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

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
- Forest Genetics
- Hydrology and Geomorphology
- Biology and Ecology
- Forest Engineering
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- GIS Mapping and Inventory

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 OFLPF 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

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Access to natural resources, support of natural resource economy

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 Illinois 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.

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<td>Central Region</td>
<td><strong>Improve forest health and increase access to timber resources</strong></td>
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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 Headquarters 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
### Grant Activities

- **Technical Assistance to Thurston Hills Community Forest Plan**
  - Project #427303
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 25,000
  - Grant Title: Acquisition/Management of Thurston Hill Community Forest
  - Program Area: Private Forests
  - Application: ODF %: 100%, Ext %: 0%

- **Forest Stewardship / Resource Management**
  - Project #427304
  - End Date: 12/31/2016
  - Amount ($): 230,500
  - Grant Title: Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans

- **Forest Stewardship Program**
  - Project #427304
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 232,000
  - Grant Title: Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans

- **Forest Stewardship/Resource Management**
  - Project #427304
  - End Date: 12/31/2013
  - Amount ($): 293,500
  - Grant Title: Provide tech assistance to landowner and Forest Mgmt plans

- **State Forestry Resource Planning**
  - Project #427314
  - End Date: 12/31/2014
  - Amount ($): 12,000
  - Grant Title: Education Outreach to Landowners (Forest Program for Oregon)

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- **Seedling, Nursery and Tree Improvement**
  - Project #427323
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 25,000
  - Grant Title: Fund ODF geneticist to provide reforestation services to landowners

- **Seedling, Nursery and Tree Improvement**
  - Project #427323
  - End Date: 12/31/2016
  - Amount ($): 24,500
  - Grant Title: Fund ODF geneticist to provide reforestation services to landowners

- **Forest Legacy Administration**
  - Project #427324
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 45,000
  - Grant Title: Promote Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- **Forest Health Monitoring**
  - Project #427327
  - End Date: 12/31/2014
  - Amount ($): 125,000
  - Grant Title: Implementation, admin, and management of Oregon Forest Health Monitoring Prog.

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  - Project #427327
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 127,000
  - Grant Title: Implementation, admin, and management of Oregon Forest Health Monitoring Prog.

- **Forest Legacy - Gilchrist Forest Acquisition**
  - Project #427332
  - End Date: 12/31/2015
  - Amount ($): 3,000,000
  - Grant Title: Land acquisition to support FLP

- **Conservation Reserve Program**
  - Project #427333
  - End Date: 12/31/2014
  - Amount ($): 64,962
  - Grant Title: Protect water quality and fish habitat (creating riparian buffers on agri. Land)

- **Conservation Reserve Program**
  - Project #427333
  - End Date: 12/31/2014
  - Amount ($): 53,527
  - Grant Title: Protect water quality and fish habitat (creating riparian buffers on agri. Land)

- **Forest Legacy - Blue Mountain Heritage Conservation Easement**
  - Project #427335
  - End Date: 12/31/2016
  - Amount ($): 1,500,000
  - Grant Title: Conservation Easement acquisition
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