



# **Adaptive Management Program Update**

**Board of Forestry  
March 4, 2026**

# Overview of the Adaptive Management Program Laws

# Adaptive Management Program: Key points

## Program is:

- **Mandated in statute**
- **Required to obtain Private Forests HCP**
- **Updated FPA rules: can change only via AMP process**
- **Coordination with Compliance Monitoring Program**



# Adaptive Management Program: Purpose



- 1. Timely, effective change to meet BGOs**
- 2. Predictability, stability of rule change process**
- 3. Apply best available science in Board decisions**
- 4. Meet BGOs with less expensive prescriptions when feasible**

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# Adaptive Management Program: Charge & Priorities

## Program must:

- **Conduct effectiveness monitoring** (achieve the biological goals and objectives?)
- **Conduct research inquiry & validation monitoring** (additional scientific inquiry related to biological goals and objectives?)

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## 629-603-0100 Adaptive Management Program Overview

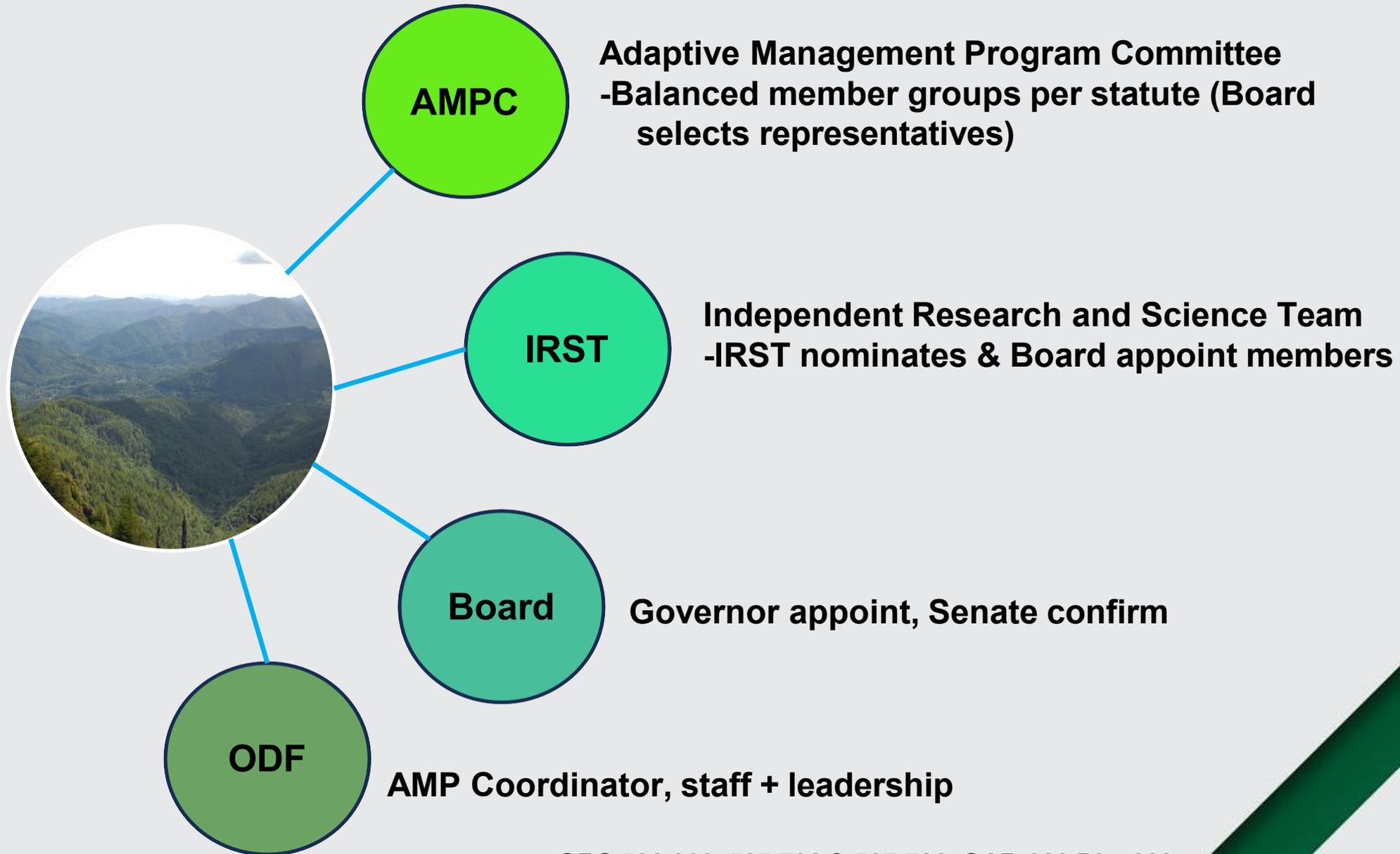
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(9) The following topics shall be prioritized in the initial phase of the adaptive management program:

- (a) Literature review for eastern Oregon steep slopes;
- (b) Requirements of baseline and trend monitoring of road rules; and
- (c) Amphibians.



# Adaptive Management Program: Participants

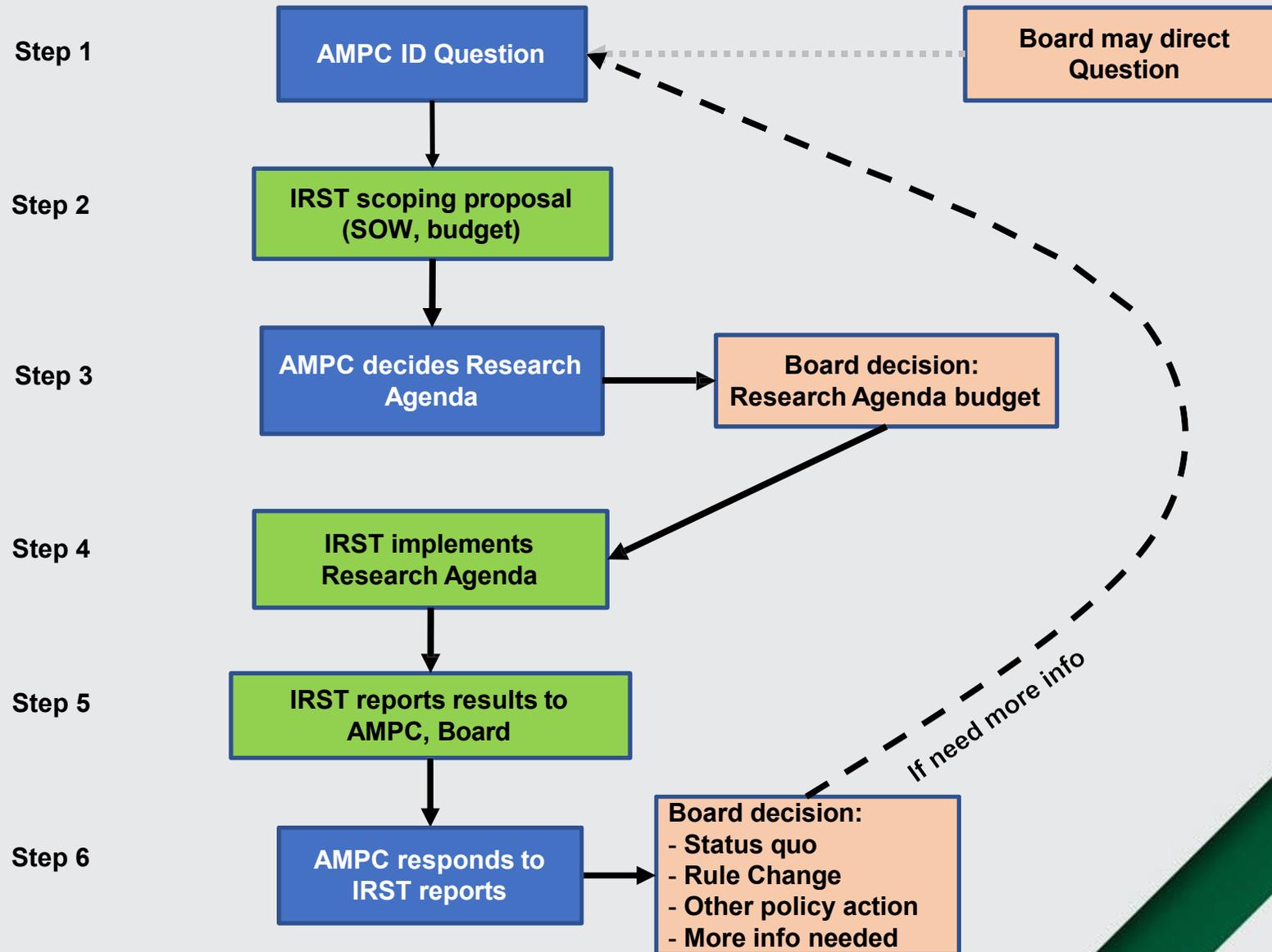


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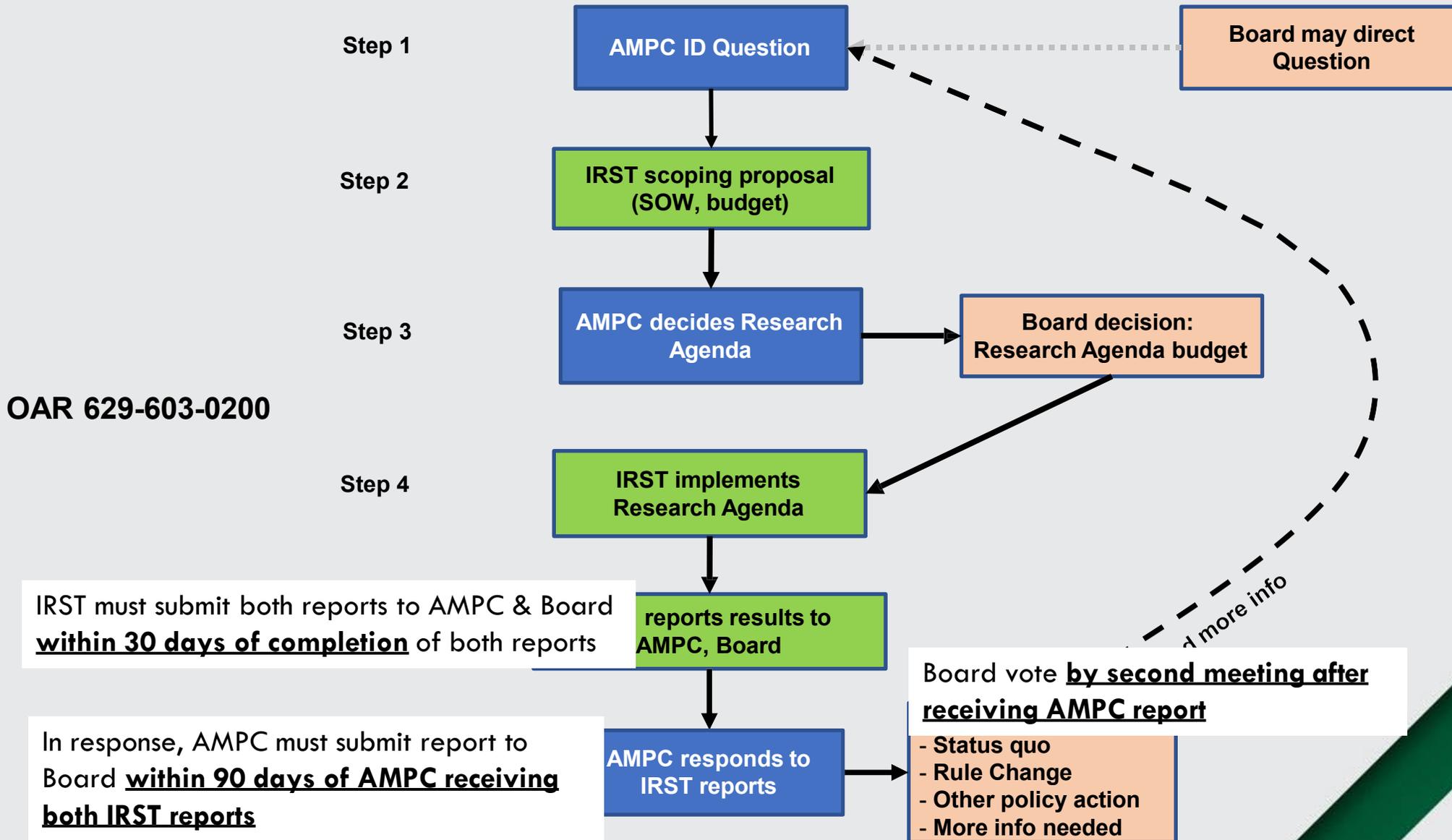


# Adaptive Management Process Rules

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# Adaptive Management Process Rules





# Adaptive Management Program

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2025 Review and  
What's Ahead in  
2026



# Roads

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## Road-Stream Hydrologic Connectivity Scoping Proposal

Independent Research and Science Team  
Institute for Natural Resources – Oregon State University

### Scoping Proposal

Submitted to  
The Oregon Department of Forestry  
Adaptive Management Program Committee  
19 May 2025

#### In 2025:

- IRST completed scoping proposal (May)
- AMPC and IRST discussed scoping proposal jointly
- AMPC developed Research Agenda (June, July)  
– Roads and E OR Steep Slopes\*
- AMPC presented final Research Agenda to BOF (July)

#### In 2026:

- AMPC and IRST discussed different scenarios pending budget reductions to program funding (Jan)
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# Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes



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# Amphibians

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## In 2025:

- Finalized Amphibians Q1 and Q2 (March)\*
- Finalized Amphibians research question package (April)\*
- Responded to IRST clarifying questions on Amphibians Q1 and Q2 (August)\*
- Finalized responses to IRST clarifying questions (Oct)\*

## In 2026:

- *AMPC finalizes Q3*
- *IRST develops scoping proposal (est. 7 months)*
- *AMPC updates Research Agenda, brings to BOF for decision*



John P. Clare  
amphibianphotos.com





# Effectiveness Monitoring

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## **In 2025:**

- AMPC discussed development of effectiveness monitoring strategy (April)
- Joint meeting with IRST to discuss research and monitoring approaches and challenges (Oct)

[ODF submitted final HCP to Services Dec 2025]

## **In 2026:**

- *Joint meeting with IRST to discuss and develop initial effectiveness monitoring approach (April)*



2025

2026

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Q1

Roads

IRST scoping proposal – Completed May 2025

AMPC finalized research agenda – July 2025

AMPC research agenda to BOF: 7/15/25

BOF voted to approve research agenda – Sept 2025

IRST initiates research - Roads

E Oregon Steep Slopes

IRST scoping proposal – Completed Jan 2025

IRST initiates research – E OR steep slopes

Amphibians

AMPC responds to IRST questions – Oct 2025

AMPC finalizes Question 3

Effectiveness Monitoring

IRST begins scoping proposal Question 3



# What's Ahead: 2026



## **AMPC:**

- Finalize response to IRST on amphibians Q3
- Kick off joint development of effectiveness monitoring strategy – April
- Discuss Research Agenda addendum for amphibians to bring to BOF - July
- Discuss possible research questions (per charter: July 1)

## **IRST:**

- Initiate amphibians scoping proposal (Q3) - Feb
- Issue RFP solicitations – March
- Kick off joint development of effectiveness monitoring strategy – April
- Award E OR and Road projects; begin research– May
- Complete amphibians scoping proposal Q1 and Q2 – June / July



2026

2027

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Q1

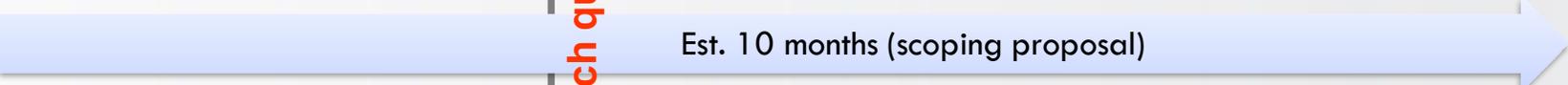
### Roads

IRST initiates research - Roads



### E Oregon Steep Slopes

IRST initiates research - E OR steep slopes



### Amphibians

AMPC finalizes Question 3



AMPC brings updated Research Agenda to BOF (Questions 1 and 2)

IRST completes scoping proposal - Question 3



### Effectiveness Monitoring

AMPC and IRST develop initial framework



AMPC identifies new research questions: 7/1/26



# Independent Research and Science Team

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BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

4 MARCH 2026



# IRST Members & Housing Agency

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Per Senate Bill 1501, representation on the IRST must include one voting member representing:

- public institution
- timber industry
- NGO that promotes conservation of freshwater aquatic habitat.

**Ellen Morris Bishop**, Ph.D., Assn. for Ethnogeology & Geoarcheology

**Kelly Burnett**, Ph.D., Wild Salmon Center (*Co-Chair*)

**Rebecca Flitcroft**, Ph.D., USDA Forest Service

**Michael Furniss**, M.S., CalPoly Humboldt

**Jessica Homyack**, Ph.D., Weyerhaeuser (*Co-Chair*)

**Jeff Light**, M.S., Oregon Forest Industries Council

**Josh Roering**, Ph.D., University of Oregon

**Housing Agency:**

Institute for Natural Resources, Oregon State University

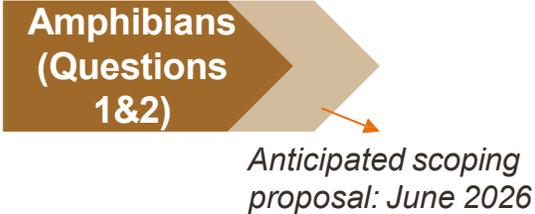
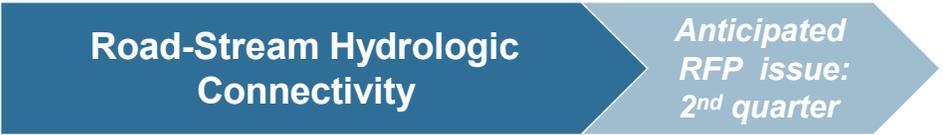
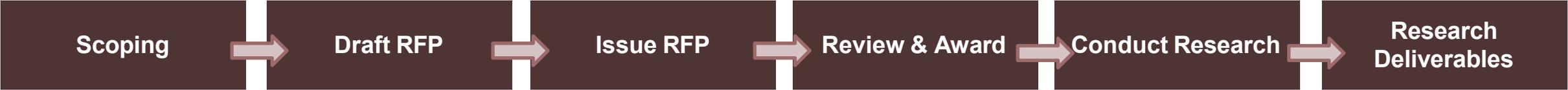
# Process-related Progress

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- Elected and onboarded two additional members
- Developed FY26 annual work plan
- Developed general RFP process
- Drafted succession plan
- Held monthly public meetings
- Convened subcommittees for 3 research topics
- Held quarterly AMPC-IRST chairs meetings

# AMP Research Process (OAR 629-603-0200)



# 2026 Key Milestones



*Columbia Torrent Salamander  
Jessica Homyack*

## **Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes**

- Q1: RFP issued (Feb 23)
- Q2: Review submissions & award contract
- Q3-4: Administer award, review plans/drafts
- Product delivery est: early 2027

## **Road-stream Hydrologic Connectivity**

- Q1-2: Finalize & issue RFP (May-June)
- Q3: Review submissions & award contract
- Q4: Administer award, review plans/drafts

## **Amphibians (initial questions)**

- Q1-2: Complete scoping proposal
- Q3: AMPC/BoF research agenda review
- Q4: Draft RFP(s)

## **Amphibians (rule-specific questions)**

- Q1-2: finalize questions w/AMPC
- Q3-4: Complete scoping proposal

## **Effectiveness Monitoring Strategy**

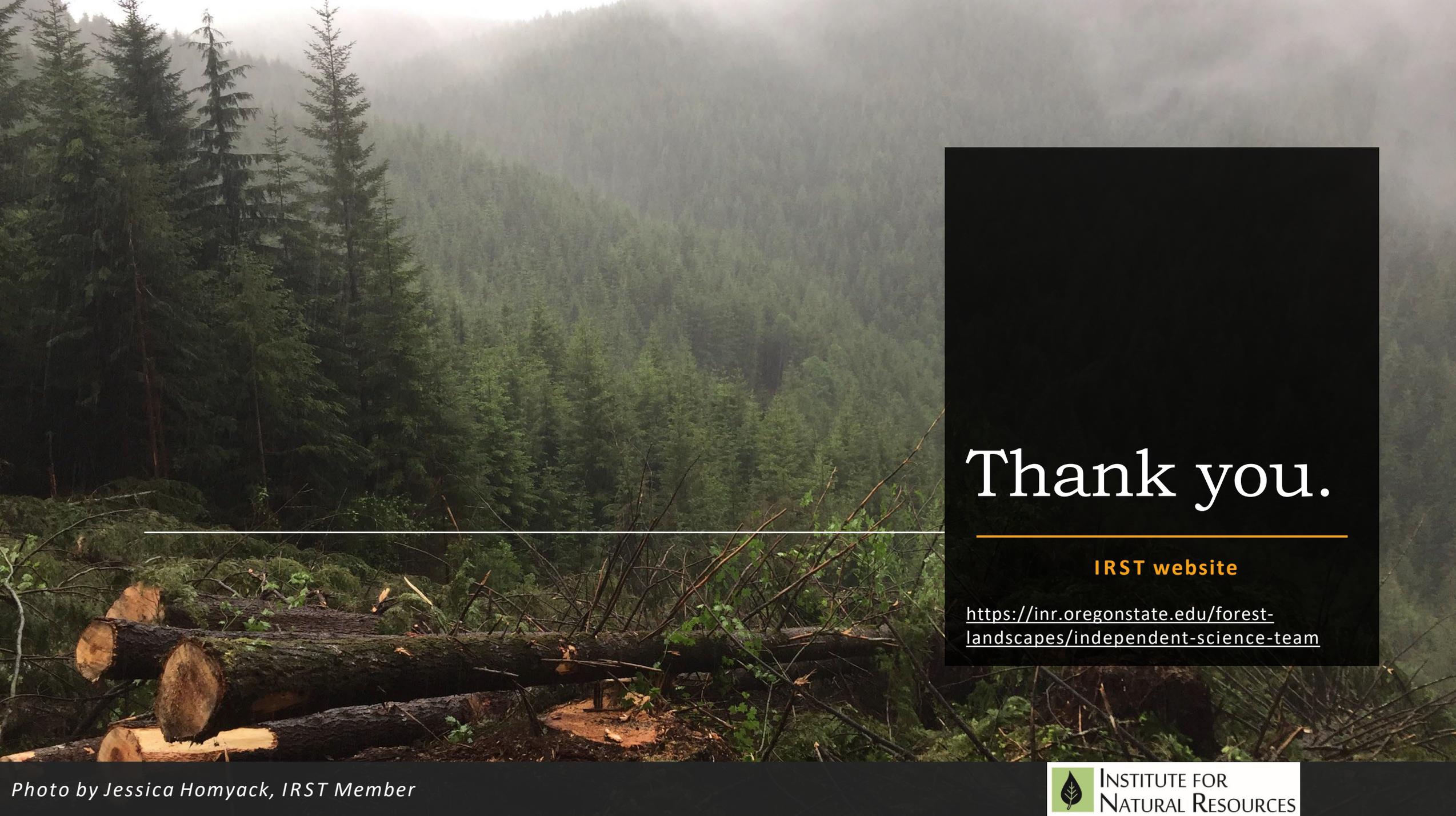
# Final Research Reports

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## **At Project Conclusion, the Summary Report Will Include:**

- A. Effectiveness of Alternate Prescriptions
- B. Causal Links
- C. Magnitude of Impacts on Covered Species
- D. Timescale
- E. Scope of Inference
- F. Degree of Scientific Confidence or Uncertainty

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A photograph of a dense forest with a misty atmosphere. In the foreground, there are several large, cut logs and some bare branches. The background shows a vast expanse of evergreen trees, with the top of the forest obscured by a light mist or fog. The overall tone is serene and natural.

# Thank you.

**IRST website**

<https://inr.oregonstate.edu/forest-landscapes/independent-science-team>

*Photo by Jessica Homyack, IRST Member*



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# Questions

