

# MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 23, 2019





## Desired Outcomes

- Marching Orders from Council
- Shared Understanding of Key Concepts
- Council Input on Work Plan Framing



# Agenda

1. Committee Status Report
2. Background and Key Concepts
3. Review and Provide Input on Work Plan Framing

# COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT - MITIGATION

Element	Status
Deliverable	Initiated Scoping
Leadership	Joe Furia, Chair Chad Davis, ODF Staff Brett Brownscombe, Facilitator (tentative)
Membership	Prospective membership identified Diverse Geographic, Professional Backgrounds Highly Experienced Forest Management, Collaborative Planning, Conservation
Meetings	Initial Meeting Targeted for May Remaining Meetings to be Set through Dec. 2019
Examples of Related Efforts	National Cohesive Wildfire Fire Management Strategy E. Wa 20-Yr Forest Health Strategic Plan Oregon-USFS Shared Stewardship Agreement



# Background and Key Concepts

Chad Davis, ODF



## Mitigation Committee Work Plan

“Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.”

- Dwight D. Eisenhower





# Essential Elements of Forest Restoration

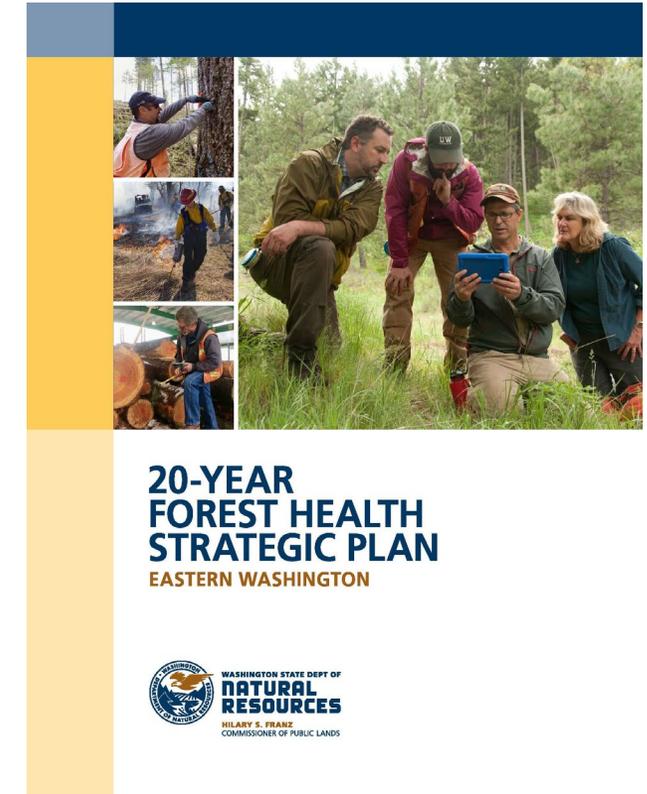
- Forest Plan
- Financial Plan
- Operations Plan
- Policy Plan





## Forest Plan

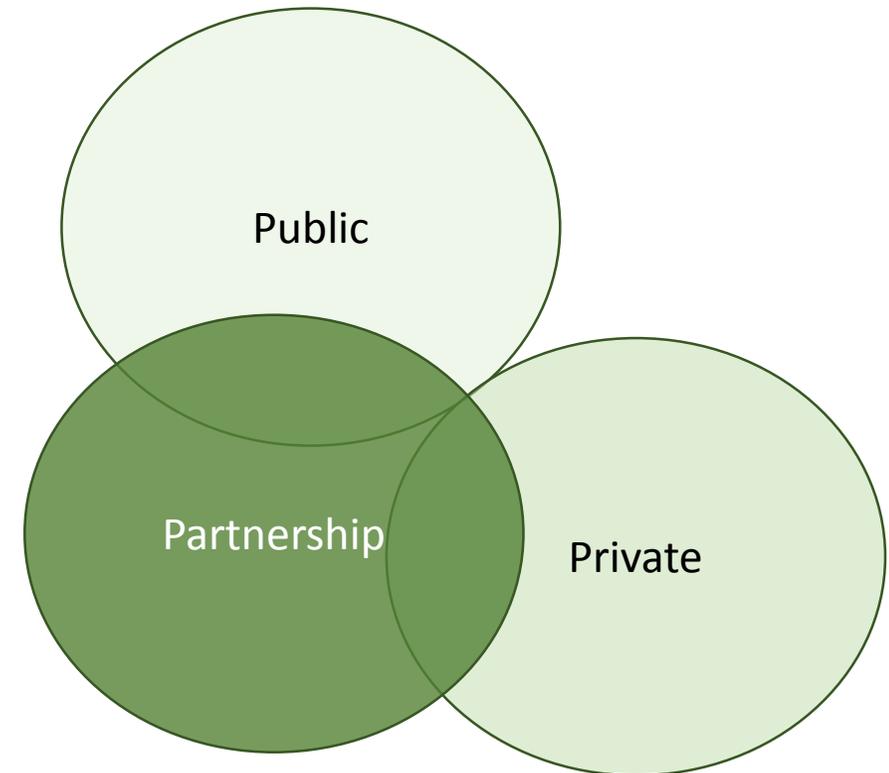
- Matching treatments to outcomes
- Setting priorities
- Establishing timelines & implementation plan





# Financial Plan

- Estimated Costs
- Sources of Funding/  
Cost Abatement
- Funding Structures





# Operations Plan

- Organizational roles and resources
  - Federal, state agencies, private sector
  - Good Neighbor Authority
- Building and maintaining commercial infrastructure

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## Policy Plan "The Glue"

### Good Neighbor Authority in Oregon

#### Program Update

**Overview** *The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill, allows the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to enter into agreements with state agencies to accomplish forest restoration on Federal lands.*

*The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the Pacific Northwest Region of the USFS (R6) have been developing project-level agreements across Oregon since March of 2016, when Governor Kate Brown signed a Master Good Neighbor Agreement. ODF is also developing projects in western Oregon with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).*

**GNA Project Highlight:** *The Paddock Butte project includes Oregon's first GNA timber sale and is located on ODF's Klamath Lake District and the southern end of the Fremont-Winema NF (FWNF). Paddock Butte is an excellent example of leveraging GNA to expand the scale of treatments across ownership boundaries.*

**Paddock Butte Project**

A "dry site", characterized by dense ponderosa pine and encroaching juniper, the Paddock Butte project is located within the Insect and Disease designation identified as part of the 2014 Farm Bill. The FWNF used Farm Bill Insect and Disease Categorical Exclusion authority and issued a decision for the project in June 2016. ODF will administer a timber sale and use the revenue generated to complete future restoration work (see below). Adjacent private land has already received similar treatments using funding from the National Resource Conservation Service.

**Project Details**

- 712 acre timber sale, estimated 2.3 Million board feet (MMBF)
- Local collaborative involvement through Klamath Lake Forest Health Partners
- ODF role include:
  - Drafting silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides
  - Timber sale marking and layout
  - Advertise, award and administer timber sale
- Restoration priorities includes:
  - Activity fuels treatment
  - Road maintenance and decommissioning
  - Juniper removal
  - Noxious weed treatment
- Estimated Program Income: \$196,000

Master Agreement between State of Oregon and USFS signed in March 2016.

Good Neighbor Authority: Allows the State to act as an agent of the Secretary to carry out 'authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services' on National Forests.

**COHESIVE STRATEGY  
CROSSWALK AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

**REPORT BY THE  
NATIONAL STRATEGIC COMMITTEE**

**Cohesive Strategy Vision for the next Century:**

*To safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and as a Nation, live with wildland fire.*

**Cohesive Strategy Goals:**

- Resilient Landscapes*
- Fire Adapted Communities*
- Safe and Effective Wildfire Response*

**SUBMITTED TO THE WILDLAND FIRE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
DECEMBER, 2016**

Toward Shared Stewardship  
Across Landscapes:  
An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy

Forest Service    FS-118    August 2018



## Open Questions

- 2019 Deliverables vs. 2020 and Beyond?
  - Forest Plan?
  - Financial Plan (cost estimate?)
  - Operations Plan?
  - Policy Plan?
- Planning Horizon?
  - Time to work through initial treatment backlog (10 yrs, 20 yrs?)
  - Overall planning horizon?
- Identifying outcomes with committee input (Report? Recommendations?)