

Oregon Department of State Lands

The State Land Board oversees the Common School Fund, which sends millions of dollars every year to Oregon's public schools – \$74.2 million in 2024. As the Land Board's administrative agency, the Department of State Lands manages lands to benefit schools, protects waters and wetlands, and oversees South Slough Reserve and the Elliott State Research Forest.



Managing Lands to Benefit Schools

About 681,000 acres of land across all 36 Oregon counties are managed to generate revenue for the Common School Fund. Ranchers and farmers, local governments, Tribes, businesses, and more work with DSL to lease and buy lands, plan for future uses of lands, and keep lands healthy.

253

LEASES, OTHER USES OF
SCHOOL LANDS IN FY24

\$7.2 MILLION

GROSS PROGRAM
REVENUES IN FY24

Protecting Wetlands and Waterways

From rivers for summertime floating to marshes that protect against flooding, Oregon's treasured waters and wetlands benefit from thoughtful stewardship. Property owners, ports and marinas, government agencies, and others work with DSL to obtain removal-fill permits for projects, authorizations to use Oregon-owned waterways, and address hazardous boats.

\$4.8 MILLION

GROSS WATERWAY USE
REVENUE IN FY24

645

REMOVAL-FILL
PERMIT DECISIONS IN FY24

Understanding Estuaries

South Slough Reserve is a:

- Living laboratory for scientists.
- Outdoor classroom for people of all ages.
- Destination for paddlers, hikers, and birdwatchers.

Located on the South Slough inlet of the Coos Estuary, the Reserve manages nearly 7,000 acres of open water, wetlands, rivers, and forests as an essential resource for learning and exploration.

4,413

HOURS OF LEARNING
OFFERED IN FY23

49

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS
IN 2023

\$1.6 MILLION

IN FUNDS LEVERAGED TO SUPPORT
RESERVE ACTIVITIES IN FY23

Overseeing Oregon's Research Forest

The Elliott State Research Forest will begin operation as Oregon's first state research forest in 2025. Envisioned as a national center for forest science and management, the research forest will also contribute significant benefits for conservation, education, recreation, Indigenous culture, and economies right here in Oregon.

