

20-Year Landscape Resiliency Strategy

2025 IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



Executive Summary

The 2021 Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 762, an omnibus wildfire bill that established many new programs for 11 state agencies, including the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Key portions of the bill relate to landscape resiliency and reduction of hazardous fuels:

- » Sections 18–20, codified in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 477.503, tasked ODF with implementing a program to reduce wildfire risk through the restoration of landscape resiliency and the reduction of hazardous fuels (implemented as the Landscape Resiliency Program), and to develop and implement a 20-year landscape resiliency strategy as described in the Shared Stewardship agreement signed August 13, 2019 that prioritizes restoration actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction.
- » Section 24, codified in ORS 477.748, tasked the department with administering the Small Forestland Grant program. Since that time ODF has led the implementation of the strategy which was developed collaboratively with private, local, state, and federal partners to reduce wildfire risk across roughly 13 million high-risk acres.

Senate Bill 83, passed in 2025, requires ODF to report annually to the legislative committees related to wildfire issues, the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council, and the Wildfire Programs Director on wildfire risk reduction efforts and implementation of the strategy.

The strategy uses a shared stewardship approach to align federal, state, and private investments on large scale, cross-boundary, joint priority projects. These projects include thinning, prescribed burning, invasive species removal, fuel mitigation, and post-fire restoration. This work strengthens ecosystems against drought, pests, disease, and wildfire. The strategy identifies priority landscapes for these efforts based on wildfire risk, forest health, proximity to the wildland-urban interface, and local expertise.

ODF contributes to landscape resiliency efforts through a suite of thirteen federal and state programs. In total, across all funding types and programs, \$50,984,180 was expended by ODF in calendar year 2025. Those funds supported:



108,456 ACRES OF VARIOUS TREATMENTS

Fuels Removal, Infected Plant Removal, Invasive Species, and Non-Commercial Forest Restoration



13,663 HOURS of Landowner Technical Assistance



2,900 ACRES of Prescribed Fire



8,876 ACRES of Juniper Removal



Technical assistance for:

- » Defensible space assessments (as authorized by the Oregon State Fire Marshal)
- » Insect damage
- » Firewise Community established or renewed
- » Contracting of NEPA projects
- » Monitoring of projects
- » Hazard tree removal
- » Promotion of Small Forestland Owner (SFO) programs
- » Utilization of the Rapid Assessment Tool
- » Community meetings
- » Flyers sent to landowners

This report contains additional details on this work including implementation highlights, a glimpse into future areas of focus, and detailed information in the appendices, as follows:

- » Appendix A: Descriptions of the 13 programs
- » Appendix B: Calendar year 2025 accomplishments and expenditures by program
- » Appendix C: Historical accomplishments and funding

The full report is available on the ODF website on the Legislative Reports page at:
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Implementation Highlights

Paddock Butte Good Neighbor Authority Project

The federal government owns about 60% of all forestlands in Oregon. Given their extensive ownership, the condition of these lands significantly impact the overall resiliency of forestlands across the state. Under the federal Good Neighbor Authority ODF administers the **Federal Forest Restoration (FFR) Program**. Through this program ODF partners with federal land managers to complete resiliency work on federal lands. The goal is to increase the pace, scale, and quality of forest restoration work on federal lands in Oregon.

ODF used the FFR program to conduct the Paddock Butte Good Neighbor Authority timber sale, which is shown at right. In this project, ODF commercially thinned 637-acres on the Fremont-Winema National Forest, improved six miles of road, removed juniper and non-commercial vegetation, and applied fungicide treatment.

The Paddock Butte and other timber sale revenue from the Fremont-Winema National Forest were then reinvested in a restoration treatment to remove juniper on 458-acres. The aerial photos show the impact, which are shown at right.

Chiloquin Community Forest and Fire Project

In this project the Klamath Lake Forest Health Partnership, a cooperative network of diverse local and regional partners who have come together to address forestland management, used many of the programs involved in the 20-year strategy for on-the-ground treatments to address wildfire resilience.

This project utilized grants from the **Western States Fire Managers and Community Assistance Program** to reduce fuels on private landowner properties in 2020 that were directly impacted by the 242 Fire later in the summer which increased the survival of homes from that wildfire.

Natural Resources Conservation Service and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board funding was also implemented on private land in that area which helped contain part of the Copperfield Fire in 2024 near Chiloquin. The **Emergency Forest Restoration Program** is now active in that area focusing on reforestation and restoration efforts and ensuring the right trees are placed in the right places on the landscape to build resilience.



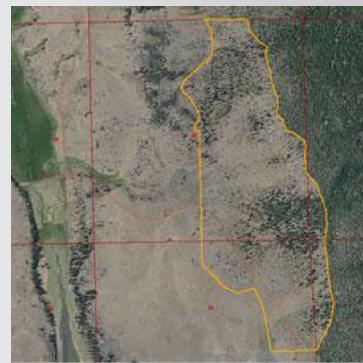
BEFORE TREATMENT



AFTER TREATMENT



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AFTER TREATMENT

The project also utilized Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership funds from our federal partners to support treatments on both private and adjacent Forest Service lands, helping to create a more resilient and connected landscape. The **Federal Forest Restoration Program** also treated acres of federal lands in this area.

This project area demonstrates how collaborative, strategic planning at the local level can leverage multiple funding sources and partners to achieve measurable outcomes related to wildfire risk reduction and forest restoration across a mixed-ownership landscape.

Aspen Hollow Landscape Resiliency Efforts

In the 2021–23 biennium, the **Landscape Resiliency Program** funded the Central Oregon Shared Stewardship Landscape Resiliency Project in this area. The LRP uses state general funds for landscape-scale projects to reduce wildfire risk by restoring landscapes and reducing hazardous fuels on public and private forestlands and rangelands, and in communities near homes and critical infrastructure.

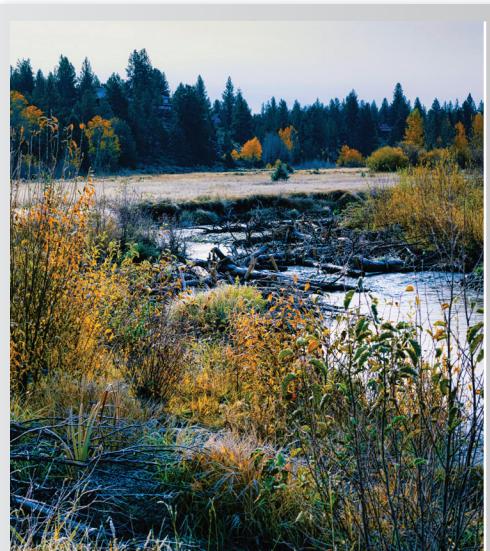
The project was a combination of 17 individual projects on federal, private, and Tribal lands. The project activities included: removing juniper, chipping, roadside brushing, thinning, grinding stumps, removing limbs, masticating, planning and monitoring projects, collecting qualitative and quantitative data, burning slash piles, reducing fuels, improving forest stands, mowing, disposing of slash, removing noxious weeds, aerially treating weeds, expanding the NRCS program, and removing small non-commercial trees and placing them in streams for habitat and restoration.

Heart of Oregon Corps participated in part of this project too. The corps empowers young adults ages 16–24 through employment, job training, education, and service to Central Oregon communities.

Many communities, towns, and cities were engaged in or protected by this work including: Crescent, Gilchrist, La Pine, the Crossroads community west of Sisters, Sunriver, Black Butte, Caldera Springs, Bend, Vandevert Road, BNSF Railroad, Crosswater, Meadows & Woodlands, Rimrock Ranch Preserve, High Meadow Neighborhood, and Pole Creek Ranch.

On one project, shown in the picture above, used the funds to thin and haul trees to restore 1.5 miles of instream habitat on Whychus Creek, which is shown above. Rather than piling and burning the trees, the project gave these trees a second life.

This LRP project in combination with the efforts of several federal programs described on the next page are credited by our field staff with proactively reducing fuels that contributed to slowing the spread of the Flat Fire, reducing its intensity, and supporting efficient suppression.



WHYCHUS CREEK

Prior to the fire, the Western States Fire Manager's Grant funded treatment of 10-15 landowners' properties within Flat Fire footprint, and four properties had mitigation work done that prevented the fire from reaching the structure. Through the Firewise Community Program, homeowners created defensible space (as authorized by the Oregon State Fire Marshal) on their properties – clearing brush, trimming ladder fuels, and eliminating debris – to protect their homes. Structural and wildland crews reinforced these areas, enabling them to slow the fire's spread and reduce its intensity. At Whychus Canyon Estates, where defensible space was maintained, air attack and structure protection successfully prevented widespread destruction of homes.



ASPEN HOLLOW FUELS REDUCTION

During peak fire activity 4,000+ homes were under evacuation orders. Firewise community efforts and partnerships helped create preparedness and resiliency where needed. This helped firefighters to hold the fire control lines. These programs protected homes and allowed fire crews to focus on firefighting, improving their effectiveness.

This success would not have been possible without our partners and their commitment to shared stewardship in completing large scale, cross-boundary, joint priority projects, which are the cornerstones of and key to the strategy and establishing landscape resiliency.

Looking Forward: Enhancing Partnerships & Collaboration

In November 2025, the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OFSM) co-hosted the Ridgetop to Rooftop Summit to foster a unified, collaborative approach to wildfire resilience. The summit highlighted current projects, discussed future projects and identified next steps. About 280 tribal, public and private representatives attended the summit.

Tribal engagement was an intentional focus of the summit with the goal of elevating Tribal voices in achieving landscape resiliency. Agency Leadership from ODF and Oregon State Fire Marshal consulted with the nine federally recognized Tribes of Oregon to develop session planning, and attendance. Tribal governments were present throughout the entire process. The program included a closed staff-to-staff session to provide the space for Tribes to share their experiences, perspectives, and priorities with Agency Leadership. Tribal representatives highlighted the importance of conservation and demonstrated the value of integrating traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and western science to create resilience and reduce wildfire risk. Throughout the event, it was recognized that tribes have maintained landscape and community resilience for time immemorial.

In addition to co-hosting the summit, ODF and OSFM leadership are actively discussing joint projects and how to best align efforts under the 20-year strategy and the pending OFSM plan currently being informed by their focus group efforts. ODF continues working with Rangeland Fire Protection Associations to increase engagement around priority areas.



Program Design & Anticipated Needs

House Bill 3940, passed in the 2025 Legislative Session, was a comprehensive wildfire funding bill which culminated from efforts backed by the wildfire funding workgroup known as Fire 35. The bill included several funding and policy changes including establishing two ongoing sources of funding for landscape resiliency projects and the implementation of the strategy. These funding sources include a new tax on oral nicotine products starting in 2026, with one-third of the revenues generated by the tax goes to the Landscape Resiliency Fund and 6.7% of the interest earned on the Oregon Rainy Day Fund is deposited into the Landscape Resiliency Fund. The Landscape Resiliency Fund also received a one-time appropriation of \$7M General Fund in the 2025 session.

The funding structure has shifted from being dependent on one-time appropriations since the programs' creation to new structure of recurring but variable revenue streams. To improve the efficiency of program delivery and address the highest priorities, Districts will work with local partners and Tribes to identify and design priority projects and develop localized plans.

A foundational pillar of the strategy is the establishment of a robust, interagency activity tracking system enabling consistent, transparent, and strategic evaluation of accomplishments across Oregon's landscapes. Tracking progress is essential for understanding the collective impact of landscape treatments, informing future investments, and building public trust through transparency. The entities shown above are the formal strategy partners.

At present, each agency operates separate systems for tracking work and funds, which often results in inconsistencies, redundancies, and gaps in reporting. These disparate data sources limit the ability to assess statewide progress, coordinate funding and planning across jurisdictions, and communicate results to stakeholders and the public. To address this, the partners committed to develop a unified, cross-agency accomplishment tracking system that integrates treatment, financial, and programmatic data.

To complement the interagency effort and strengthen internal coordination, ODF is developing the Landscape Resiliency Accomplishment and Financial Tracker (LRAFT), which will:

- » Track accomplishments across ODF's 13 programs and fund sources
- » Support real-time field data collection through a mobile application
- » Feed into the interagency dashboard to ensure consistent statewide reporting
- » Provide a central platform to report both work and investments

Future resource needs may include additional position authority for implementation of landscape resiliency projects, additional resources to implement the interagency dashboard and maintenance of the newly implemented LRAFT data management program. ODF also consulted with the State of California regarding their data collection systems to learn the advantages and disadvantages of the "data commons" collection structure they use. ODF and the partners will continue discussing the interagency dashboard's data structure, collection procedures, data access and funding needs for design, maintenance and data storage.

Appendix A: Program Descriptions

- » **Bark Beetle Mitigation Program:** Federal funding for financial assistance for mitigation and prevention treatments on private lands.
- » **Community Assistance Program:** Federal funding that supports the National Fire Plan and helps communities at risk from catastrophic wildland fires.
- » **Community Wildfire Defense Grants:** Competitive federal grant program for communities at risk of wildfire including local governments, non-profit organizations, HOAs, Tribes and State Forestry agencies. ODF provides technical assistance, education and outreach to entities across Oregon interested in applying for this nationally competitive program.
- » **Conservation Stewardship Program:** Also known as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Statewide Agreement provides federal funds to support technical assistance work by ODF Foresters. This technical assistance assists landowners in accessing financial assistance from NRCS for forestry conservation practices.
- » **Emergency Forest Restoration Program:** Federal funds that support technical assistance work by ODF Foresters which enables small forestland owners to access federal funding to reforest their lands after damage from natural disasters.
- » **Federal Forest Restoration Program:** Is funded by a mix of state and federal dollars and works to accelerate the pace, scale and quality of forest restoration in Oregon's federal forests.
- » **Forest Legacy Program:** A nationally competitive federal grant program which funds either conservation easement or fee-title acquisition of properties into public ownership to prevent subdivision and development of working forests.
- » **Forest Stewardship Program:** Federal funding that supports technical assistance work by ODF Foresters to help small forestland owners actively and sustainably manage their forest lands; financial assistance to landowners to develop Forest Stewardship Management plans; and provides financial assistance to forestry partners.
- » **Landscape Resiliency Program:** State funded efforts to reduce wildfire risk on public and private forestlands and rangelands, within communities, and near homes and critical infrastructure. The program enables collaborative, cross-boundaries activities that improve community resilience to wildfire and restore or maintain resilient landscapes across all land ownership types.
- » **Landscape Scale Restoration:** A competitive federal grant program that supports high impact projects that promote collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes, leverage public and private resources, and advance priorities identified in a State Forest Action Plan or other restoration strategy.
- » **Small Forestland Grant Program:** State funded, competitive grant program that supports the reduction of wildfire risk on small forestland owner's property.
- » **Sudden Oak Death Program:** Is comprised of 5 entities working cooperatively to treat and slow the spread of the disease through early detection, monitoring, and eradication treatment in areas outside the Generally Infested Area to reduce the rate of disease spread and slow disease intensification. Entities include ODF, ODA, USFS, BLM, OSU and typically the program is funded with a mix of state and federal funds.
- » **Western States Fire Managers Program:** Also known as the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) program, the program supports fuels treatment, education, and mitigation planning to help reduce hazardous fuels and restore fire adapted ecosystems.

Appendix B: Calendar Year 2025 Impacts & Expenditures by Program

IMPACT & EXPENDED FUNDS FOR 2025 BY PROGRAM		
Program	Impact	Expenditures
Bark Beetle Mitigation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 106.7 acres covered by grants to small forestland owners » 1,472 hours of the ODF entomologist's technical help for education and program guidance 	\$187,135
Community Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 336 acres treated 	\$1.45M
Community Wildfire Defense Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 214 acres treated for fuels reduction » 141 hazard trees removed » 59 defensible space/property assessments » 11 Firewise Communities established/renewed 	\$694,714
Conservation Stewardship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 58,662 acres received technical assistance from ODF foresters 	\$738,227
Emergency Forest Restoration Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 1,472 hours of technical assistance from ODF Foresters to help small forestland owner enroll and restore damaged lands after 2024 wildfires » 17,000 acres received ODF technical assistance, including outreach, development of restoration plans, and practice certifications 	\$407,693
Federal Forest Restoration Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 43,090 acres surveyed and project preparation » 10,138 acres of non-commercial restoration » 1,333 acres of monitoring » 9 commercial projects completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generated 26.1 MMBF • Covered 3,175 acres » 1 contract covering 3,000 acres of NEPA projects completed 	\$11,778,573
Forest Legacy Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Acquisition of OSU Tualatin Mountain Research Forest » Work related to conservation easement risk assessment and mitigation documents 	\$24,505,614

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Program	Impact	Expenditures
Forest Stewardship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 10,036 hours of technical assistance by ODF Foresters » 746 acres covered by grants to small forestland owners to draft forest stewardship management plans » ODF funded forestry partners that support small forestland owners' active and sustainable forest management, including publication of articles for SFO education, maintaining online tools that inform SFO forest management, and promotion of "Tree Farmer of the Year" 	\$632,718
Landscape Resiliency Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 4,518 acres of fuels reduction » 2,883 acres prescribed fire » 8,876 acres juniper treatment and alternatives » 7 Collaborative Meetings » 103,000 acres analyzed by Rapid Assessment Tool 	\$5,756,305
Landscape Scale Restoration Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 64 hours 	\$2,240
Small Forestland Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 899.3 acres of fuels reduction » 17 community meetings » 3,844 flyers to residents » 142 landowner visits and technical assistance » 141 hazardous tree removal » 15 acres prescribed fire » 100 acres and 1 debris bin vegetation removal 	\$1,543,025
Sudden Oak Death Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 202 acres of treatments (herbicide application, cut, pile, and burns) » Aerial detection survey (ADS) and acquisition of imagery and stream baiting lab work completed 	\$1,137,936
Western States Fire Managers Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 650 acres treated 	\$2.15M

Appendix C: Recent Impacts & Funding Information by Program

IMPACTS & FUNDING FOR PAST 4-5 YEARS BY PROGRAM			
Program	Timeframe	Impact	Funding
Bark Beetle Mitigation Program	2021 to current	» 307 acres of treatments such as thinning, slash and reforestation with climate adapted species	\$214,168
Community Assistance Program	CY 2020 to 2025	» 2,369 acres treated	\$2.78M
Community Wildfire Defense Grants	2022 to current	» 352 acres treated/fuels reduction » 141 hazard trees removed » 85 defensible space/property assessments » 23 Firewise Communities established or renewed » 52 educational/outreach community events	\$849,629
Conservation Stewardship Program	2020 to 2025	» 80,251 technical assistance hours	\$5,305,315
Emergency Forest Restoration Program	2022 to current	» 9,960 hours of technical assistance provided by ODF Foresters to develop restoration plans and certify practices for about 380 landowners	\$705,406
Federal Forest Restoration Program	State FY 2020 to 2025	» 178,666 acres of surveys and project preparation work » 29,765 acres of non-commercial restoration work » 1,333 acres of monitoring work » 35 commercial projects completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generating 77.5 MMBF• Covering 13,385 acres » 416 miles of road improved or maintained » 11 contract NEPA projects completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covering 38,324 acres	\$41,388,312
Forest Legacy Program	FY 2020-2025	» 23,825 acres conserved	\$44,336,391

IMPACTS & FUNDING FOR PAST 4-5 YEARS BY PROGRAM			
Program	Timeframe	Impact	Funding
Forest Stewardship Program	2021 to current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Forest Management Plans developed for 11,097 acres of forestlands » 15,976 hours of technical assistance provided by ODF Foresters » ~\$126k in financial support provided to forestry partners 	\$1,043,829
Landscape Resiliency Program	FY 2021-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 245,031 total acres treated » Prescribed burn: 5,037 acres » 23,341 homes impacted » 37,578 acres invasive grass treatment » 750 trees removed and used instream » 2,100 acres replanted with fire resilient species » Landscape conditions assessments on 40,000 acres » Rapid Assessment Tool used on 103,000 acres 	\$29,644,917
Landscape Scale Restoration Program	2021-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 12,575 hours 	\$1,555,970
Small Forestland Grant Program	FY 2021-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,272 total acres treated » Planting native species: 9 acres » Site visits and technical assistance: 397 » Prescribed burn: 574 acres » Invasive treatment: 230 acres » Chipping: 485 acres 	\$7,097,101
Sudden Oak Death Program	2020-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 1,980 acres treated for SOD 	\$10,372,068
Western States Fire Managers Program	CY 2020-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 3,978 acres treated 	\$5.65M