

Department of State Lands EO 25-26 Workplan Summary

Overview: DSL's Intersections with EO 25-26

In October 2025, Governor Kotek signed [Executive Order 25-26](#), directing Oregon natural resource agencies to work together to strengthen the resilience of Oregon's natural and working lands and waters.

The Department of State Lands is uniquely positioned to help Oregon's lands and waters adapt to a changing climate and continue to support the health, environment, and economy of Oregonians. We oversee more natural and working lands and waters than any other state agency, and play multiple roles – as a landowner, as a regulatory agency, as a source for scientific and practical information, and as a partner.

DSL's 2026-29 EO workplan focuses on themes of **supporting communities**, examining and **improving processes**, seeking **innovative solutions**, and **continued collaboration to identify achievable priorities** with existing resources by collectively finding ways to increase our resilience impact. Our workplan:

- **Identifies timely actions to advance EO directives.** DSL has identified eight actions which aim to meaningfully advance the overarching EO directives to keep working lands and waters working, conserve natural lands and waters, lead by example, and support community and wildfire resilience.
- **Highlights interest areas for collaboration to identify additional actions.** DSL's workplan also identifies eight interest areas for strategic scoping. These are areas where collaboration between our team, state agencies, partners, and interested parties is needed to identify and prioritize potential actions, and to ensure alignment with the Department's current strategic planning process for 2027-32.
- **Targets specific resilience attributes and outcomes.** Identified actions and interest areas aim to contribute meaningfully to the [four resiliency attributes](#) that guide agencies in implementing the EO, as well as measurable outcomes.

Outline: DSL's EO 25-26 Workplan

DSL's 2026-29 workplan themes, identified actions, interest areas and targeted attributes and outcomes are outlined below, within the overarching EO directives.

Keep Oregon's Working Lands and Waters Working

The EO asks agencies to make it easier for farmers, foresters, fishers, and other landowners to manage lands and waters in climate-resilient ways.

DSL Themes	Identified Actions	Interest Areas
Improving processes	<i>Submerged Land Enhancement Fund grants.</i> Examine the application and review process for opportunities to advance specific resilience attributes, leverage funds, and increase engagement of waterway communities.	Streamlining restoration project permitting
Supporting communities – land owners, managers, and friends of working lands and waters		Supports for stewardship of working lands and waters
		Resilience of near-shore resources
Targeted Resilience Attributes		
Connectivity across land and water		
Diversity and complexity of habitats and landscapes		
Community and livelihood resilience		
Targeted Outcomes		
Measurable process improvement		
Projects funded measurably contribute to specific attributes		

Conserve Natural Lands and Waters/Lead by Example

The EO sets a statewide goal to protect, conserve, connect, or restore 10% of Oregon's lands and waters within 10 years; to develop innovative mitigation solutions; and to develop and implement strategies to enhance climate resiliency as a co-benefit of management objectives.

DSL Themes	Identified Actions	Interest Areas
Supporting communities	<i>Innovation to support community protection of wetland and waterways.</i> Seek to increase the percentage of lands within urban growth boundaries covered by an approved local wetlands inventory by testing modern mapping techniques and other actions as funded.	Identifying mitigation opportunities on state-owned lands and waters
Innovative solutions		Integrating resilience into management plans, initiatives, and projects
Collaboration to establish agency foundations, priorities for resilience work	<i>Identify and fund wetland compensatory mitigation projects.</i> Add a limited-duration position to identify potential	

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	projects for available removal-fill mitigation funds. <i>Identify sage grouse habitat restoration projects on state lands and associated mitigation opportunities.</i> Identify current and future opportunities on state-owned lands. <i>Carbon sequestration projects.</i> Continue the in-progress Geologic Carbon Sequestration Project with DOGAMI to examine feasibility of geologic carbon sequestration in northeast Oregon; and the under-development Elliott State Research Forest Carbon Project. <i>Data gathering.</i> Identify, examine, gather, and manage data necessary to measure and track progress toward the 10x10 goal, as well as other metrics identified in DSL's workplan. <i>Framework for DSL collaboration.</i> Establish a DSL climate working group or other model to support identifying and prioritizing efforts that advance the EO's 10x10 goal.	Expanding extent, scale of rangeland and forest resilience projects
Targeted Resilience Attributes		
Connectivity across land and water Diversity and complexity of habitats and landscapes Ecological process function Community and livelihood resilience		
Targeted Outcomes		
More communities have local wetlands inventories Identify, fund, and begin implementation of compensatory mitigation projects that contribute to specific resilience attributes Integration of EO work into the agency's strategic plan, with clear priorities for initiatives and projects that best advance EO directives and the 10x10 goal		

Community and Wildfire Resilience

The EO asks agencies ensure a livable Oregon through resilience planning and action in collaboration with communities, and protection from catastrophic wildfire.

DSL Themes	Identified Actions	Interest Areas
Supporting community resilience on the South Coast	<i>Explore a community resilience hub at the Elliott State Research Headquarters at Shutter Creek.</i> DSL is currently creating a redevelopment plan for the site that includes direct and broader resilience considerations; DSL will explore potential to leverage current work for community benefits.	Community and wildfire resilience opportunities at South Slough Reserve
Targeted Resilience Attributes		
Ecological process function Community and livelihood resilience		
Targeted Outcomes		
DSL's South Coast research sites meaningfully contribute to local, coastal, and statewide resilience and directly support implementation of the Plan for a Resilient Oregon		

DSL's 2026-29 Workplan

DSL's full EO 25-26 Workplan is available here on our website:

https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Documents/DSL_EO25-26_Workplan.pdf