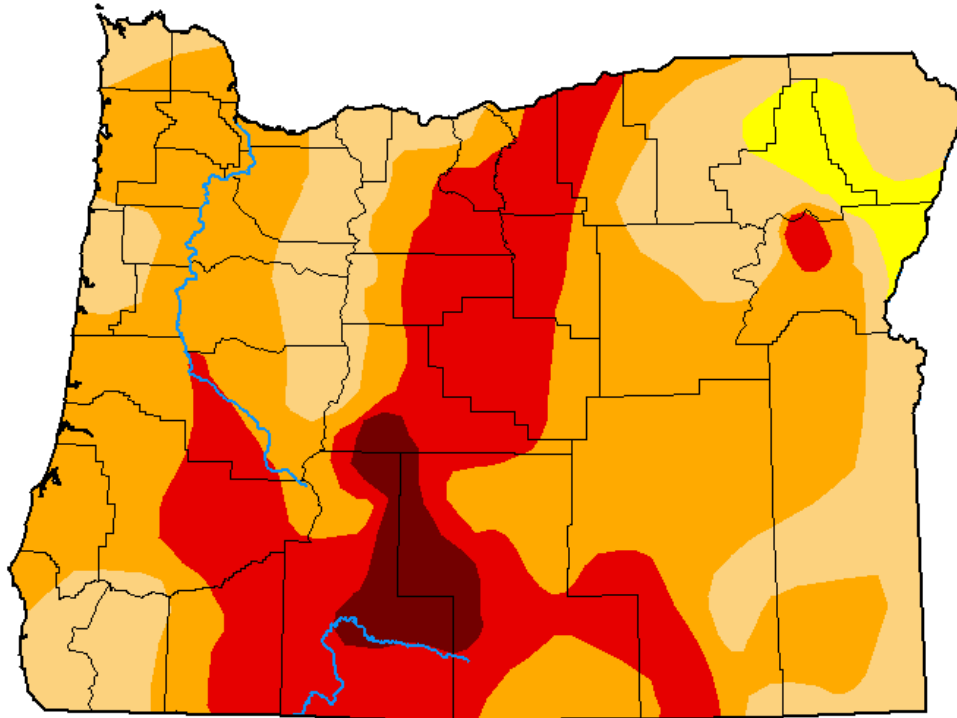
**Doug Grafe, Chief of Fire Protection**  
**Ron Graham, Deputy Chief of Fire Protection**









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# U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

**June 1, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Jun. 3, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

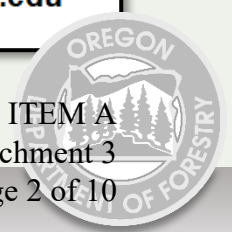
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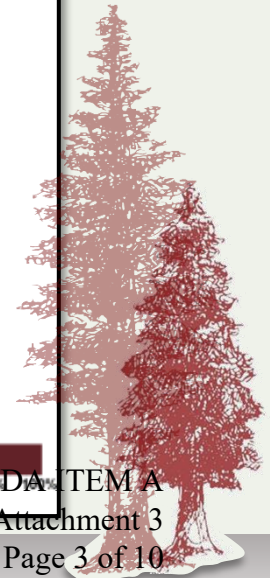
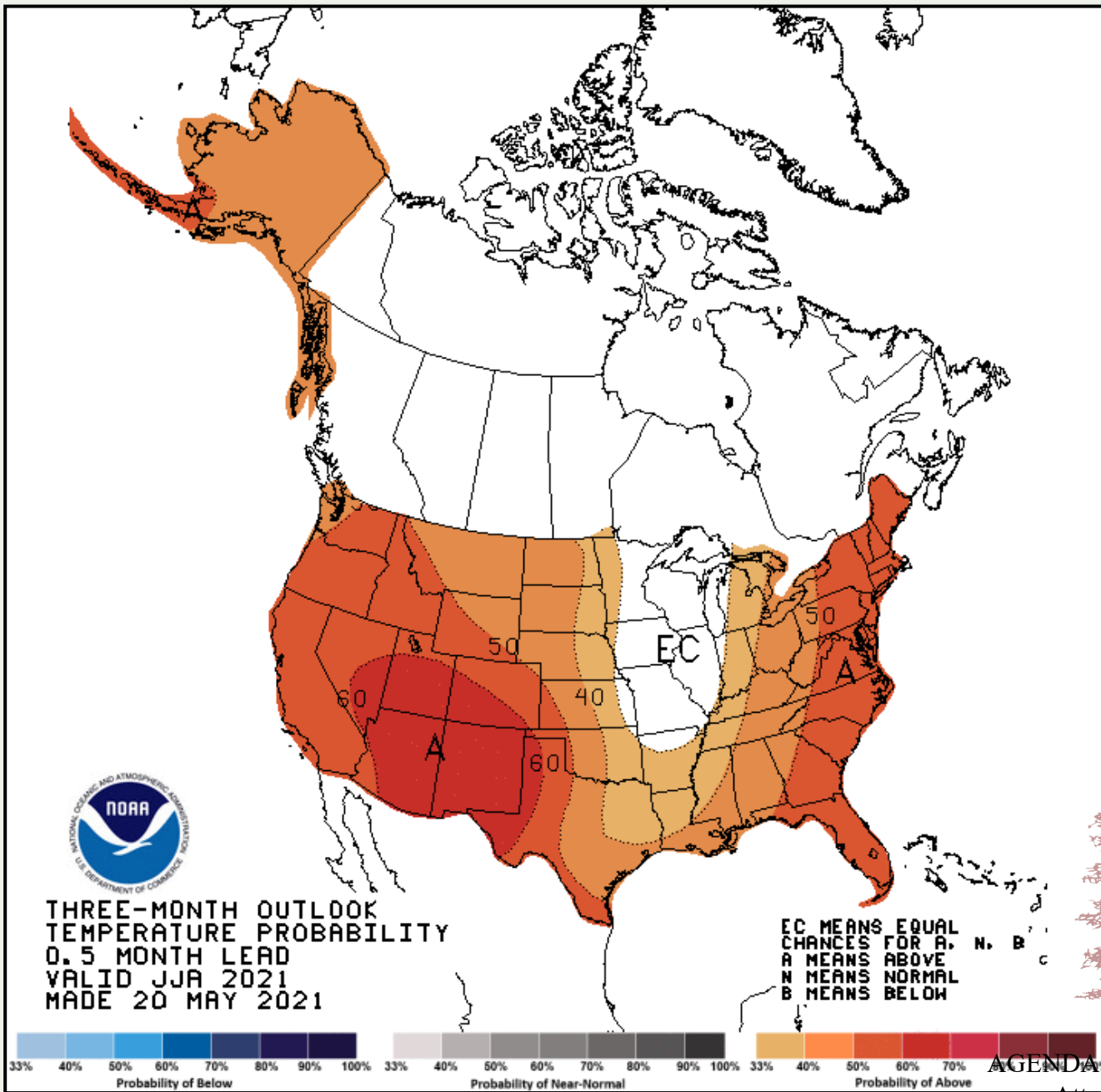
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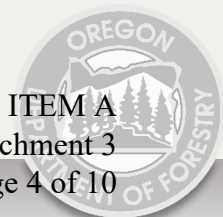
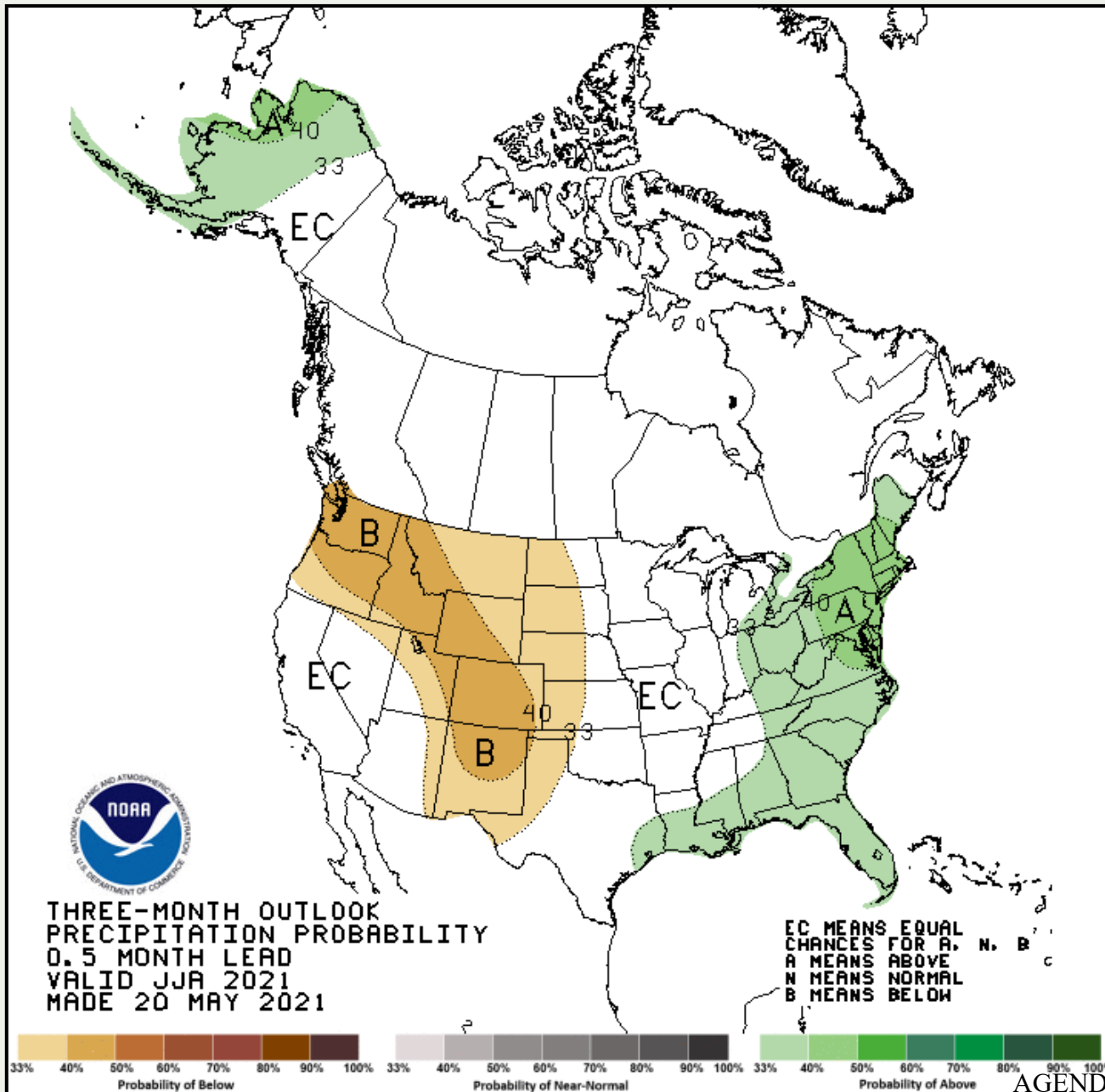
Brian Fuchs  
National Drought Mitigation Center



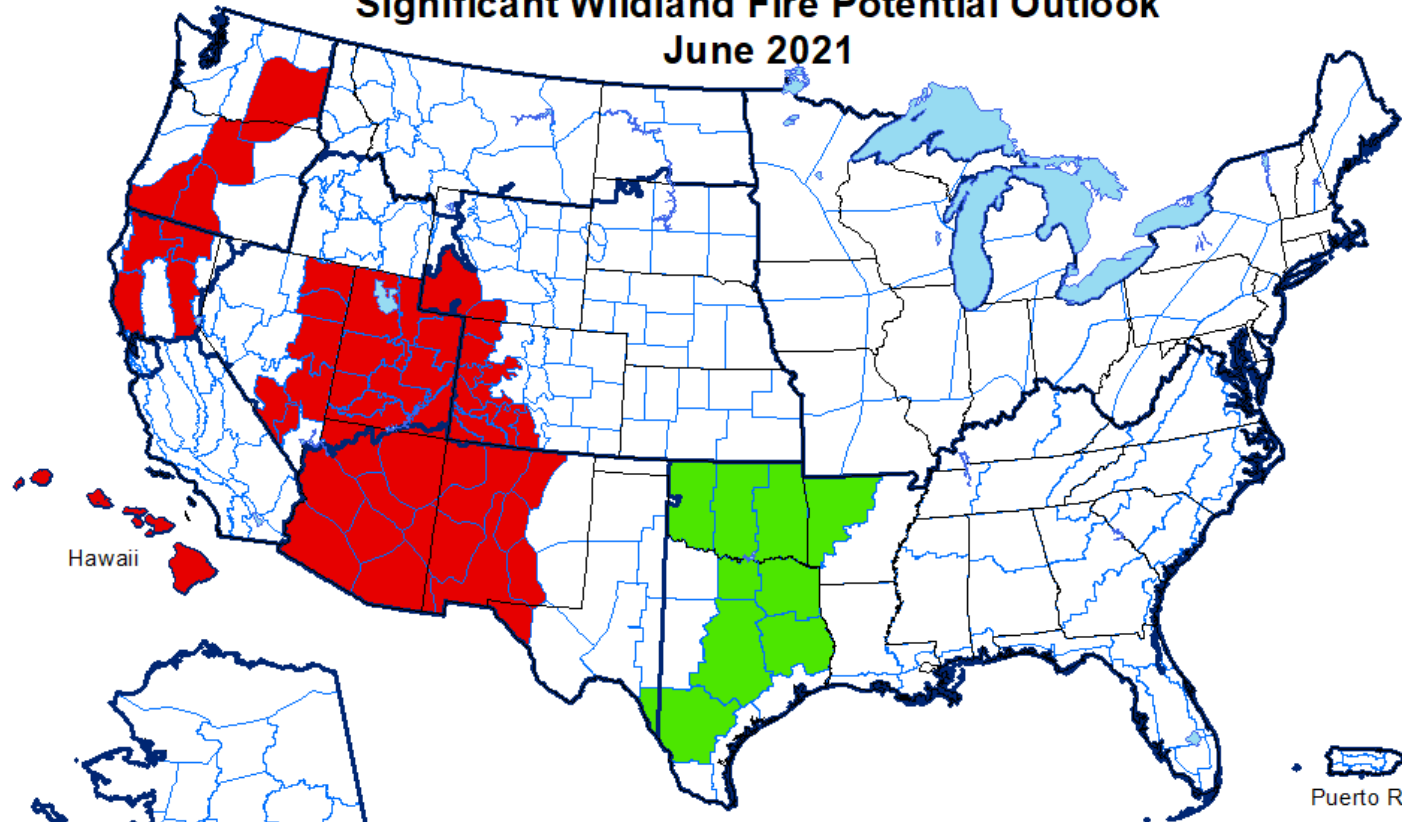
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# Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook June 2021



**Significant Wildland Fire Potential**

	Above Normal		Geographic Area Boundary
	Below Normal		Predictive Services Area Boundary
	Normal		State Border



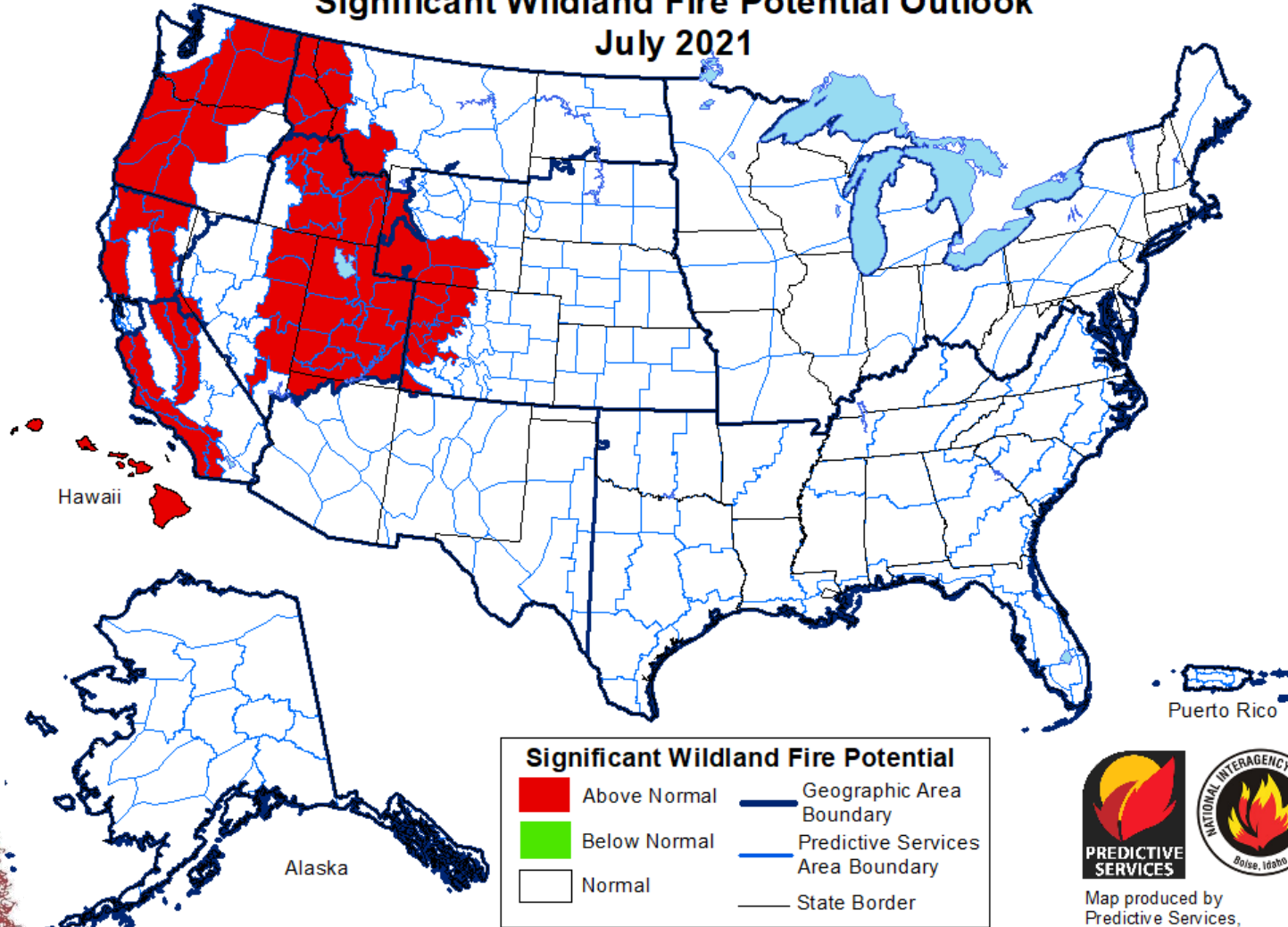
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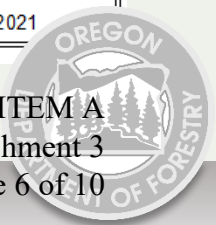
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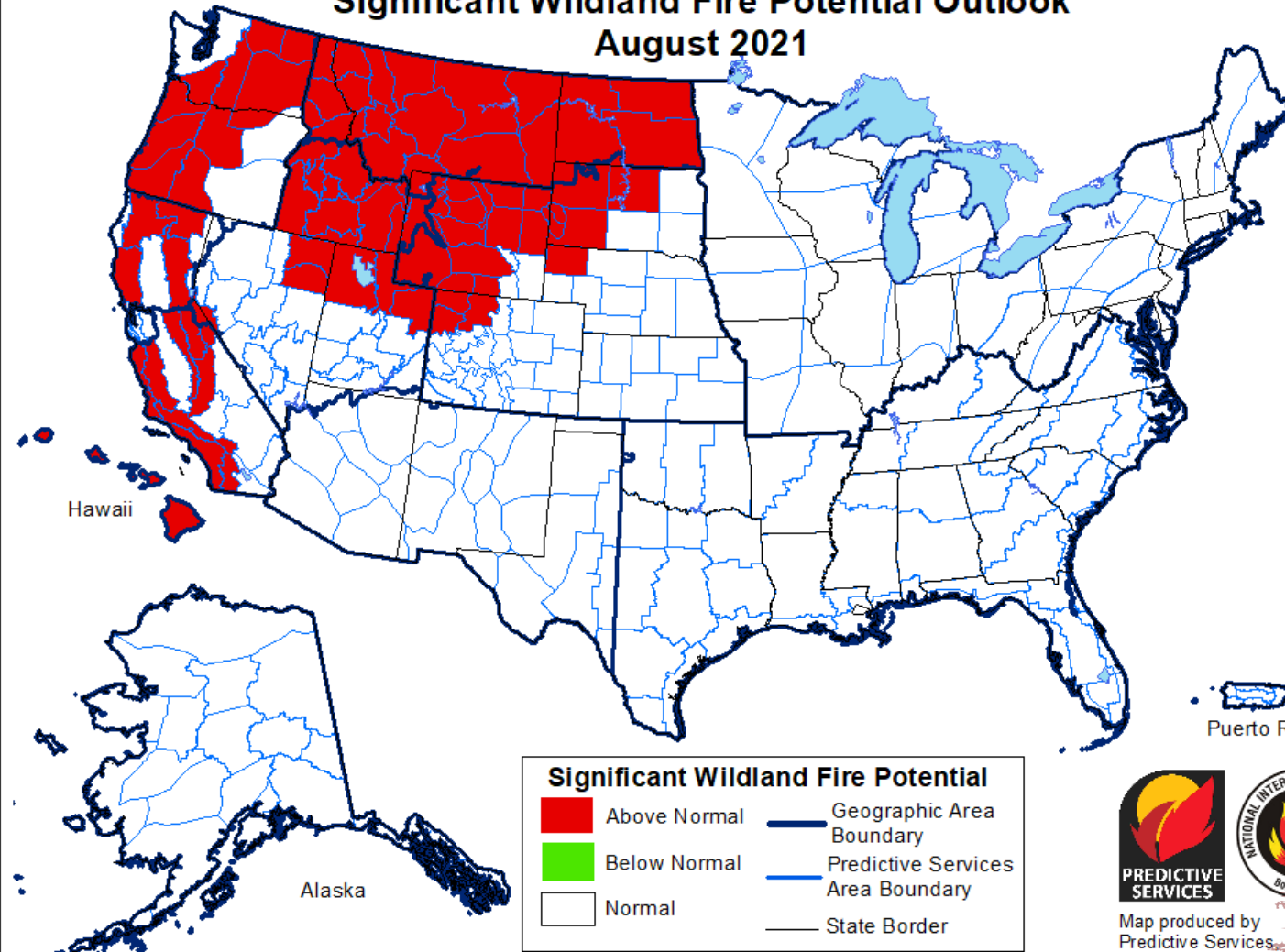
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# Fire statistics to date

June 7, 2021

## 2021 Year To Date

	Fires	Acres
Lightning	5	1,500
Human	319	2,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>3,644</b>

## 10-Year Average (2011-2020 Year To Date)

Lightning	17	220
Human	127	1,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1,371</b>

**95%**

fires kept at 10 acres or less  
to date in 2021

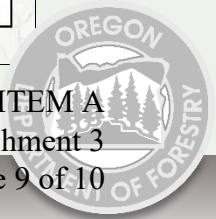
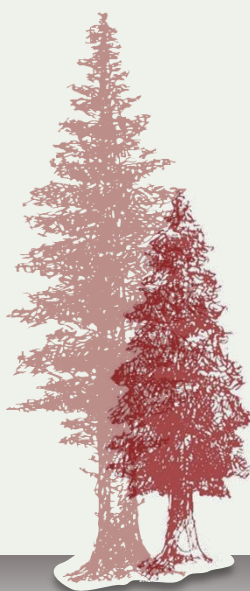
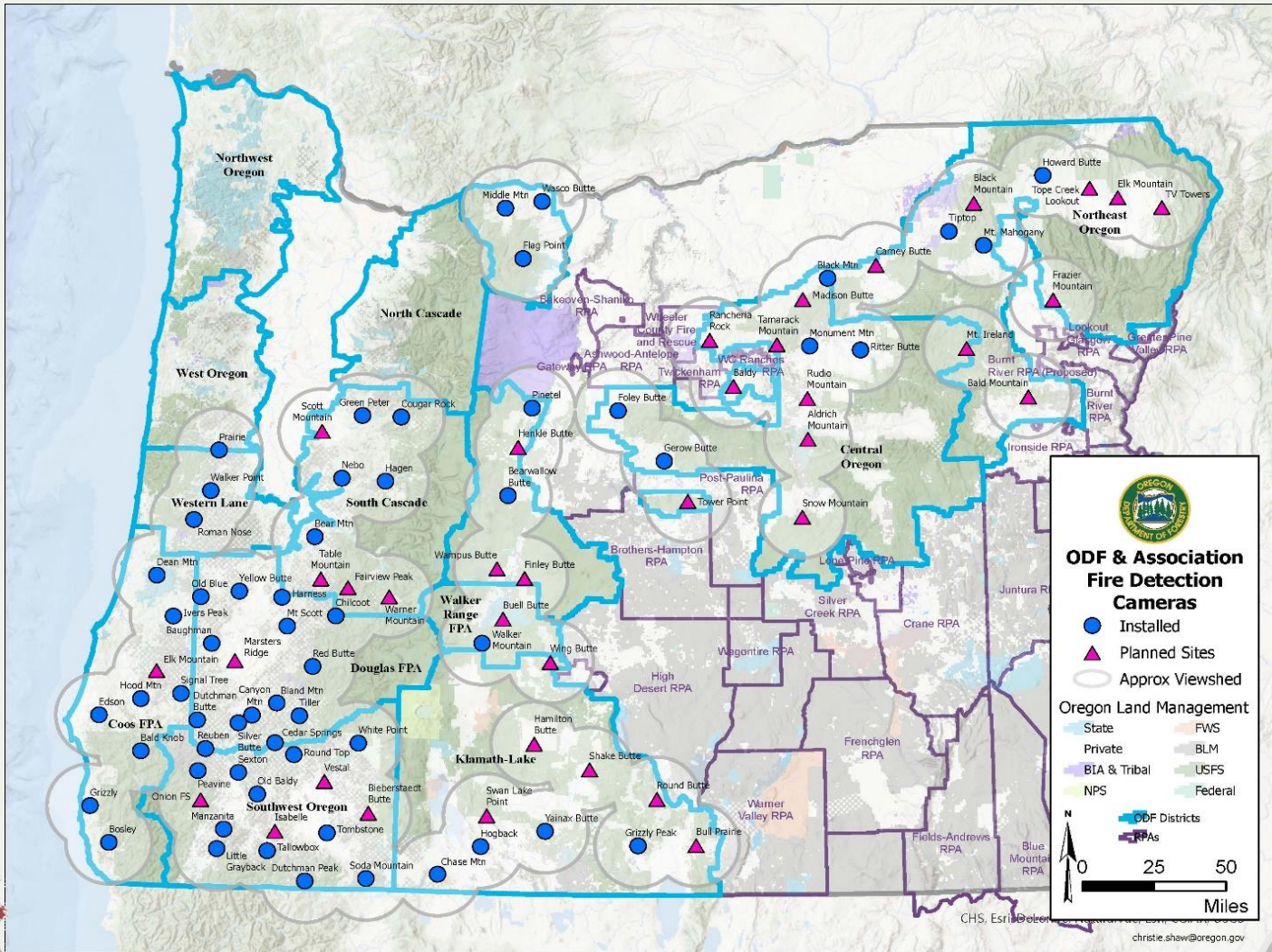


### 2021 vs 10 Year Average

- ~2.5x more human fires
- ~2.7x more total acres burned

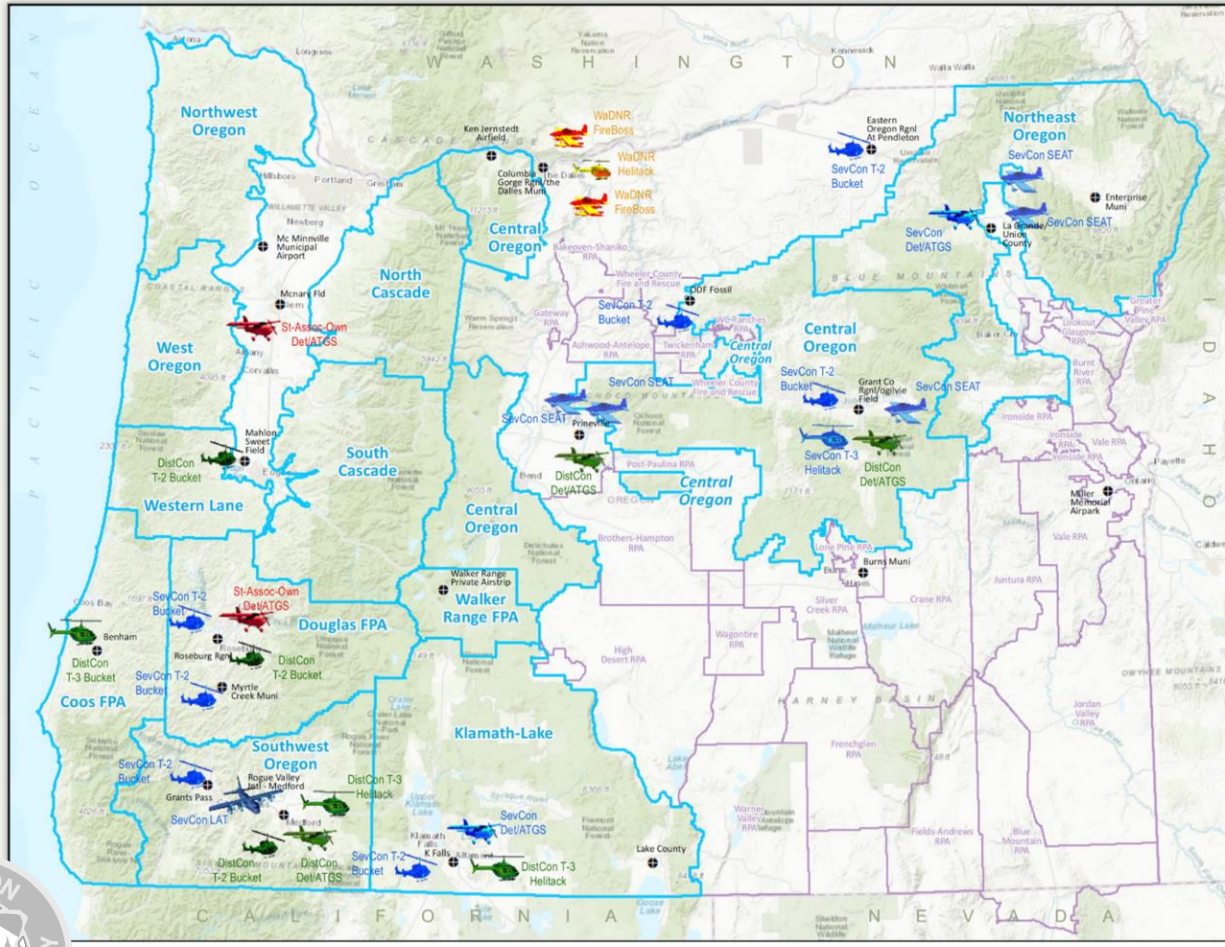


# Early detection





# Aviation resources (Severity program)



**ODF Aviation Resources**

**State & Association**

- Defcon/ATGS  
150 miles/60 mins

**District Contracted**

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- T2 Bucket  
60 miles/30 mins
- T3 Bucket & T3 Helitack  
50 miles/30 mins

**Severity Contracted**

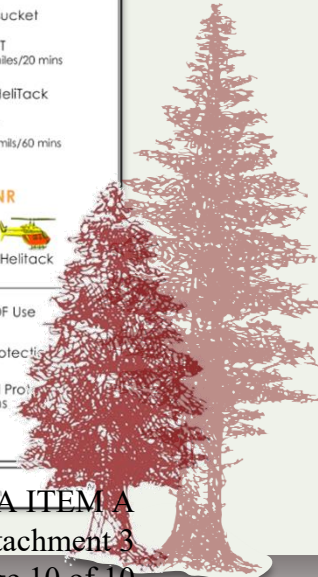
- Defcon/ATGS
- T2 Bucket
- SEAT  
75 miles/20 mins
- T3 Helitack
- LAT  
250 miles/60 mins

**WA DNR**

- Fireboss
- Helitack

- Airports ODF Use
- ODF Fire Protection
- Rangeland Protection Associations

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# 2021 Fire Season

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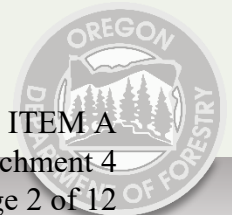
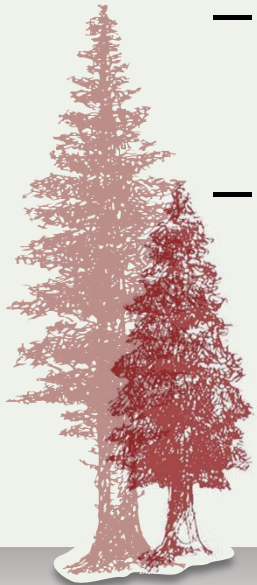
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# Advancing Fire Protection: Legislative Investments

- \$13M
- 33 LD positions full-time plus seasonals
- ODF investments
  - Fire Response - \$3M:
    - Fire Line Leadership & Support
  - Aviation Capacity - \$5M:
    - Next Generation Air Tanker and Heavy Helicopter
  - Wildfire Risk Mitigation - \$5M:
    - Strategic fuel reduction projects around communities



# 2022 Fiscal Fire Protection Budgets

## The Base Level:

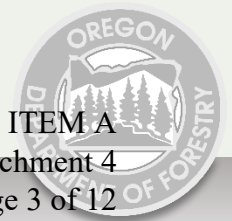
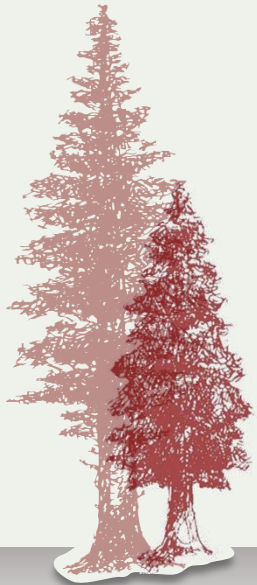
The “Local Fire Department”

## Statewide Severity:

Additional Resources above the base funded by  
General Fund and OFLPF

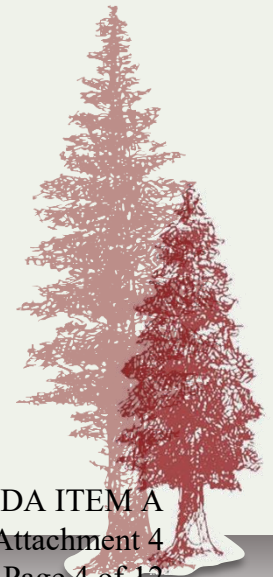
## Large Fire Cost:

Blend: General Fund, Oregon Forestland Protection  
Fund, Insurance Policy, FEMA



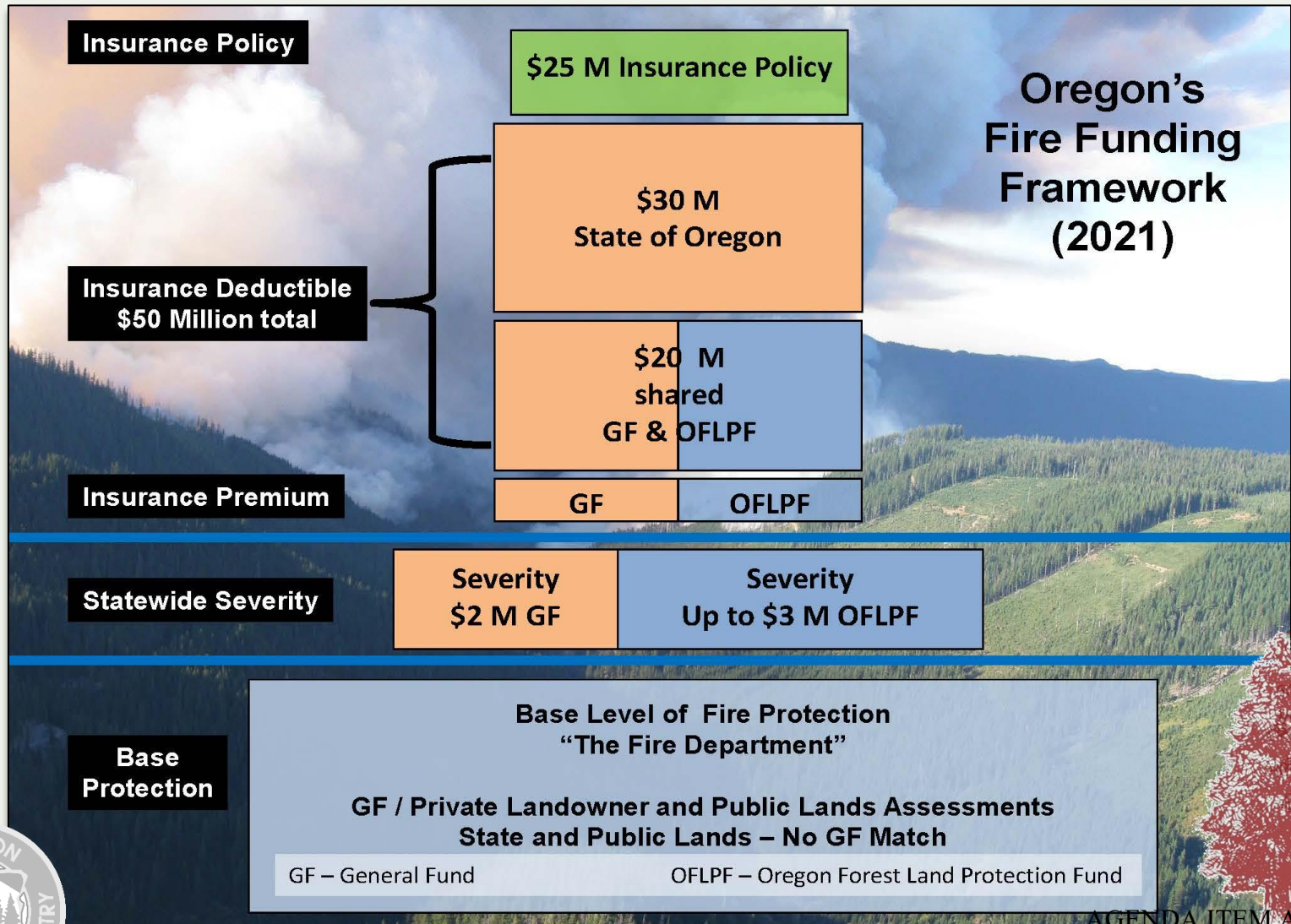
# Funding Partnership

- Complete and Coordinated Fire Protection System
  - State Office, Area, Districts, Cooperators, and Landowners
- Complex blend of private and public dollars
  - Private Landowners 50% / General Fund 50%
  - Public Landowners 100%





# Funding

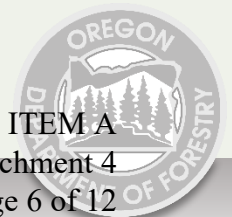
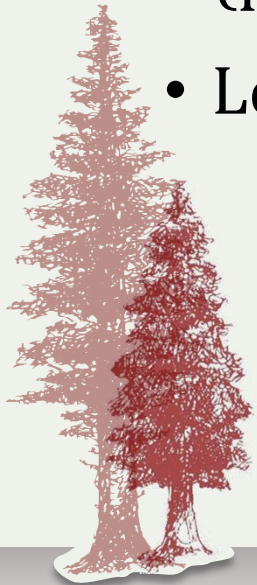




# Budget Development

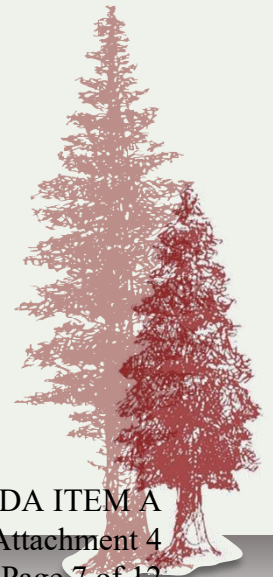
## “Base Level”

- District’s develop fiscal budget
- Review and guided by Associations / Boards
- Approved by the Board of Forestry
- Establishes the Level of Protection and associated costs (per-acre assessment)
- Legislative policy determines ratio (ORS 477.230)

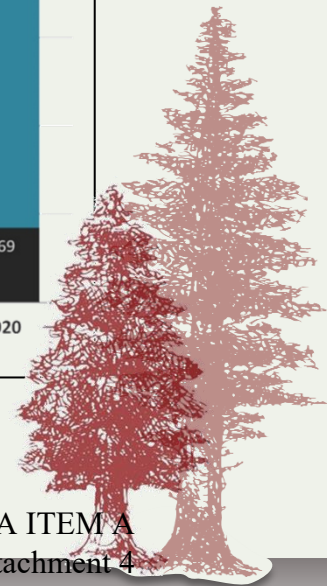
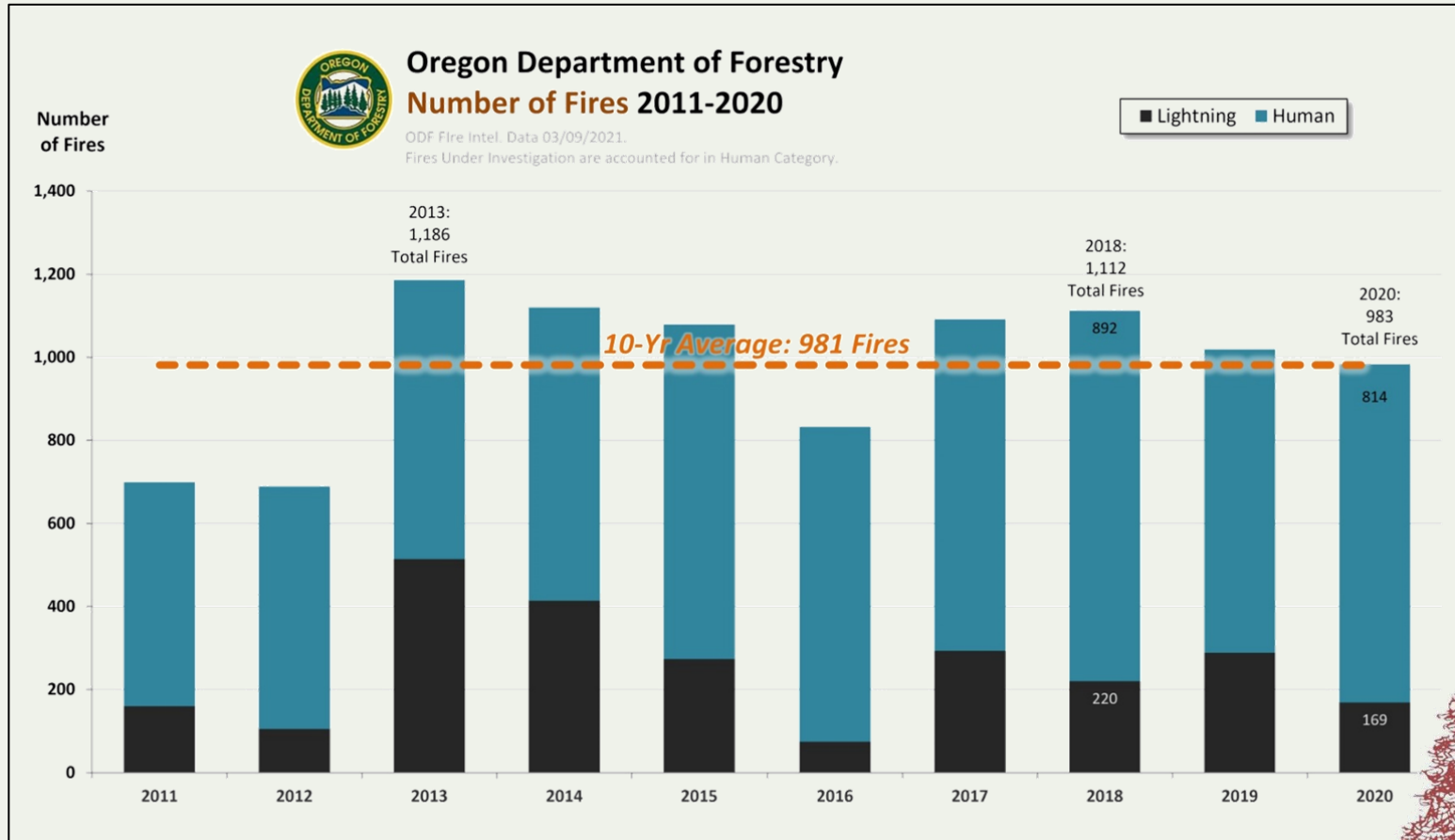


# The Base Level of Fire Protection

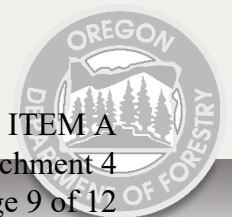
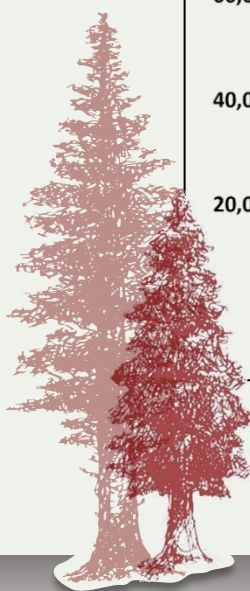
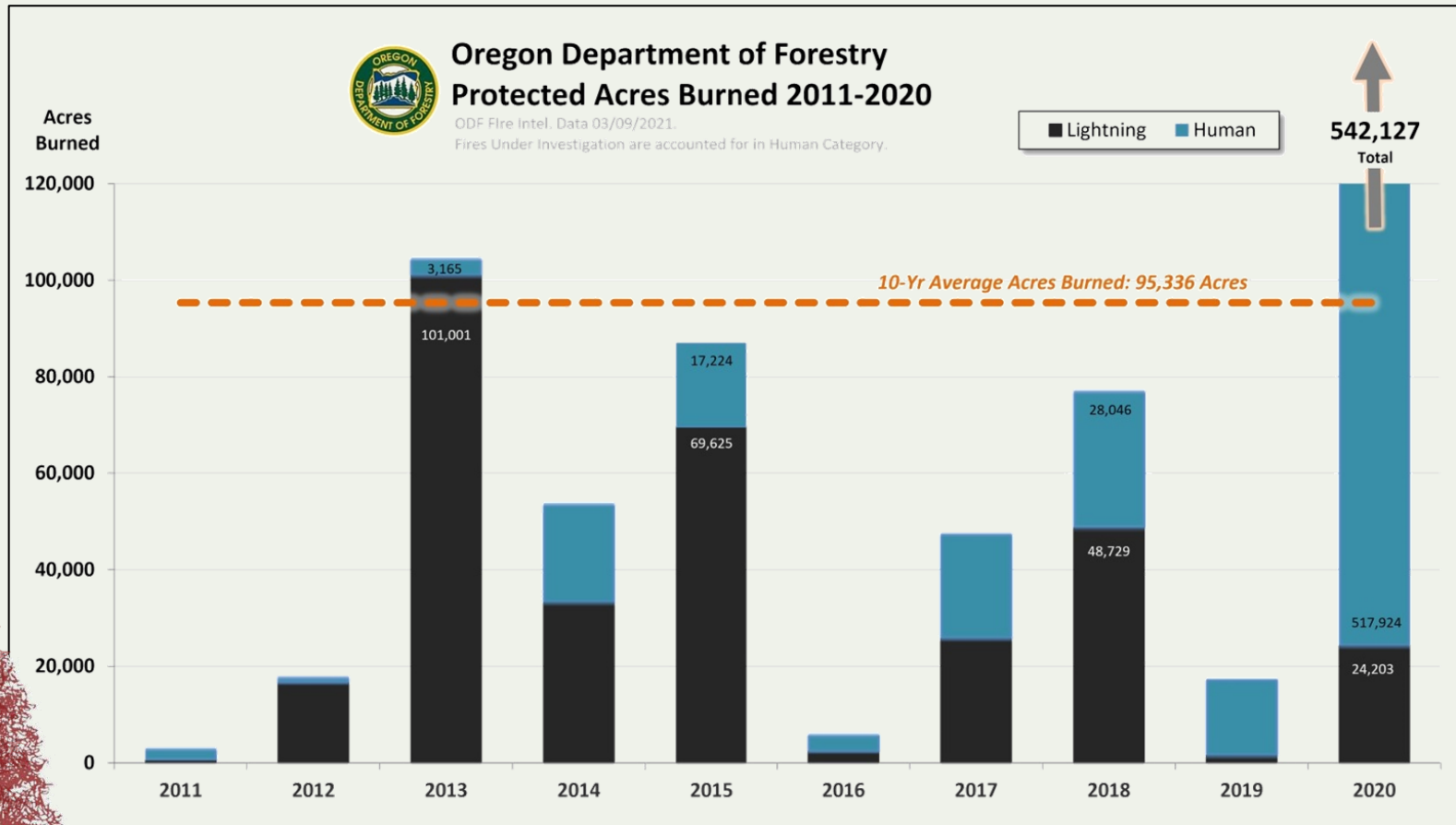
- 16.2 Million Acres (half of Oregon's Forestland)
- 12 Fire Protection Districts
- Initial and Extended Attack Capacity
  - Engines
  - District Contract Helicopters
  - IA Dozers
  - Frontline Seasonal Firefighters



# ODF number of fires

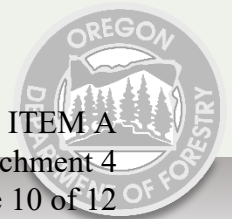
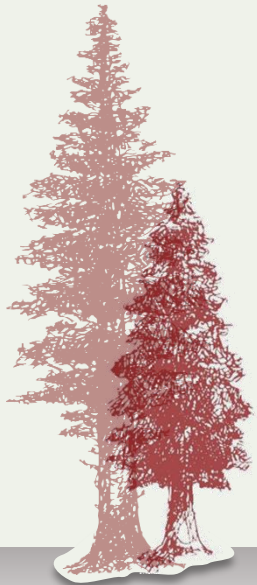


# ODF-protected acres burned



# Spring 2021 Association Meetings

- Meetings were held remotely/virtually using Zoom to comply with the Governors Executive Order and social distancing guidelines
- All Associations recommended approval of fiscal budgets



# Recommendation

The Department recommends the Board approve all Fiscal Year 2022 District and Association Protection Budgets as presented in Agenda Item 4, Attachment 1.





# Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system





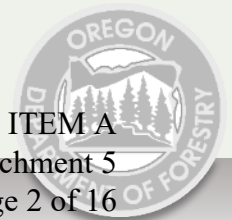
# **MGO Recommendations Implementation Management Plan**

**June 9, 2021**



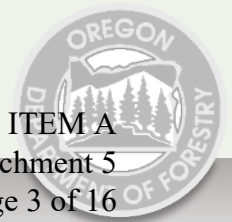
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- State Forester Comments
- Background and Timeline
- Summary of Recommendations
- Overview of Implementation Management Plan
- Board Discussion on Reporting
- Recommendation

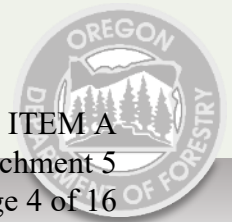
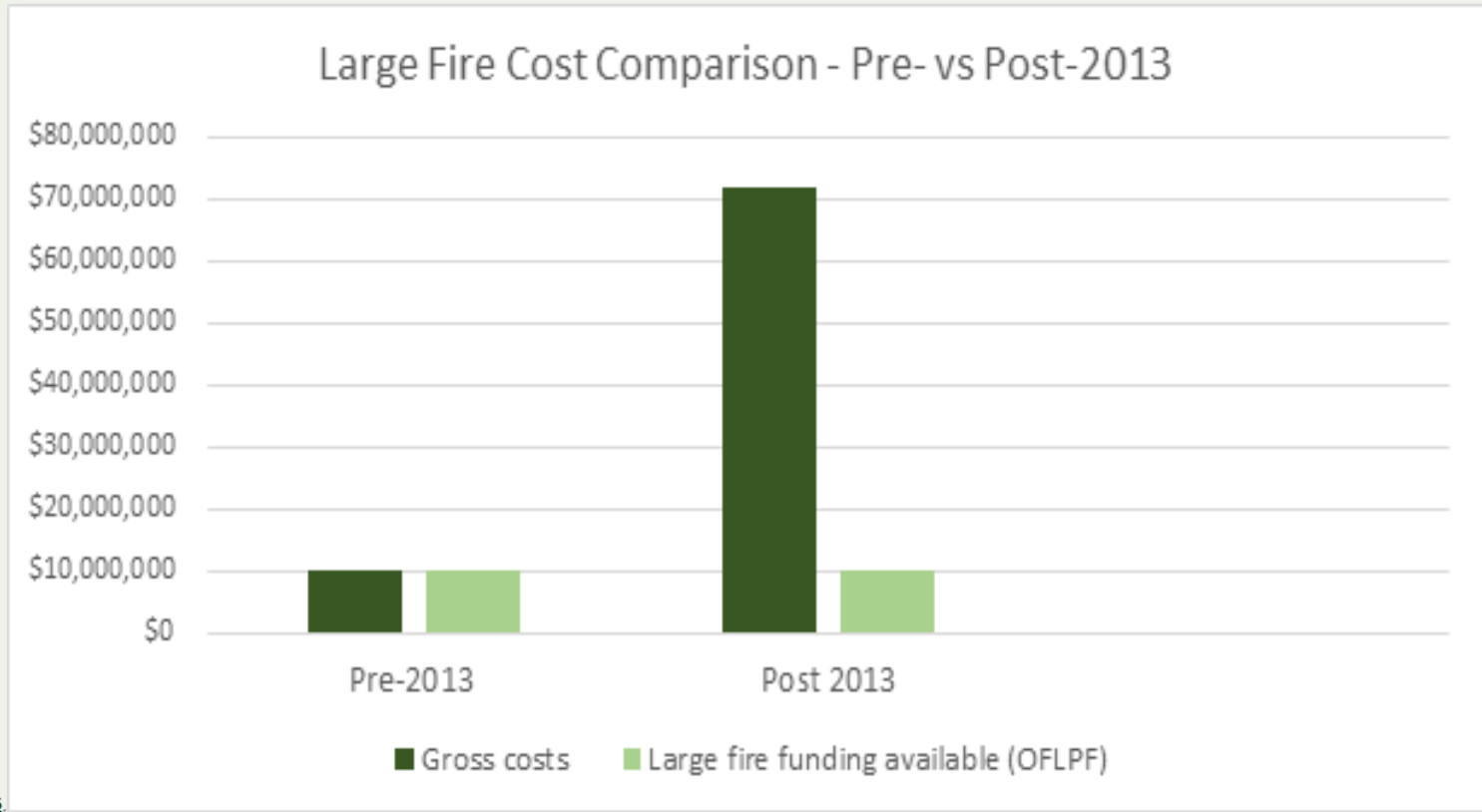


# State Forester Comments

- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Oversight

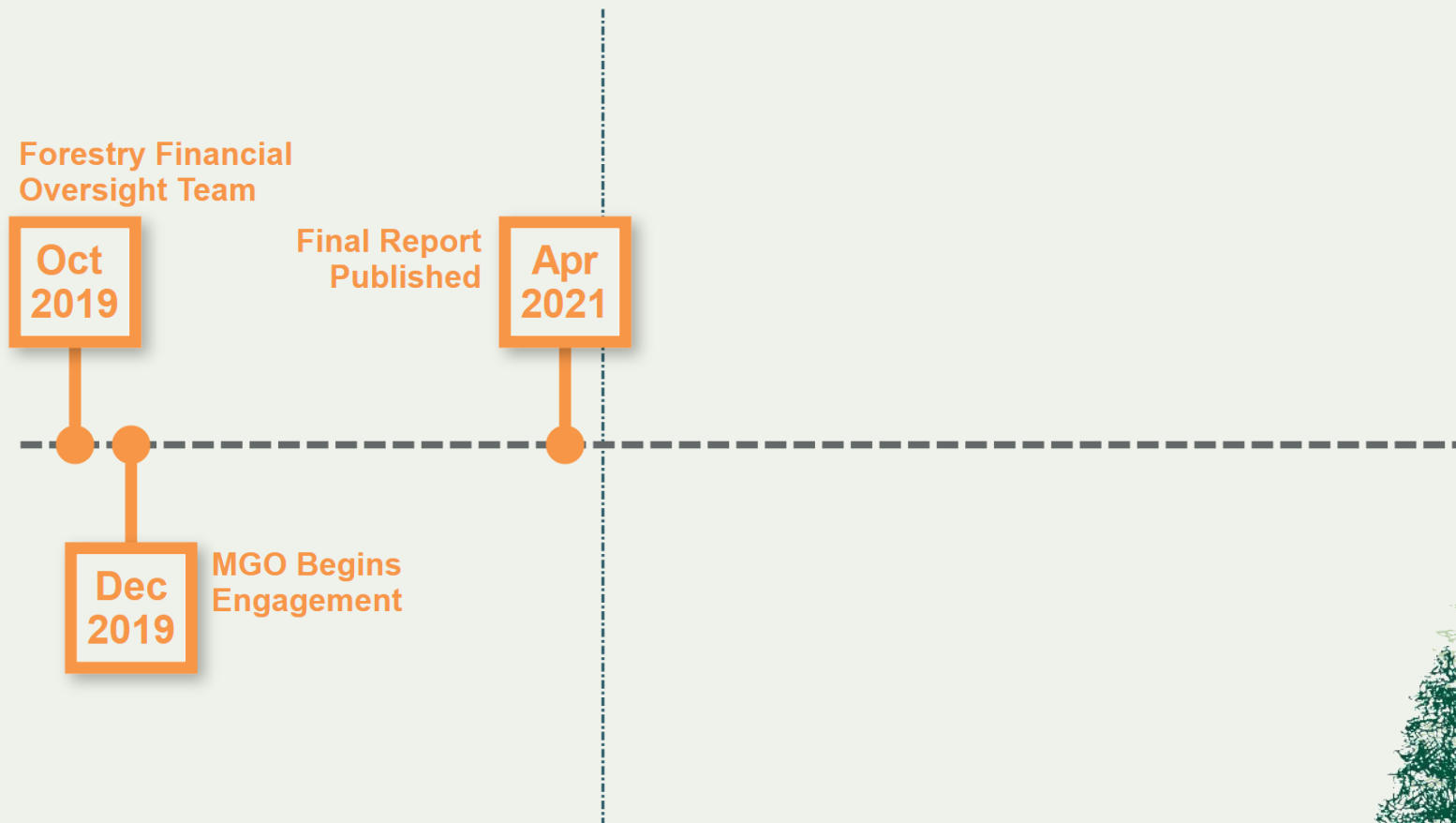


# Background





# Timeline



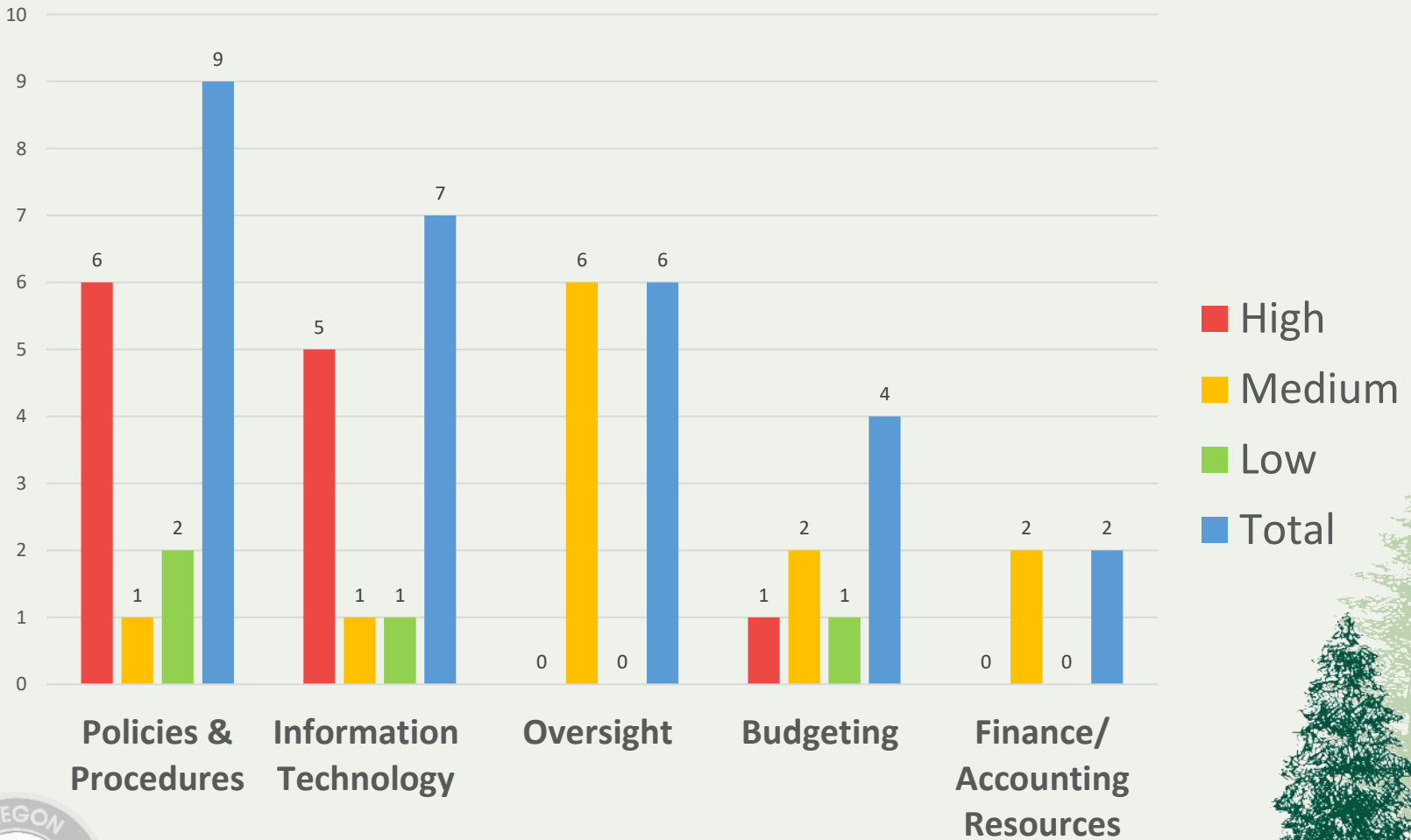


# MGO's Charge

- Evaluate accounts receivable (including invoicing) and payable (including procurement) operations
- Evaluate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) claims processing
- Review past and current practices and procedures
- Make recommendations for future policies/ practices/ procedures
- Produce final report



# Summary of Observations

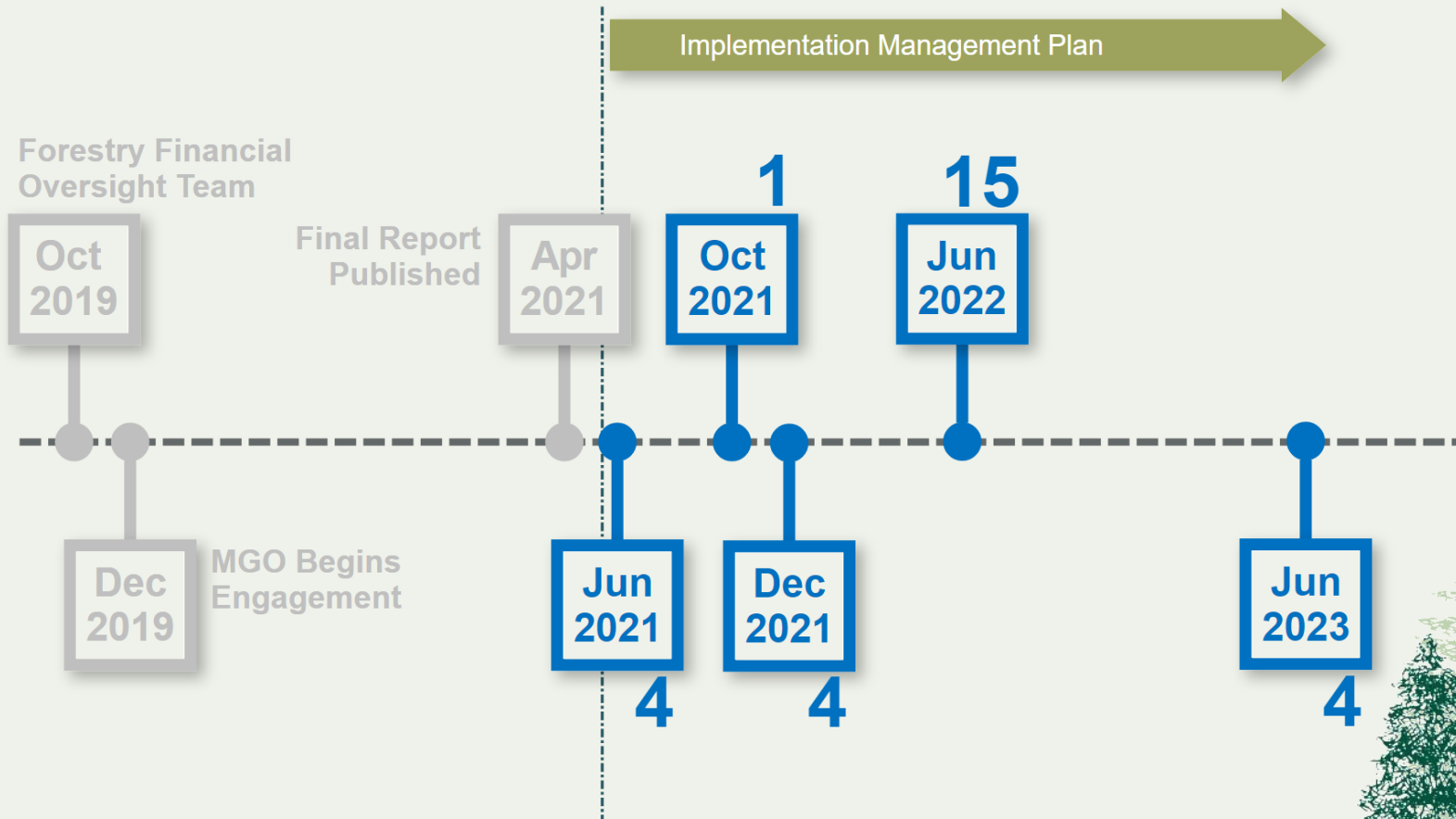


# Implementation Management Plan

- Identify a clear path, specific deliverables, and accountability mechanisms
- Provide a roadmap for staff to understand expectations and requirements
- Identify the details and tracking mechanisms to provide consistent, regular reports on our progress



# Timeline



## MGO Implementation Management Plan Template - Deliverable Status Log

**MGO Recommendation # and Title:** #3 - Cost Share Collections  
**ET Sponsor:** Fire Protection Division Chief  
**Due Date:** 06/30/2021  
**Last Update:** 05/26/2021

**Purpose:** This document contains key deliverables for implementing recommendations presented in the MGO Report, April 2021.

**Rating:** MGO Recommendation:

**High** Formal procedures related to cost share partner collection efforts should be implemented and include, at minimum, monthly reconciliation and collection meetings with the respective cost share partners. Additionally, roles and responsibilities should be clearly defined between ODF Operations and Administrative Branches as related to collection efforts.

Note: This recommendation is dependent upon the cost-share partner's attendance.

**(MGO) Action Plan:**

1. Implement a formal ongoing meeting scheduled with key partners and their respective decision makers. Meetings should occur at least monthly, and should include individuals from the ODF Administrative Branch.
2. Prior to the meeting, the ODF Administrative Branch and the key partners should individually perform reconciliations from accounts receivable to accounts payable.
3. Meetings should include discussion of variances noted, reasons for unapproved invoices or errors identified, barriers to collection, and estimated timeframes for collection of outstanding balances.

Cost-share partners include but are not limited to: Forest Service, BLM, BIA, National Parks, and US Fish and Wildlife Services.

**MGO Observation:**

Collection efforts with cost share partners are performed on an as needed basis, as noted during our inquiries with key ODF Operations and Administrative Branches personnel. Additionally formalized policies and procedures related to on-going cost share collection efforts, including definition of roles and responsibilities, do not exist.

Note: This recommendation is dependent upon the cost-share partner's attendance.

**MGO Potential Impact / Risk:**

The lack of formalized policies and procedures as related to on-going cost share collection efforts could result in an increase in the aging of past due balances, negatively impacting the availability of cash. Additionally, duplicative efforts related to collections could occur due to the lack of clarity regarding roles and responsibilities between ODF Operations and Administrative Branches.

**ODF Management Response:**

ODF agrees with this recommendation. Routine meetings established in recent years with our interagency fire partners and their full commitment to close outstanding invoices has allowed ODF to catch up on past fire collections, leaving less than \$9 million in outstanding recoveries from other fire agencies. Codifying this meeting framework in our cost-collection process would provide consistency in ongoing collection efforts, clearly defined roles across the Operations and Administrative Branches, and standards for discussing variances, reasons for unapproved invoices or errors identified, barriers to collection, and estimated timeframes for collection of outstanding balances. Formalizing our collection procedures with interagency partners has been ongoing and is prudent. As we are actively implementing new accounts receivable technology (Page A/R), our procedures for collections processes will capture aging of past-due balances and reporting mechanisms to reconcile with accounts payable.

Deliverable Identification		Owner	Estimated Completion Date	Deliverable Status		Approver(s)	Deliverable Review				Supporting Documentation	
v	Deliverable Name			Status Indicator	Status		District Business	LT	ET	BOF		
<b>MILESTONES</b>												
	Monthly AR/AP aging meetings with key partners (MGO)	Protection Division Finance Manager	Done	●	Complete	Fire Protection Division Chief	n/a	n/a	n/a		Calendar and Email	
	Quarterly AR/AP aging meetings with key partners (MGO)	Fire Protection Division Chief	Done	●	Complete	Deputy Director for Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a		Calendar and Email	
	Aging Meeting Process Review w/Operations and Administrative Branch	Fire Protection Division Chief	05/24/2021	●	Complete	Deputy Director for Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a		Email	
	Documentation of current meeting process for procedural incorporation	Protection Division Finance Manager	05/24/2021	●	Complete	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Email	
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<b>MAINTENANCE NEEDS POST-IMPLEMENTATION</b>												
	Administration Fiscal Year Operating Plan core duties updated	Financial Services Manager	06/30/2022	●	Not Started	Assistant Deputy Director for Admin	n/a	n/a	n/a			
	Fire Protection Deputy	Fire Protection Deputy	06/30/2022	●	Not Started	Fire Protection Division	n/a	n/a	n/a			

## MGO Implementation Management Plan Template - Deliverable Status Log

**MGO Recommendation # and Title:** #3 - Cost Share Collections

**ET Sponsor:** Fire Protection Division Chief

**Due Date:** 06/30/2021

**Last Update:** 05/26/2021

**Purpose:** This document is for the recommendation.

**Rating: MGO Recommendation:**

**High** Formal procedures related to cost share partner collection efforts should be implemented and include, at minimum, monthly reconciliation and collection meetings with the respective cost share partners. Additionally, roles and responsibilities should be clearly defined between ODF Operations and Administrative Branches as related to collection efforts.

Note: This recommendation is dependent upon the cost-share partner's attendance.

**(MGO) Action Plan:**

1. Implement a formal ongoing meeting scheduled with key partners and their respective decision makers. Meetings should occur at least monthly, and should include individuals from the ODF Administrative Branch.
2. Prior to the meeting, the ODF Administrative Branch and the key partners should individually perform reconciliations from accounts receivable to accounts payable.
3. Meetings should include discussion of variances noted, reasons for unapproved invoices or errors identified, barriers to collection, and estimated timeframes for collection of outstanding balances.

Cost-share partners include but are not limited to: Forest Service, BLM, BIA, National Parks, and US Fish and Wildlife Services.

**MGO Observation:**

Collection efforts with cost share partners are performed on an as needed basis, as noted during our inquiries with key ODF Operations and Administrative Branches personnel. Additionally formalized policies and procedures related to on-going cost share collection efforts, including definition of roles and responsibilities, do not exist.

Note: This recommendation is dependent upon the cost-share partner's attendance.

**MGO Potential:**

The lack of formalized collection efforts may negatively impact collections of cost share between ODF Operations and Administrative Branches.

**ODF Management Response:**

ODF agrees with this recommendation. Routine meetings established in recent years with our interagency fire partners and their full commitment to close outstanding invoices has allowed ODF to catch up on past fire collections, leaving less than \$9 million in outstanding recoveries from other fire agencies. ODF will continue to provide consistency in ongoing collection efforts, clearly defined roles across the Operations and Administrative Branches, and standards for discussing variances, reasons for unapproved invoices or errors identified, barriers to collection, and estimated timeframes for collection of outstanding balances. This process has been ongoing and is prudent. As we are actively implementing new accounts receivable technology (Sage A/R), our procedures for collections processes will capture aging of past-due balances and reporting mechanisms to reconcile with accounts payable.

Deliverable Identification		Owner	Estimated Completion Date	Deliverable Status		Approver(s)	Deliverable Review		
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aging meetings with key partners (MGO)		Fire Protection Division Chief	Done	●	Complete
process Review w/Operations and Administrative Branch		Fire Protection Division Chief	05/24/2021	●	Complete

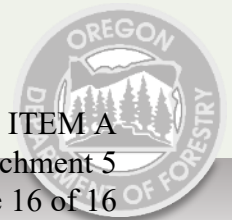
	Monthly AR/AP aging meetings with key partners (MGO)	Protection Division Finance Manager	Done	●	Complete
	Quarterly AR/AP aging meetings with key partners (MGO)	Fire Protection Division Chief	Done	●	Complete
	Aging Meeting Process Review w/Operations and Administrative Branch	Fire Protection Division Chief	05/24/2021	●	Complete
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<b>TRAINING NEEDS</b>					



# Questions and Discussion

# Recommendations & Request

- Adopts modified Board Administrative Work Plan
  - Integration of MGO as new issue
  - ODF to provide ongoing reports to the Board consistent with the discussions today
- Board accepts and supports the Implementation Management Plan, Version 1
  - Right direction to address recommendations





# Senate Bill 1602 Update

Oregon Board of Forestry  
June 2021



# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1602

Ordered by the Senate June 24  
Including Senate Amendments dated June 24

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY (at the request of Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires Governor to facilitate mediation sessions between forest industry and environmental interest representatives. Identifies purposes and completion goal for, and provides for confidentiality of, mediation sessions. Requires joint legislative committee hearing during 2021 regular session regarding mediation process.

Allows person to register with State Forestry Department to receive notice of pesticide applications by helicopter to forestland near person's residence or water intake used by person.

Requires notice to department of proposed or imminent pesticide application by helicopter to forestland. Requires department to give notice of application to persons registered to receive notice.

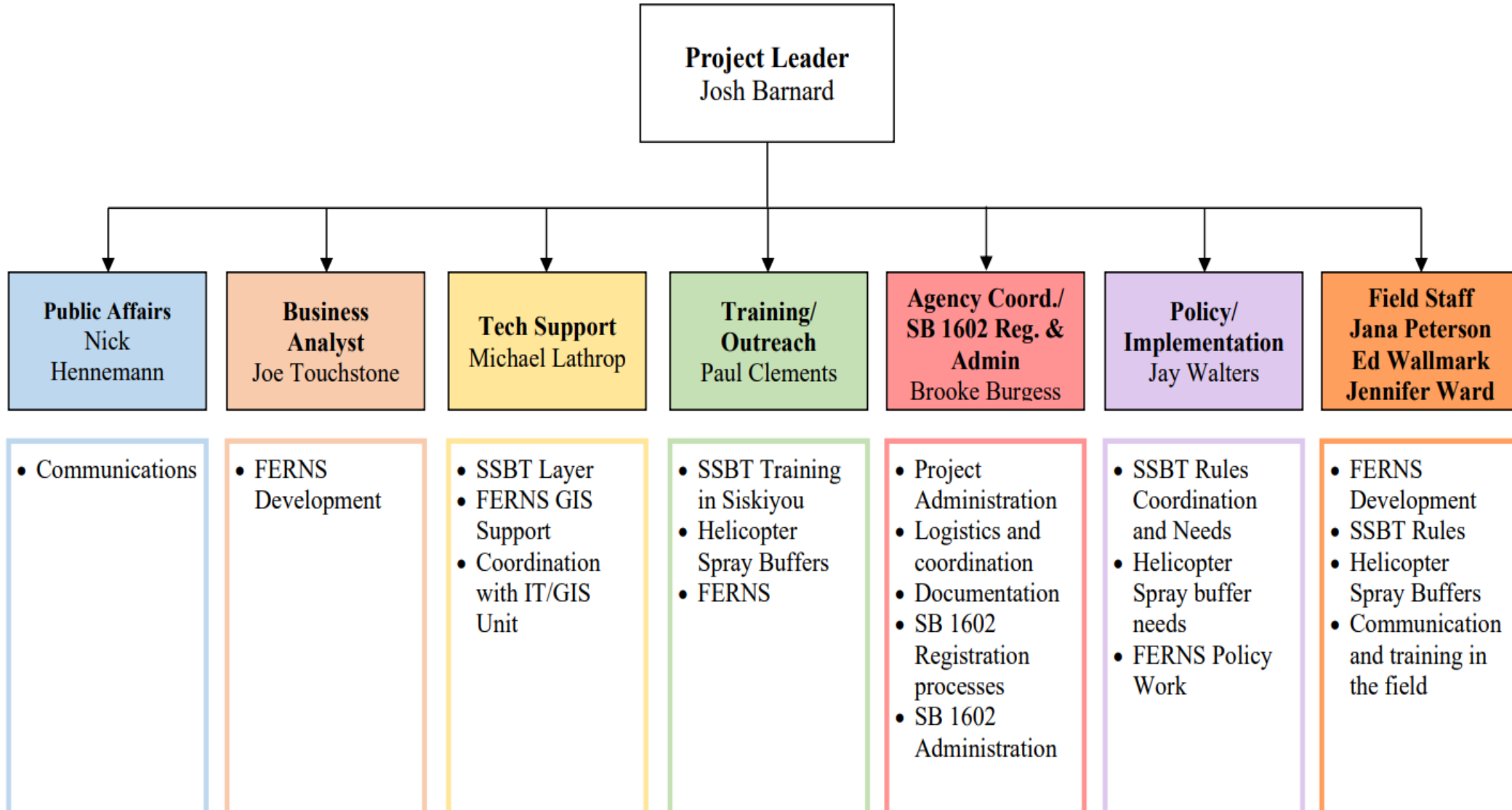
Requires notice to department upon completion or partial completion of pesticide application. Provides escalating penalties for failures to report. Caps penalties at \$5,000 per day.

Requires Pesticide Analytical and Response Center to accept requests from certain entities for records and data concerning pesticide application by helicopter to forestland. Imposes fine of \$1,000 for pesticide operator failure to timely supply records or data. Prohibits interfering with pesticide application by helicopter to forestland. Makes violation subject to fine of \$1,000 for first offense, or



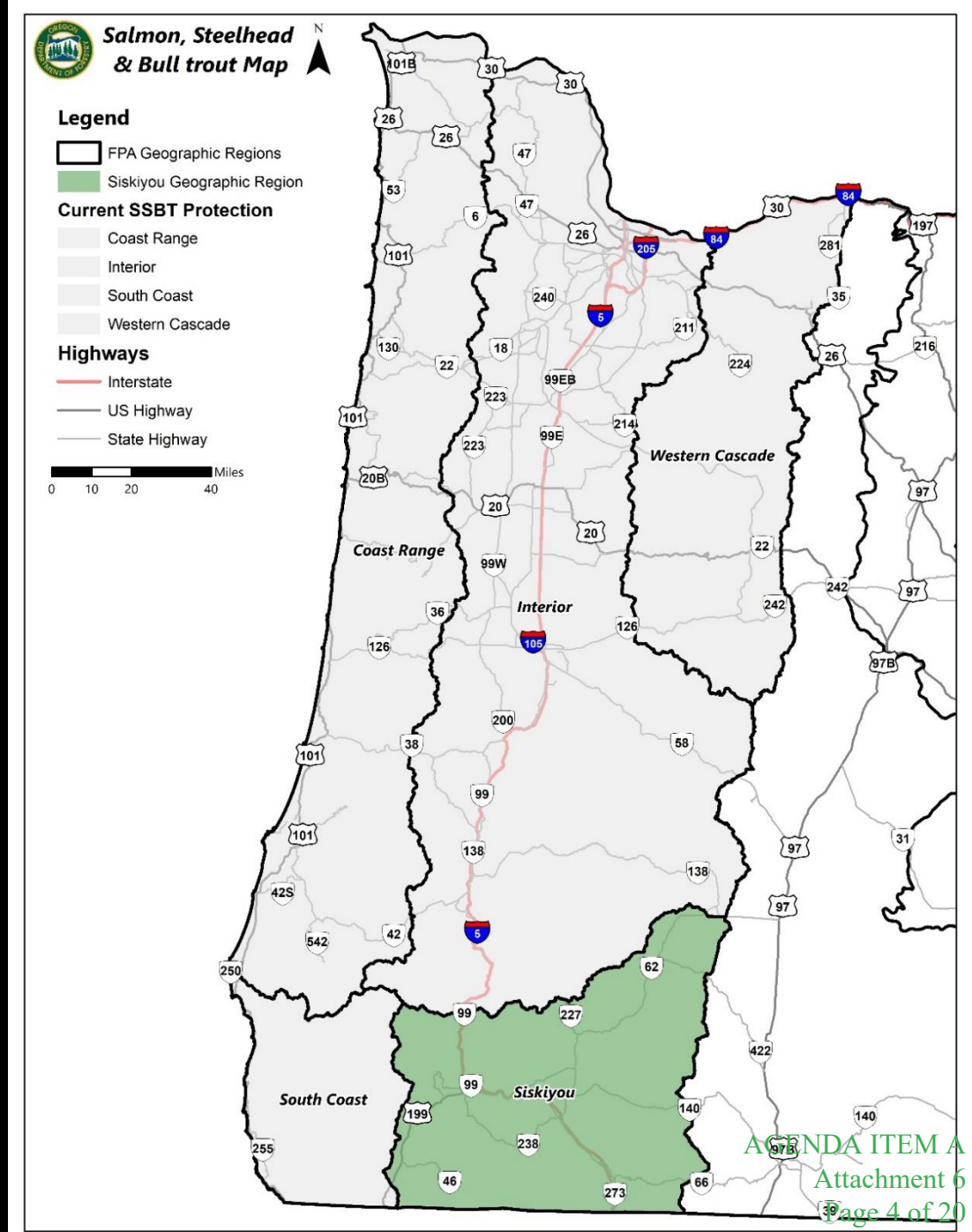


# SB 1602 Project Team Organizational Structure



# SSBT Extended to Siskiyou

- **SSBT streams**
  - Wider harvest buffers
  - Same RMAs & RxS
  - Only rule-making required





## Other

- Type “N” spray buffers
- Records requests via PARC
  - Daily spray records, GPS flight data
  - Deadlines to fulfill requests
  - Fine for failure to provide
- SB 1602 → ORS - autumn 2021







Notifier



Registrant



ODF/  
E-notification



# E-Notification Notifier Dashboard



Notifications
Subscriptions
Registrations

Notify - Notification of Operations / Application for Permit to Use Fire  
or Operate Power-Driven Machinery

**My NOAPs**

<b>Demo for 6-2</b>	<b>DRAFT</b>
NOAP ID: pending	
CREATE DATE: May 20, 2021 Thu	
MY ROLES: operator, landowner, notifier	
<b>Demo Notification 2</b>	<b>SUBMITTED</b>
NOAP ID: 2021-582-00047	
CREATE DATE: Apr 27, 2021 Tue	
MY ROLES: operator, landowner, notifier	
<b>Demo Notification 1</b>	<b>SUBMITTED</b>
NOAP ID: 2021-511-00046	
CREATE DATE: Apr 26, 2021 Mon	
MY ROLES: operator, landowner, notifier	
<b>Testing stream layers 4</b>	<b>SUBMITTED</b>
NOAP ID: 2020-952-00003	
CREATE DATE: Dec 19, 2019 Thu	
MY ROLES: landowner, notifier, operator, timber owner	
<b>Testing stream layers 3</b>	<b>SUBMITTED</b>

**My Helicopter Spray Status**

**Demo Notification 1**

NOAP ID: 2021-511-00046

APPLICATION WINDOW: May 27, 2021 - Aug 25, 2021

NUMBER OF UNITS: 2

UPDATE SPRAY STATUS

**Demo Notification 2**

NOAP ID: 2021-582-00047

APPLICATION WINDOW: May 31, 2021 - Aug 29, 2021

NUMBER OF UNITS: 2

UPDATE SPRAY STATUS



# E-Notification Spray Status



**OPERATION NAME:** Demo Notification 1  
**NOAP ID:** 2021-511-00046  
**SUBMIT DATE:** Apr 26, 2021  
**APPLICATION WINDOW:** May 27, 2021 - Aug 25, 2021

**You must keep your spray status current.** ⓘ

## Update Spray Activity Status

Select unit(s) to update and select new status below

Unit & Activity	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODF Campus - Herbicide Application (Unit)	Available to Spray as of May 27, 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non registrant unit - Insecticide Application	Available to Spray as of May 27, 2021

Select All | Deselect All ⓘ

Mark as Pending

Mark as Incomplete

Mark as Complete

# E-Notification 90-day Window



## Helicopter Pesticide 90-Day Application Window

If a notification has a unit with a **Registrant**, there is a 30-day waiting period. If there are no registrants, there is a 15-day waiting period. Units with registrants within 1 mile will appear below, and registrant contact details will be available once the NOAP is submitted. Registrants will receive updates as you change the spray unit status.

## Units with Nearby Registrants

All mapped units with registrants within 1 mile are listed below.

**UNIT 1** [View Unit in Map](#)

## Application Window

Please pick the 90-Day Window Start Date to be used for all activities listed on this NOAP.

Start Date \*

2021-07-03

End Date

2021-10-01

SAVE

← BACK

NEXT →

# E-Notification Activities Page



**UNIT 1** 85.9 ACRES ADD ACTIVITY +

**HERBICIDE APPLICATION (UNIT)** EDIT REMOVE ✕

**METHOD(S):** Aerial - Helicopter  
**OPERATOR:** Joe Notifier  
**CHEMICALS:** Broadrange 55  
**CARRIERS:** petroleum oil, emulsifier  
**ADDITIVES:** Forest Crop Oil (Carrier)

This Unit falls within the following Regulated Use Areas: **WV-1**

A **Statutory Written Plan** is required for the resources detected in or near this Unit if activities occur within:

100 Feet of	300 Feet of
<b>Unknown:</b> <i>Small - Type F Stream</i>	
<b>Wetlands:</b> <i>Freshwater Emergent Wetland, Freshwater Pond, Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland</i>	

**UNIT 2** 40.2 ACRES ADD ACTIVITY +

**HERBICIDE APPLICATION (UNIT)** EDIT REMOVE ✕

**METHOD(S):** Aerial - Helicopter  
**OPERATOR:** Joe Notifier  
**CHEMICALS:** Atrazine 4L  
**CARRIERS:** ethos456  
**ADDITIVES:** Fire Zone-Vegetable Oil

This Unit falls within the following Regulated Use Areas: **WV-1**

# E-Notification Site Conditions



## Site Conditions

## Definitions

Please identify natural resources and site characteristics in or next to your proposed forest operation. This will help ODF provide you the information you need to comply with the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Enter site condition information only once for a notification, even if yours contains more than one unit. For example, if you have two clearcut units and one of them is within 100 feet of a stream and the second is not, you should select "Yes" for the question "Is your activity within 100 feet of any lake or stream?"

## Homes & Schools *\*New!\**

**For all helicopter applications of pesticides, please provide the following information on schools and homes:**

Are you aware of any schools or school campuses (Head Start program, public or private pre-K through 12, public or private college or university, Oregon School for the Deaf, regional residential academy of the Oregon Youth Authority, an educational service district) within 300 feet of your application area?  Yes  No

Are you aware of any homes or other dwellings within 300 feet of your application area?  Yes  No



# E-Notification Registration Page

## Register for Helicopter Pesticide Application Updates

[← Cancel and Return to Registrations](#)

### Do I have a qualifying residence?

Anyone can register to get information about planned helicopter pesticide use within one mile of their home.

To get started, you will need your:

- Contact information (name, address, phone number)
- Physical address or tax lot ID number
- Proof of residency (you will need to upload one of the following: lease agreement, Oregon driver's license, recent property tax record, rent receipt, mortgage documents, or homeowners insurance policy)

To register multiple homes, each must be registered separately.

I HAVE A QUALIFYING RESIDENCE

### Do I have a qualifying water intake?

Anyone can register to get information about planned helicopter pesticide use within one mile of their surface water intake.

To qualify, surface water must be used for:

- Lawns or gardens one-half acre or less
- Supplying buildings for domestic animals near a home
- Supplying buildings for people to use or drink
- Livestock to drink
- Community purposes including the four uses above, commercial or industrial use, fire protection, public parks, and street cleaning

To get started, you will need your:

- Contact information (name, address, phone number)
- Surface water intake GPS coordinates
- Permit, certificate, registration, limited license, or order of determination

To register multiple surface water intakes, each must be registered separately.

I HAVE A QUALIFYING WATER INTAKE



# E-Notification Home Page



## Welcome to FERNS

Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System

Oregon Department of Forestry

### Notifications of Operations

You must notify the department before starting a forest operation. You must do this at least 15 days before starting the work. For helicopter pesticide applications, you may need to do this 30 days before starting the work. Information about the intent to harvest timber will be shared with the Department of Revenue.

[Learn More >](#)

### Permit to Use Fire or Power-Driven Machinery (PDM)

You need to apply for this permit for any operation that uses fire or power-driven machinery.

[Learn More >](#)

### Subscriptions and Registrations

Subscribe to get information about forest operations. Register to get information about planned helicopter pesticide use within one mile of your home or surface water intake.

[Learn More >](#)

[CREATE ACCOUNT →](#)



# Communications - FERNS



- **Enforcement**
  - Failure to make “next-day announcement” or report completion status
  - Enforced day-by-day within each of two spray seasons:
    - January 1 - June 30
    - July 1 - December 31
  - Civil penalties:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> day of failure - warning
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> day of failure - \$1000
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>+ day of failure - \$5000/day



# ODF & OWRD Working Together



- Requirements of the bill for ODF & Oregon Water Resources Department
- Meetings and coordinating
- OWRD data update & options



# Education & Outreach



ODF Staff  
Stakeholders  
Forestland Owners  
Operators (Helicopters)  
E-Notification “Registrants”

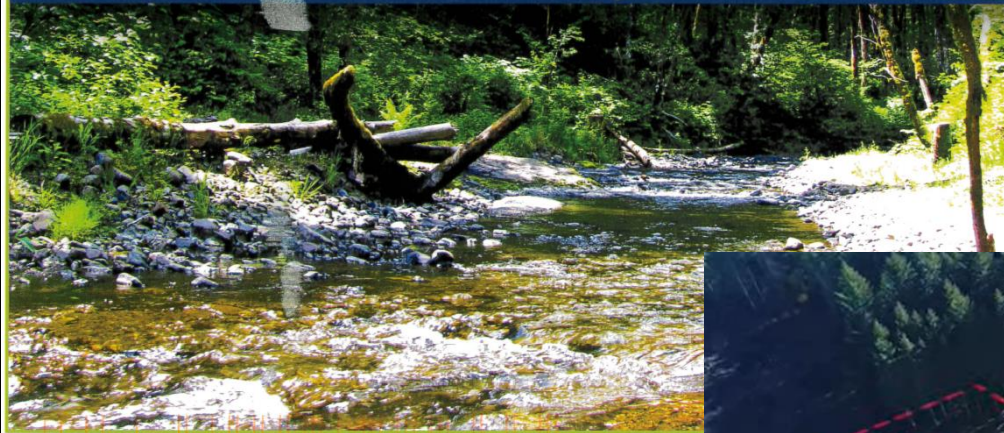




# SSBT Rules & New Spray Buffers EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021



**NOTICE: Effective January 1, 2021**  
**Oregon's Forest Practices Act Requires:**  
**Stream Classifications Changes and**  
**Wider Stream Buffers in the Siskiyou Region**



Sent out over 3,000 postcards to landowners in the Siskiyou Region.



Created a high-quality informational video



# Next Steps

Informational videos  
Web-based training  
In person training  
Outreach in testing new  
E-Notification functions







# Questions?





FTLAC Testimony BOF 6-9-2021

Chair Kelly, Acting State Forester Hirsch, Members of the Board of Forestry,

Thank you for this opportunity to address you this afternoon. For the record, I am Tillamook County Commissioner David Yamamoto and Chair of both the Council of Forest Trust Lands Counties and Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee. I would like to extend a special welcome to the Board of Forestry's newest members: Carla Chambers, Ben Deumling, and Chandra Ferrari as well as to Acting State Forester Nancy Hirsch. I look forward to a close working relationship with all of you as we move forward in discussing matters critical to the forest trust lands counties.

It was my hope, especially considering we have three new members to the Board of Forestry, that I might spend some time exploring a brief history of how, since 1936, the Oregon Board of Forestry has acquired by deed roughly 654,000 acres of county forestland to be managed by the Oregon Dept of Forestry as state forests under Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 530. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and other pressing issues, I am not able to speak to this issue today although I hope to be able to address this topic in detail at some future date.

The Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) has developed a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for 638,000 acres of forest land managed by ODF. This draft HCP proposes a set of "conservation strategies" designed to maintain and enhance habitat for nine species of fish and seven terrestrial species, some of which are listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. As proposed, this HCP would result in a 70-year agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Services and NOAA Fisheries under which ODF would not be prosecuted for incidental take of listed species.

This draft HCP would establish 275,000 acres of Habitat Conservation Areas (HCA's) and 77,000 acres of Riparian Conservation Areas (RCA's). Only about 291,000 acres would be left for sustainable timber harvest. As proposed, this draft HCP would result in a number of unfavorable outcomes, including:

- 1) Timber harvest would drop over time from the current 260 MMbf to about 205 MMbf.
- 2) ODF projects that its own annual share of harvest revenues will fall short of its budget \$12 million per year in the short run, and that the deficit will climb to \$25 million per year in the long term.
- 3) Annual revenues shared with Trust Counties and Taxing Districts will fall from about \$55 million to \$42 million per year, putting additional financial pressure on current levels of county services.

In addition, this draft HCP did not estimate impacts on employment or wages lost in local communities. We expect the harvest reductions would affect 500 family wage fully benefited jobs in the timber industry, at least 150 family wage fully benefited jobs in the Trust Counties, as well as a significant number of family wage fully benefited jobs at ODF.

This draft HCP measures conservation outcomes in terms of the number of acres of suitable habitat, and appears to assume that suitable habitat alone will increase Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) numbers. This thinking follows along with the strategies developed in the NW Forest Plan from 1994 which the Federal Government originally drafted with the intent of protecting critical habitat for the (NSO), again

reasoning that protecting habitat would save the NSO. Today, some 28 years after implementation on almost 25 million acres of federal timber lands in the Pacific NW, NSO populations continue to decline at rates as high as -6.1% per year in the Coast Range.

The implicit assumption is that suitable habitat is the primary factor affecting populations. The current consensus of biologists, however, is that competition and predation from the Barred Owl (BO) has a larger impact on NSO population trends than habitat conditions, and without control of BO populations, the NSO population will continue to decline...regardless of habitat.

The Council of Forest Trust Lands Counties (CFTLC) has submitted our own "Three Goals Alternative" (TGA)...a 19 page HCP Alternative to be considered as an addition to the 1000 page ODF draft HCP as it wends its way through the federal NEPA process. Our TGA proposes no changes to the RCA's and only very minor changes to HCA's. Our TGA will improve the financial, economic and conservation outcomes by making a commitment to immediate and long-term control of BO's in NSO core areas, increasing financial returns to Trust Counties and Taxing Districts while providing continuing levels of employment, and at the same time maintaining the financial viability of ODF.

Under CFTLC's TGA, initial BO control efforts will reduce the BO occupancy rate by 14% which would improve the current NSO population rate of change from -6.1% per year to as much as +3.3% per year. By reducing the BO population by 32% could allow NSO populations to recover at rates up to +10% per year. Recent studies point to the fact that without predator control, the NSO will go extinct, no matter the number of acres put into HCA's and yet with predator control, we can save the NSO from extinction.

It is important for me to note here, that our TGA also addresses another species, the Marbled Murrelet, but in order to try and stay within our allotted 15 minute allocation, I must withhold these comments at this time.

Keeping this predator control scenario in mind, we find that we can decrease the proposed 275,000 acre HCA by 100,000 acres for continuing sustainable harvest and still meet and improve outcomes for listed species while also improving financial, social, and economic outcomes for the Trust Counties and their Taxing Districts while also improving the financial strength of ODF and the State of Oregon.

Even though we have named our alternate HCP the TGA, I like to refer to it as a win-win-win-win-win scenario...

#1 win, using ODF's own Business Case Analysis provided by ODF to the BOF and Trust Counties in 2018, acres available for harvest would increase from 51% to 63% of State Forest lands which increases timber revenue to support Trust Counties and Taxing Districts to provide economic and social benefits to Trust County residents.

#2 win, ODF's HCP makes no mention of lost jobs due to reduced harvest levels. Our TGA will assure family wage fully benefited jobs necessary to the well being of our rural Trust Counties.

#3 win, every dollar of lost timber revenue also affects ODF's budgets, already predicting an annual budget shortfall of \$12M in the short term and \$25M long term. ODF has made several attempts over the years to convince the Legislature to provide additional funding for the department using general fund dollars, each time being denied. Increased harvests will better position ODF to continue to do the important work of forest management.

#4 win, every dollar of reduced timber revenue forces the State to increase dollars going into the School Equalization Fund since timber revenue taken away from timber reliant school districts in the Trust Counties will need to be replaced by the State general fund.

#5 win, our TGA is the only plan currently being considered that will actually save the NSO from extinction.

I very much appreciate this time to quickly explain the goals and objectives of CFTLC's TGA. Our TGA proposes increased measures to control for predators and improve existing habitat, while also decreasing the amount of habitat set-asides to leave enough harvestable acres available to improve financial outcomes for the Trust Counties as well as ODF. To ensure our proposal produces desired conservation outcomes, it would focus on actual population numbers, not just habitat acres as the sole metric of success. The Trust Counties proposal is a sensible and balanced path forward and would improve both conservation and financial results for all Oregonians.

Respectfully submitted,

David Yamamoto

Chair, Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee



# Western Oregon State Forests HCP & FMP Update

Board of Forestry  
June 9th, 2021

**Liz Dent**

ODF State Forests Division Chief

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ODF Deputy Division Chief

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ODF State Forests Wildlife Biologist

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NEPA Lead Consultant, ICF







MARCH 2021

WESTERN OREGON STATE FORESTS  
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT



OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

# HCP Update

- Conservation Fund
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management
- Habitat Conservation Area Management Objectives
- NEPA

# FMP/IP Update

- Scope
- Planning Structure & Timeline
- Public Engagement
- Next Steps



# Conservation Fund

- Timber harvest dollars set aside for species conservation (\$5/1,000 board feet)
- Funds earmarked from ODF's share of revenue from each harvest operation
- Dedicated funding source for conservation actions provides certainty over time



**Establish  
Conservation  
Fund**



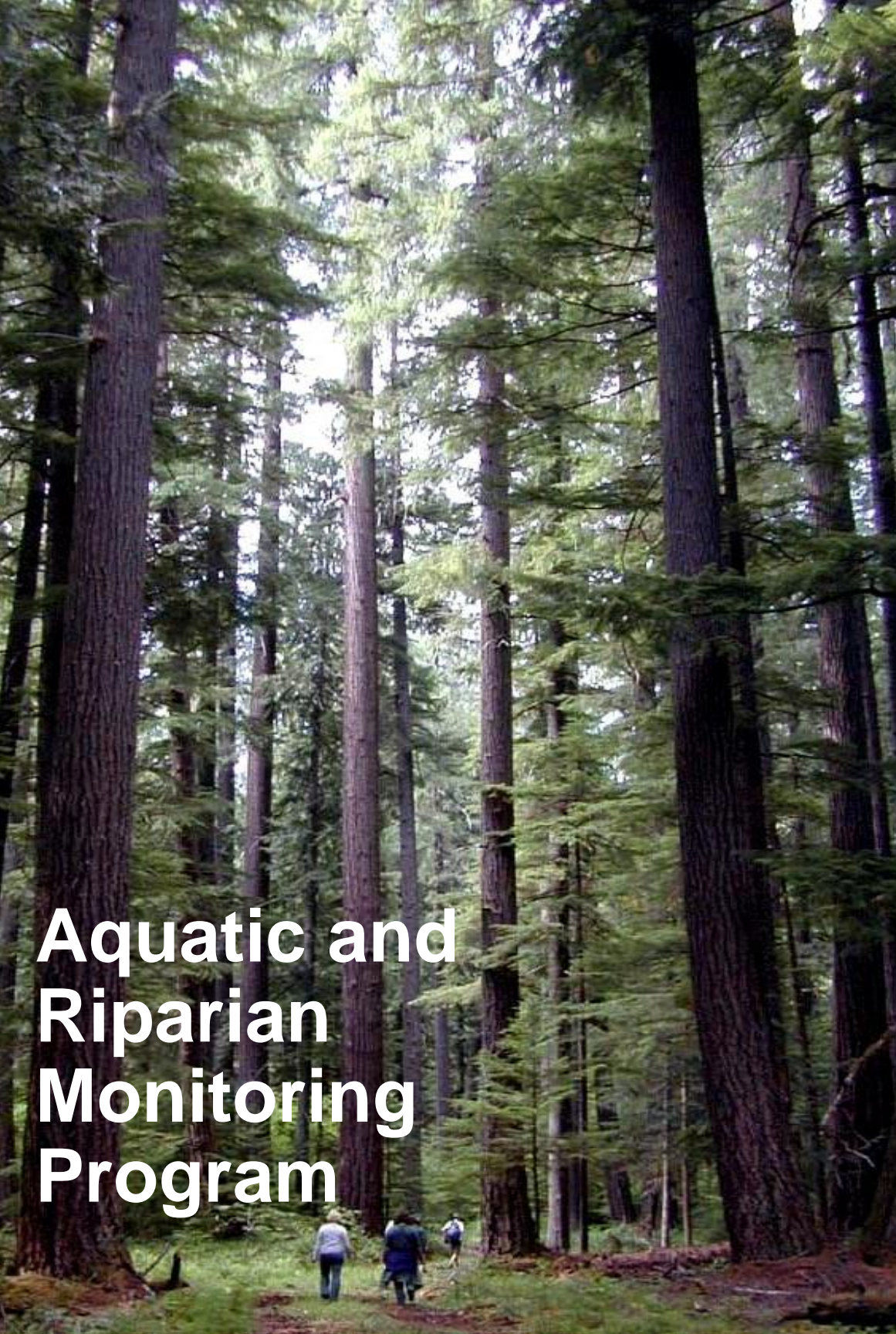


# Monitoring and Adaptive Management

## Monitoring and Adaptive Management

- Aquatic monitoring
- Terrestrial monitoring
- Adaptive Management
- Reporting



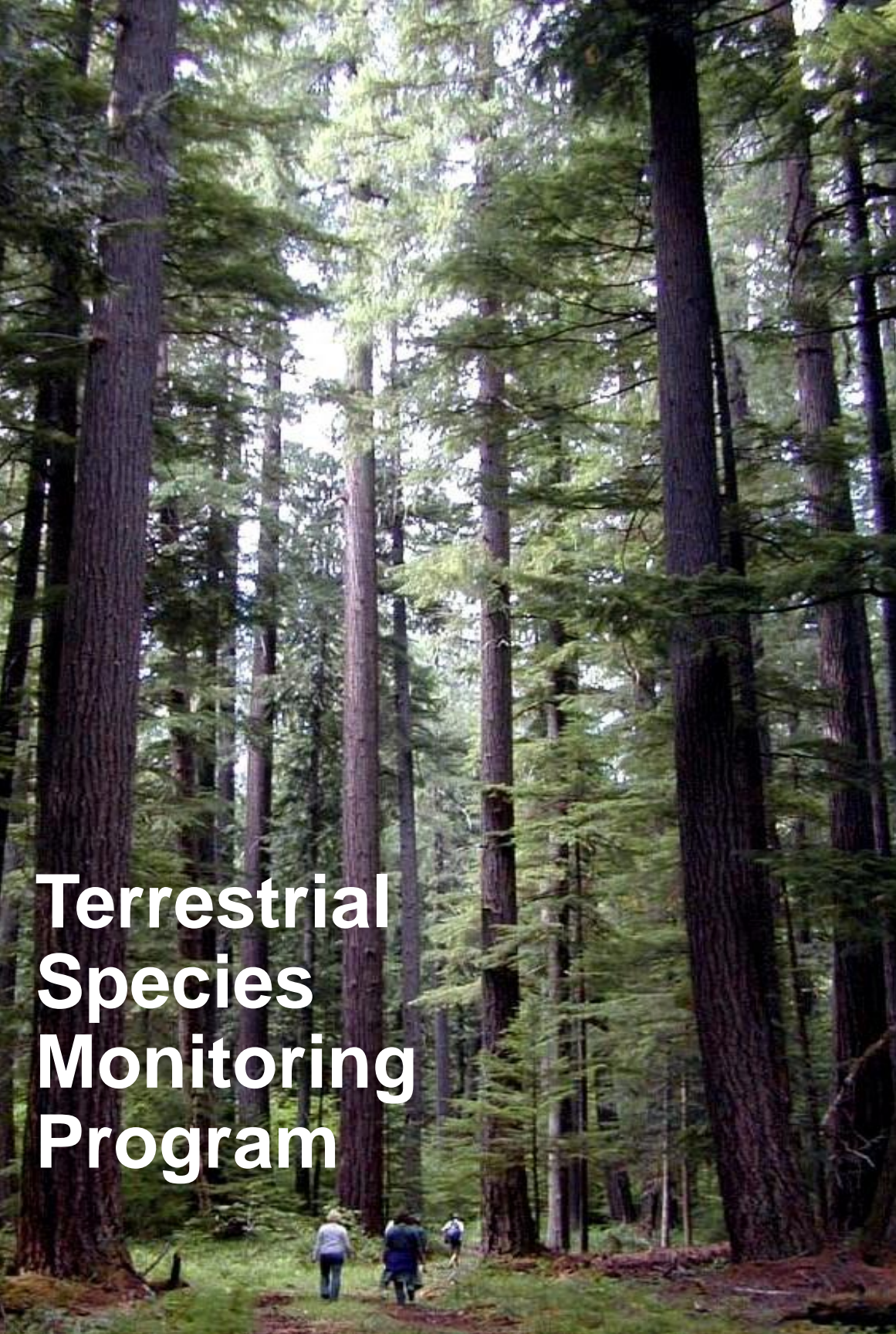


## Aquatic and Riparian Monitoring Program

# Habitat Monitoring

- Partnering with ODFW to implement Aquatic Inventory Program in more locations in permit area.
- Includes the following metrics:
  - Wood recruitment
  - Instream habitat structure (e.g., pools)
  - Stream temperature
  - Targeted sediment and turbidity





# Terrestrial Species Monitoring Program

## Monitoring Activities

- Includes habitat monitoring to document changes in habitat quality and quantity over time.
- Habitat development in response to enhancement activities
- Species monitoring to document response to conservation actions.





## Reporting Requirements

- **Annual Reporting**
  - Focused on compliance
- **5-Year Midpoint Check In**
  - Summary of annual reporting
  - Habitat trends
- **10-Year Comprehensive Review**
  - Assessment to prepare for next 10-year cycle
  - Key point for Adaptive Management

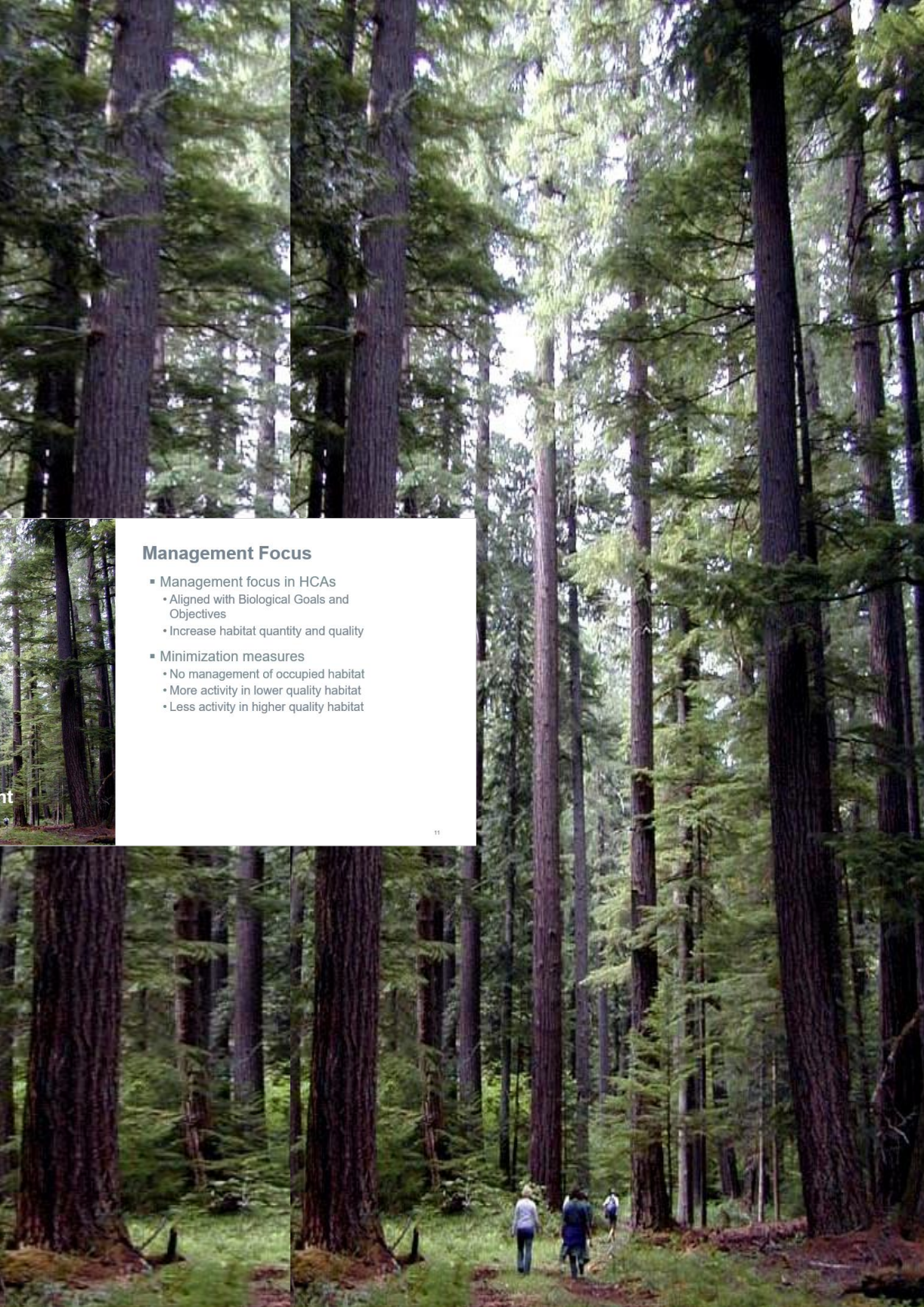




## Adaptive Management Program

- Identifies need for potential adjustments in conservation actions
- Informs changes at both a policy and operational level to most effectively achieve biological goals and objectives
- Timed primarily to match ODF's 10-year Implementation Plan cycle
- Adaptation to climate change in conjunction with other state and federal efforts
- Establishes triggers based on monitoring



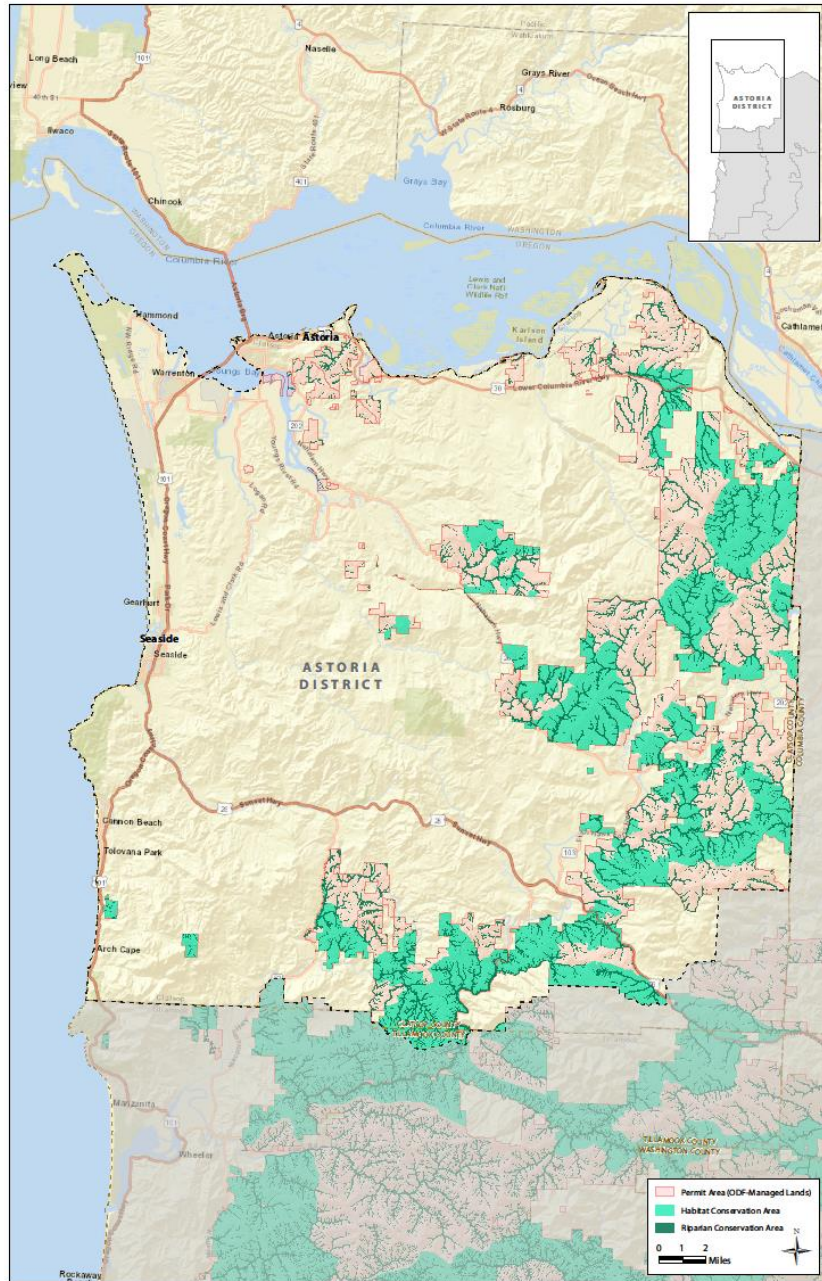


# Habitat Conservation Areas: Management Focus

## Management Focus

- Management focus in HCAs
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  - Increase habitat quantity and quality
- Minimization measures
  - No management of occupied habitat
  - More activity in lower quality habitat
  - Less activity in higher quality habitat

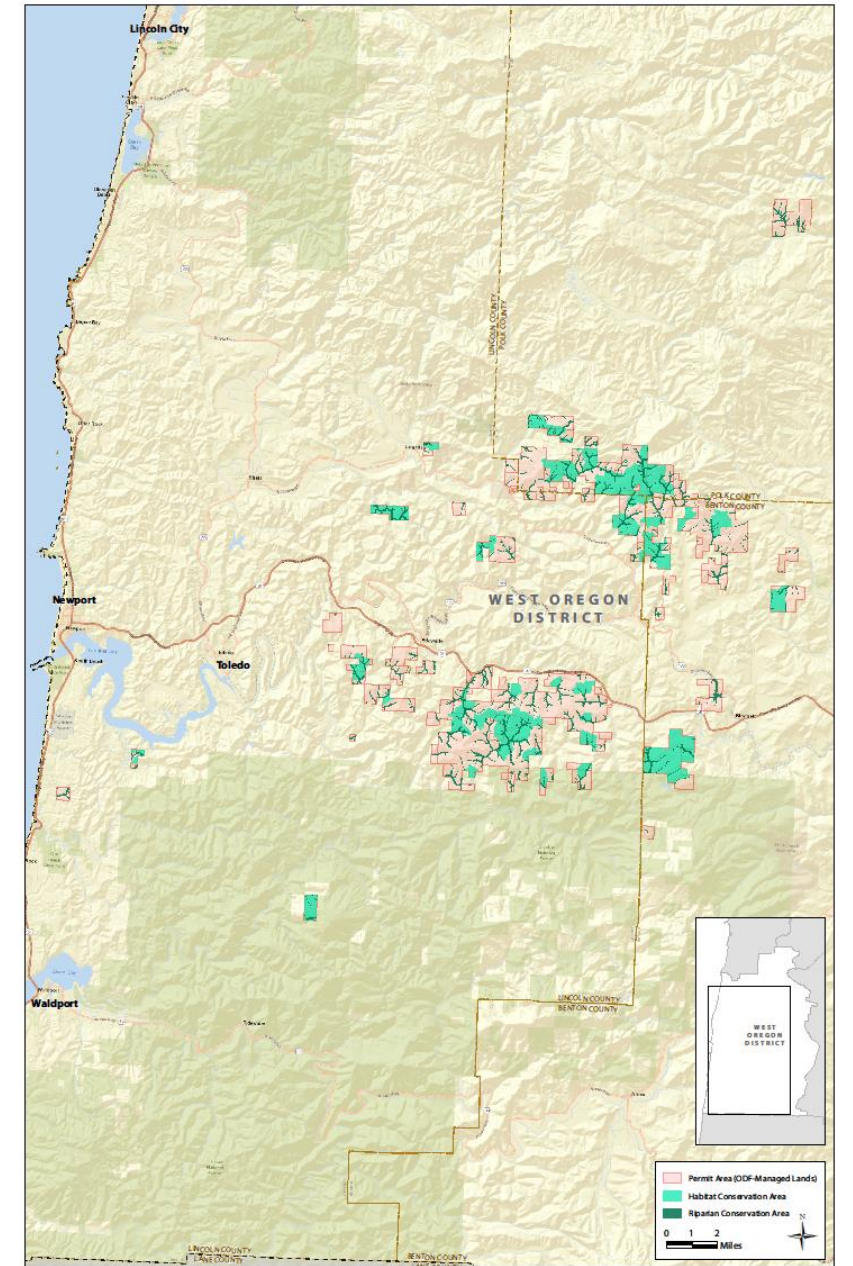




Western Oregon State Forest HCP – Habitat Conservation Areas, Astoria District

# HCA Overview

- Biological Goals and Objectives
- 275,000 ac (43%) of permit area
- Acres therein:
  - Existing occupied sites or high-quality habitat (34%)
  - Inoperables, RCAs, inner gorges (36%)
  - Candidates for active management (30%)



Western Oregon State Forest HCP – Habitat Conservation Areas, West Oregon District





# HCA Management

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# HCA Management

## Silvicultural Prescriptions

- Ecological forestry principles
- Variety of thinning prescriptions
  - Density management
  - Large trees, diversity, and complexity
- Variable retention harvest
  - Swiss Needle Cast
  - Release and restore conifers in alder stands
  - Large trees, spatial heterogeneity
- Reforestation focus on complex early seral conditions
  - Higher species diversity
  - Lower planting densities
  - Limited site prep



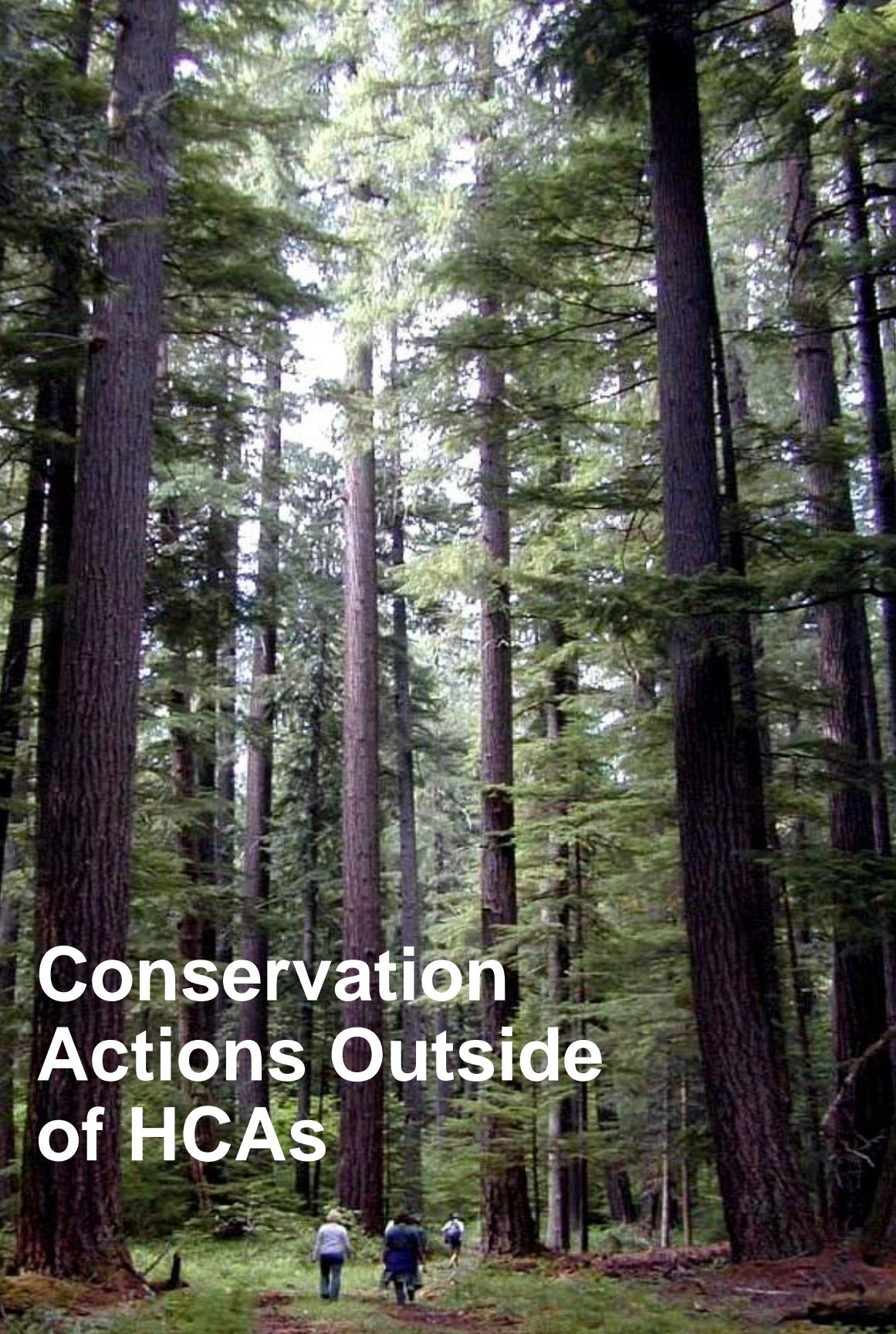


# HCA Management

## Management Activities

- Initial effort (pace and scale)
  - 30 years
  - 75,000 acres (2,500 ac/yr)
  
- Healthy conifer stands
  - 45,000 acres (16% of HCAs);
  
- Swiss needle cast stands
  - 15,000 acres (6% of HCAs)
  
- Conifer restoration in alder stands
  - 15,000 acres (6%) of HCAs



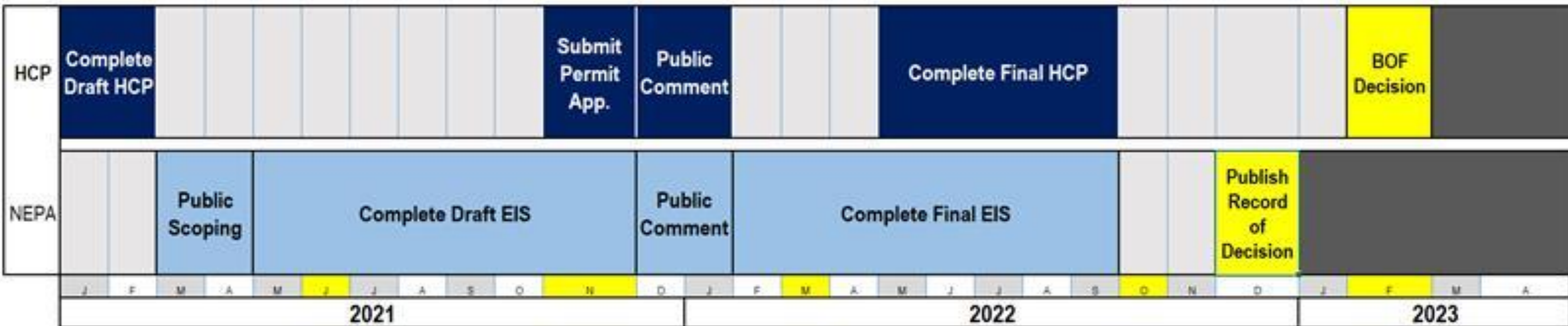


## Conservation Actions Outside of HCAs

# Actions Outside HCAs

- Leave Strategies
  - Levels similar to current plan
  - Emphasis on large trees
  - Snag and downed wood recruitment
  
- Species-specific Actions
  - Nest and den trees
  - Spotted owl dispersal habitat
  - Oregon Slender Salamanders
  
- Riparian Conservation Areas (RCAs)

# HCP & NEPA Process Timeline



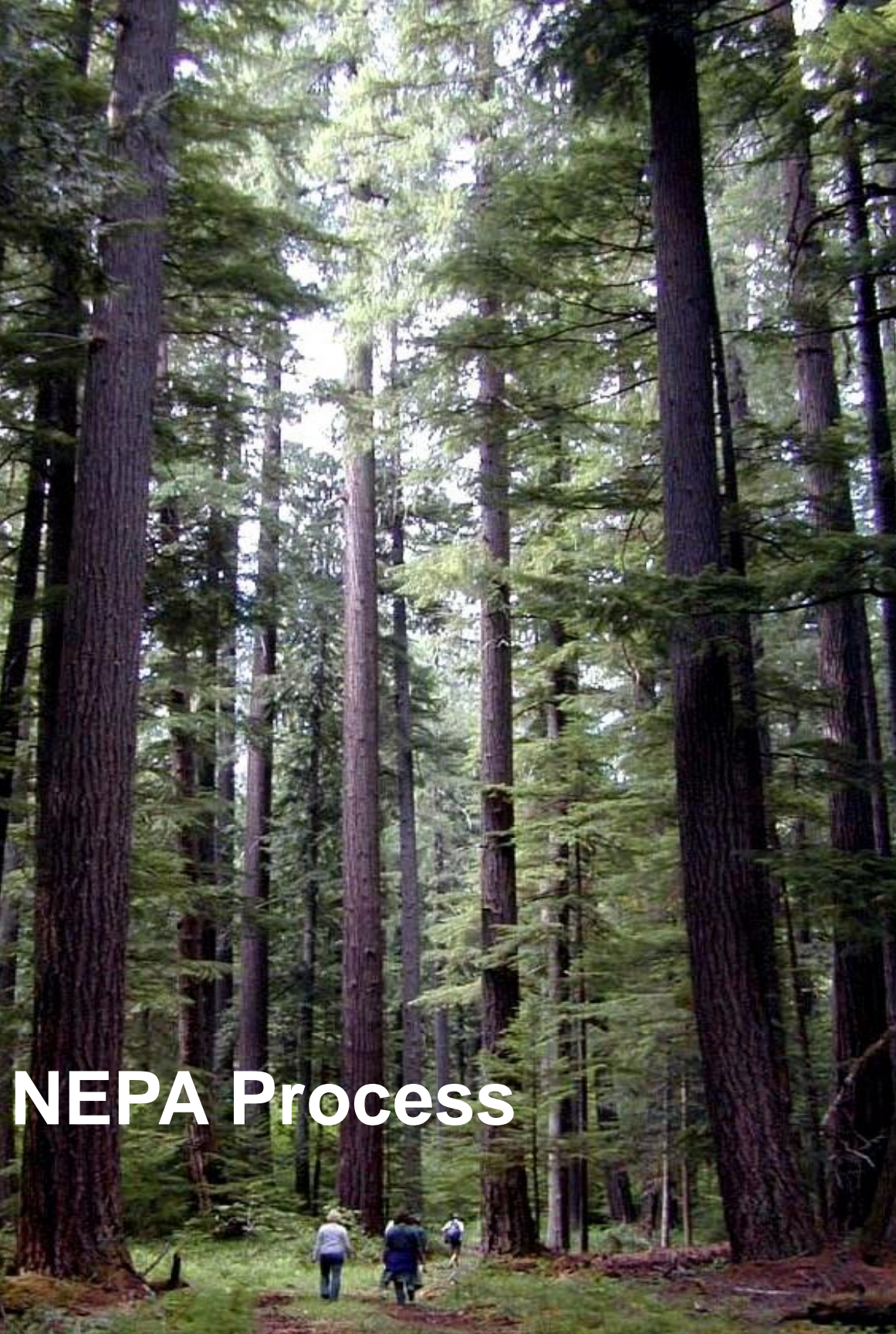
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# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Update

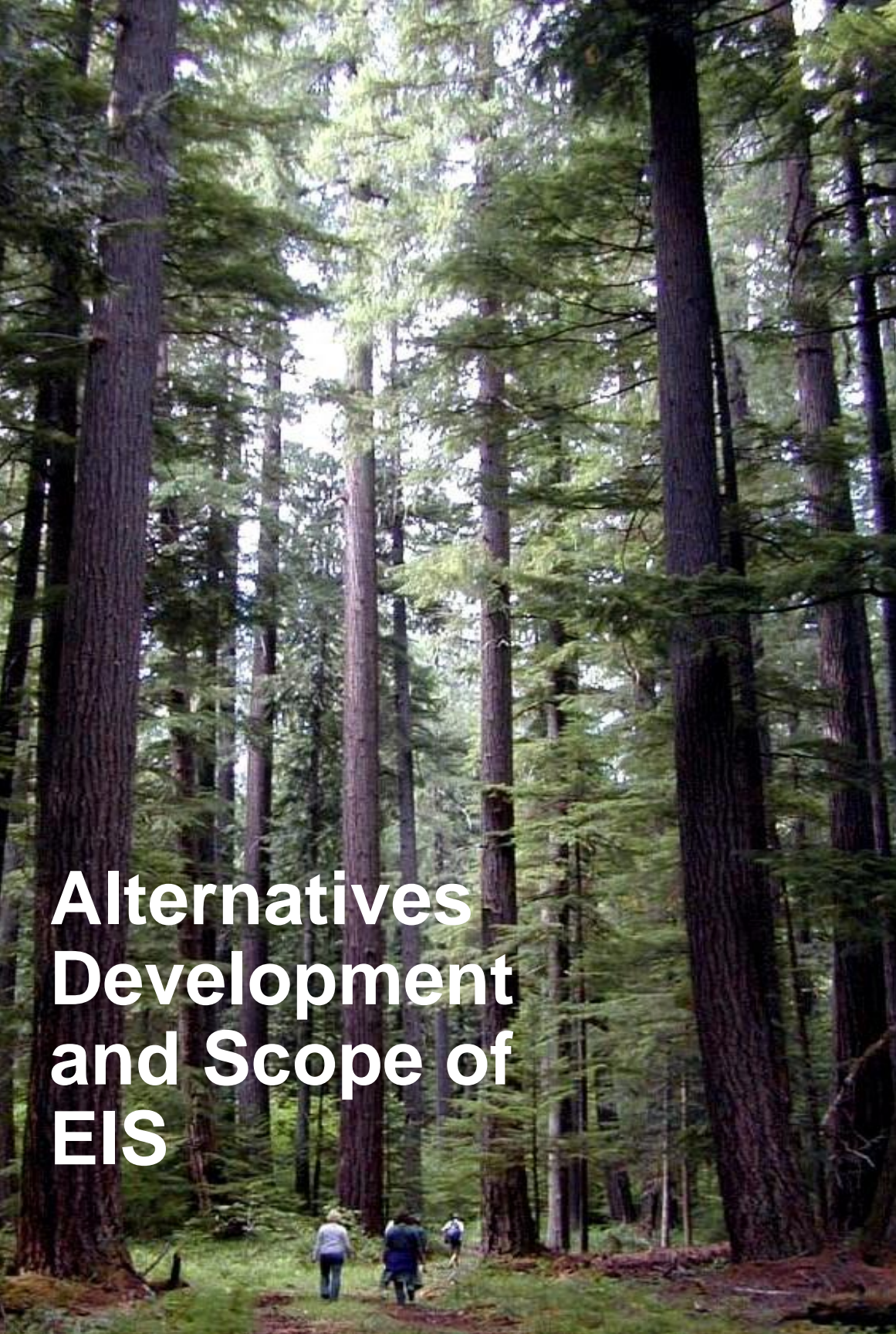




# NEPA Process

- Early NEPA planning
- Scoping
- Alternatives Development and Scope of EIS Analysis
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  - Draft EIS
  - Public Review and Comment Period
  - Final EIS
  - Record of Decision

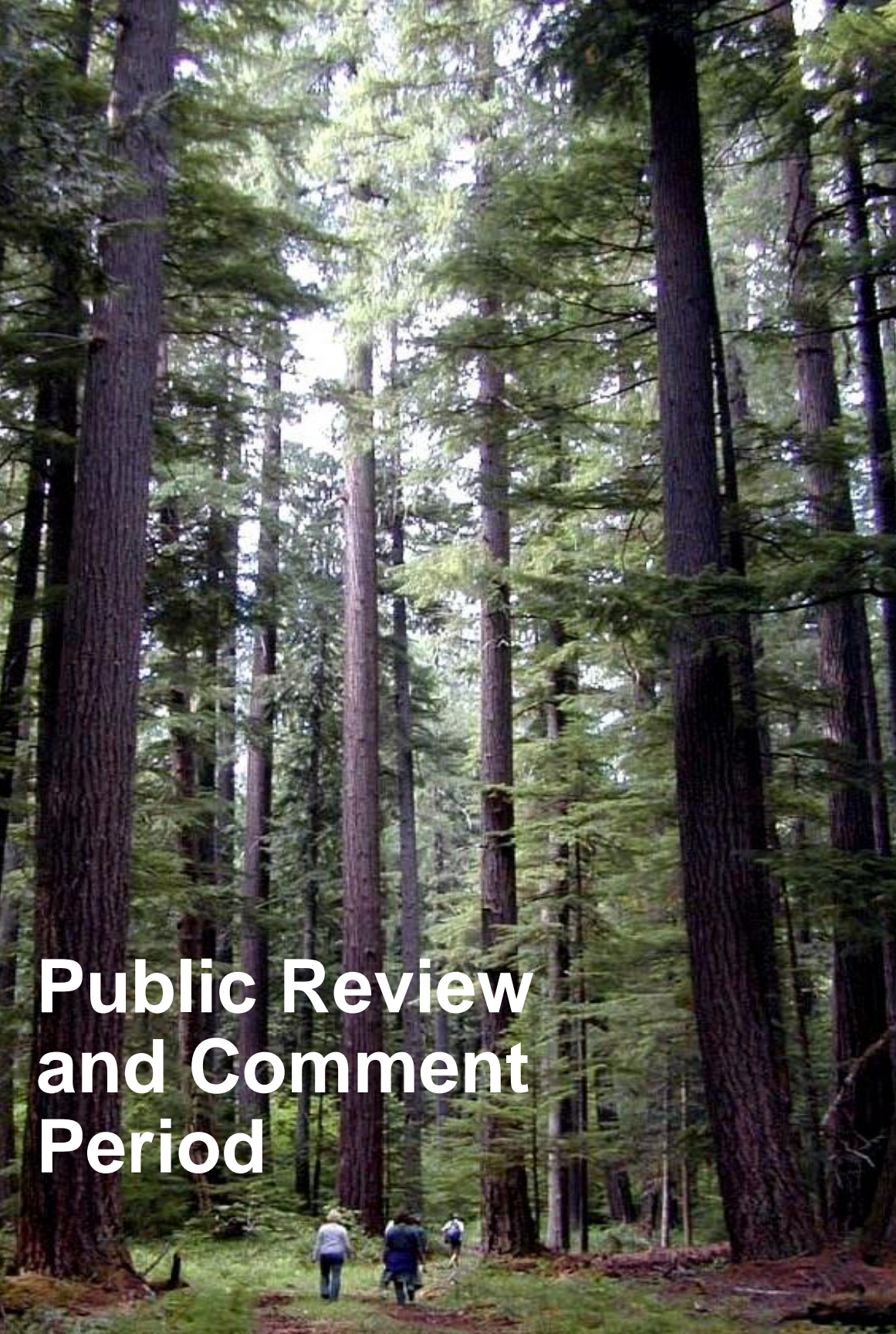




# Alternatives Development and Scope of EIS

- Development and screening
  - Informed by scoping
  - Screened per CEQ regulations
- Define in adequate detail for analysis
- Determine scope of EIS analysis

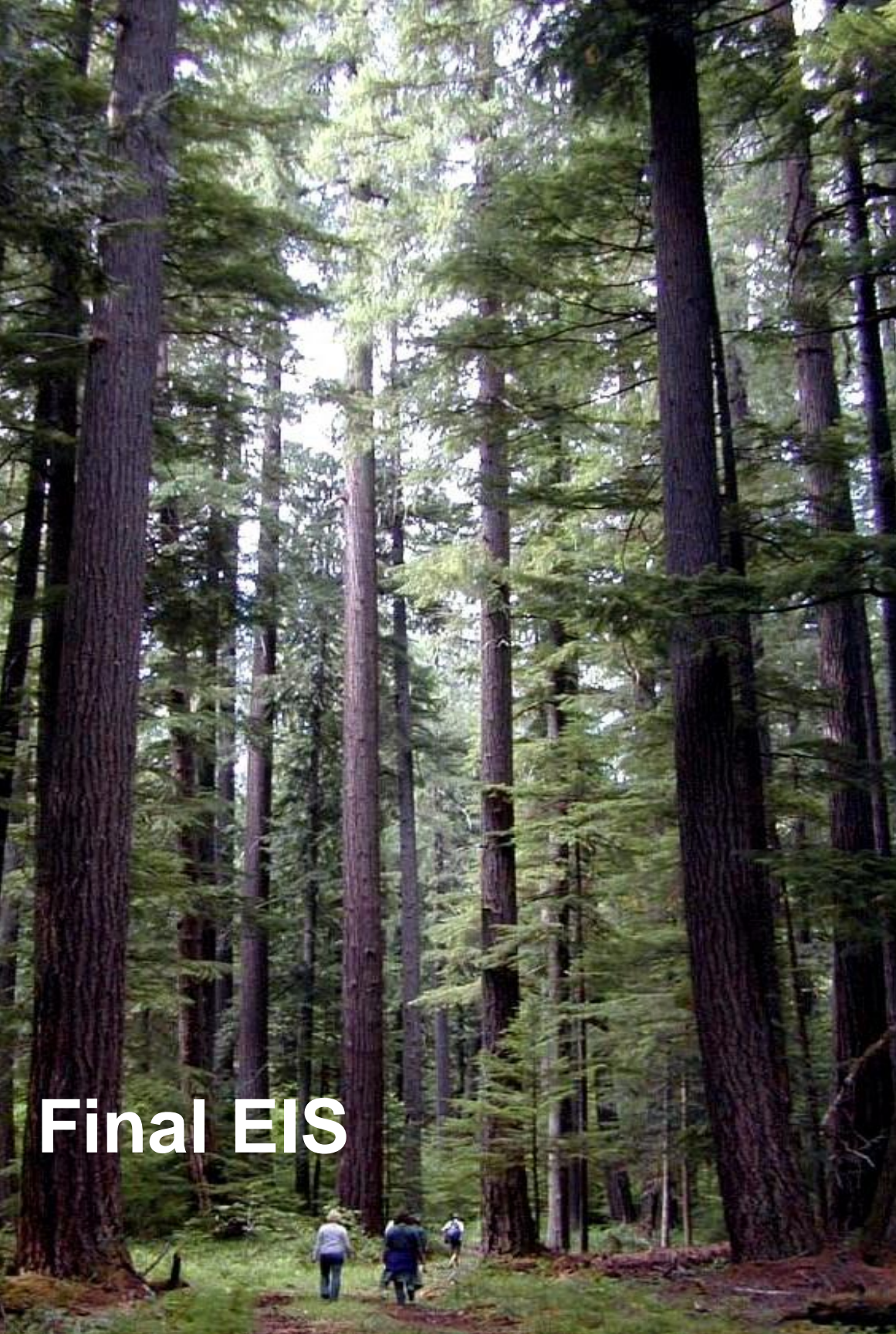




## Public Review and Comment Period

- Draft EIS and Draft HCP are published at the same time
- Public comments are solicited on both documents
- 45 days for public review and comment
- Public meeting(s)

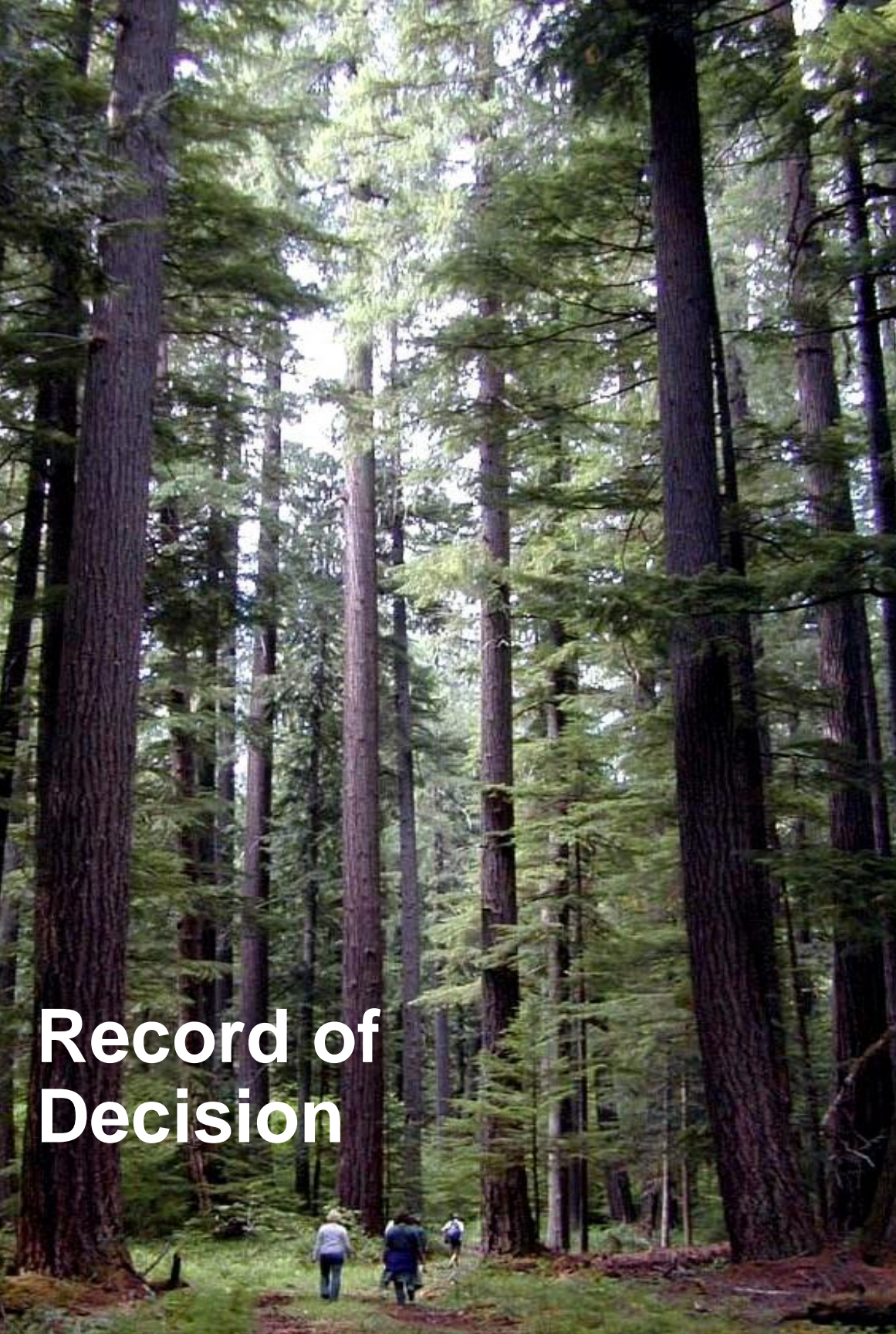




**Final EIS**

- NOAA Fisheries will review and determine how to respond to substantive comments
- Comments can be responded to by
  - Making corrections to the documents
  - Providing explanations for not taking further action
  - Supplementing or modifying the analyses
  - Modifying the HCP or alternatives
- Final EIS will identify NOAA Fisheries' preferred alternative





## Record of Decision

- A Record of Decision (ROD) is required for issuance of an ITP
- NOAA Fisheries and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are each considering permit issuance and will each prepare a ROD
- The ROD explains what was decided and why and certifies that the agencies considered all relevant information in the Final EIS





# Western Oregon State Forests HCP Next Steps

Continue tracking the NEPA process and engage with NOAA Fisheries and the USFWS (as requested) to complete the NEPA process.

**HCP  
Next Steps**



June  
2021

# Forest Management Plan & Implementation Plans Project

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Western Oregon State Forests





## FMP & HCP

- Strategic Plans approved by Board of Forestry
- FMP provides the high-level forest management goals & strategies
- HCP provides majority of conservation strategies

## IP's

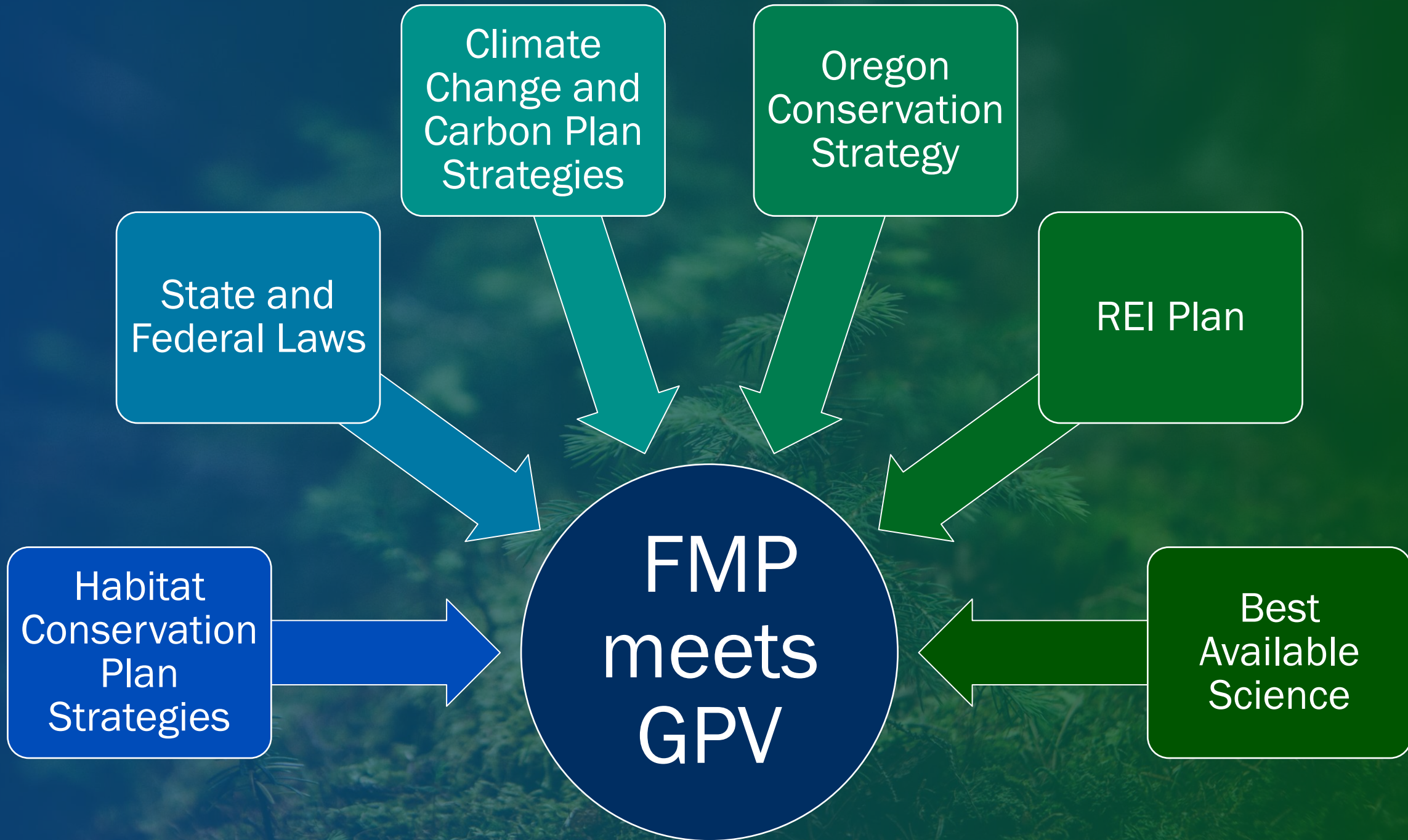
- Tactical Plan approved by State Forester
- Smaller scale plans with mid-level objectives, goals & plans

## AOP's

- Operational Plan approved by the District Forester
- Plans with operational & project level detail



# Contributing Plans and Information





# STARTING POINT

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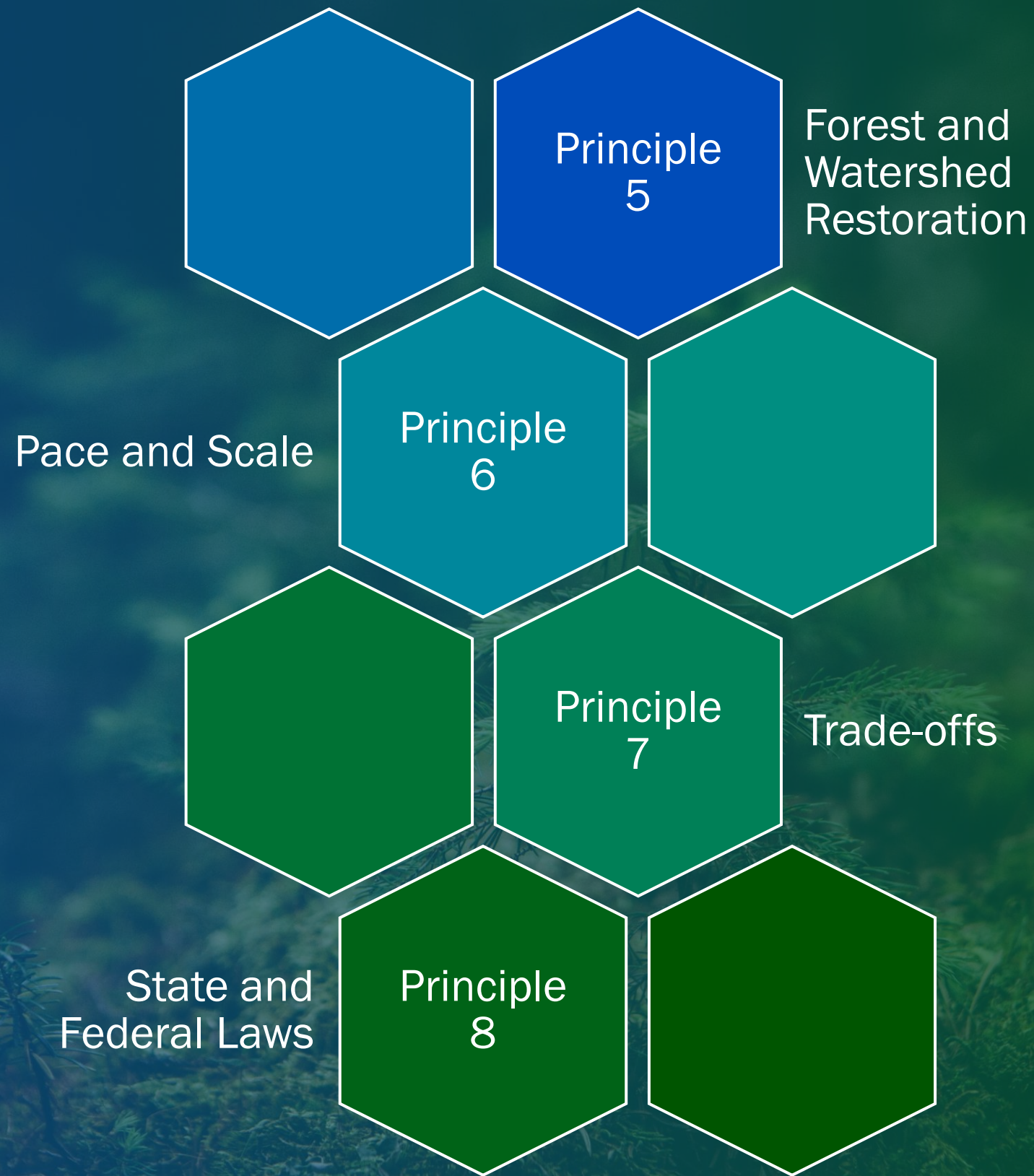
## Building Blocks for the FMP

- **11 Guiding Principles**
  - *BOF approved July 24, 2018*
- **Draft Western Oregon FMP**
  - *Effort paused in 2020 to prioritize HCP development*











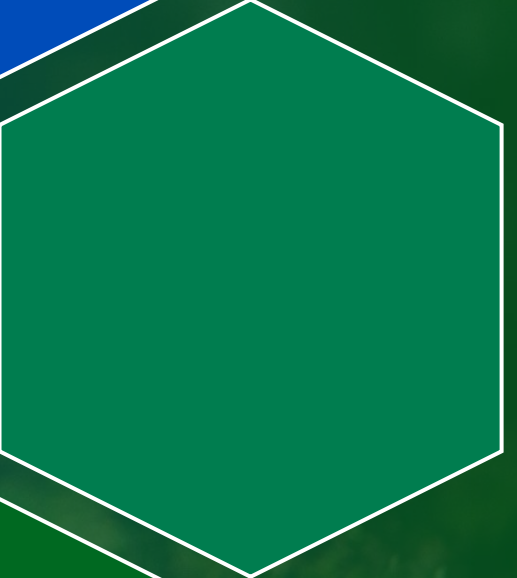


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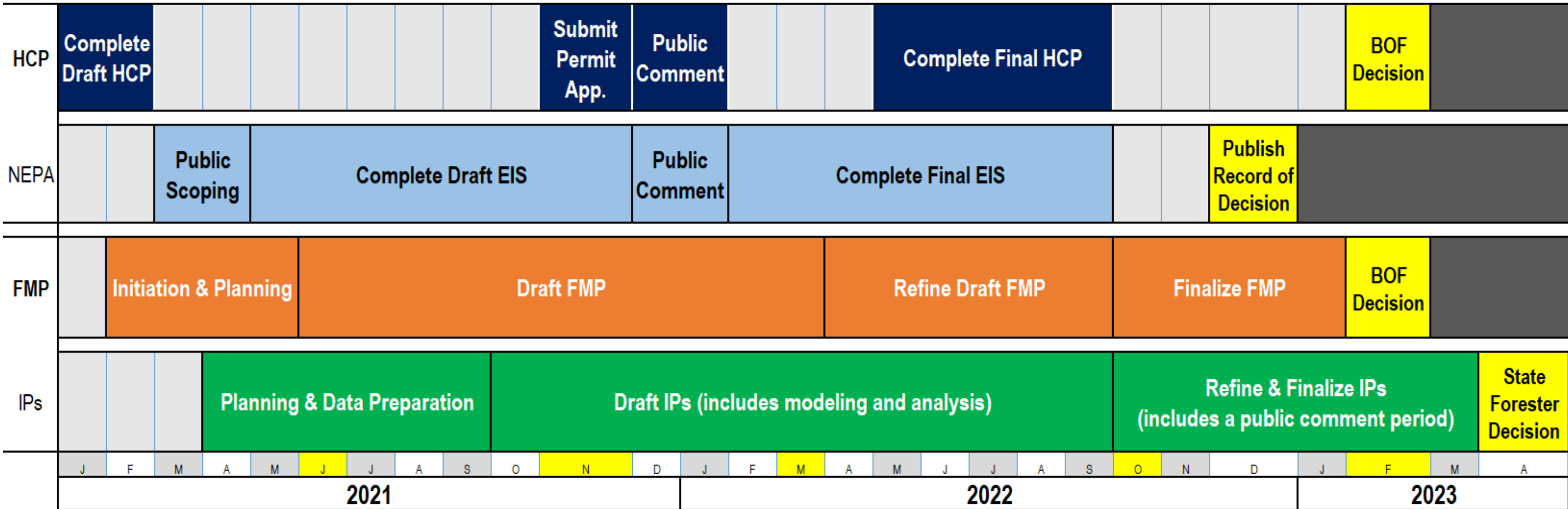


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Climate Change



# WORKING TIMELINES



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# Engagement Plan

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Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee,  
Tribes, public and stakeholders

- Kearns and West & Oregon Consensus
- Similar to the HCP (building on lessons learned)
- Focus interviews held April – May
- Goal is MEANINGFUL engagement opportunities



# NEXT STEPS

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For Core Project Team

- Greatest Permanent Value (GPV) Analysis
- FMP Workplan
- HCP Knowledge Equalization



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HCP: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/HCP-initiative.aspx>

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