

# Forest Legacy Program

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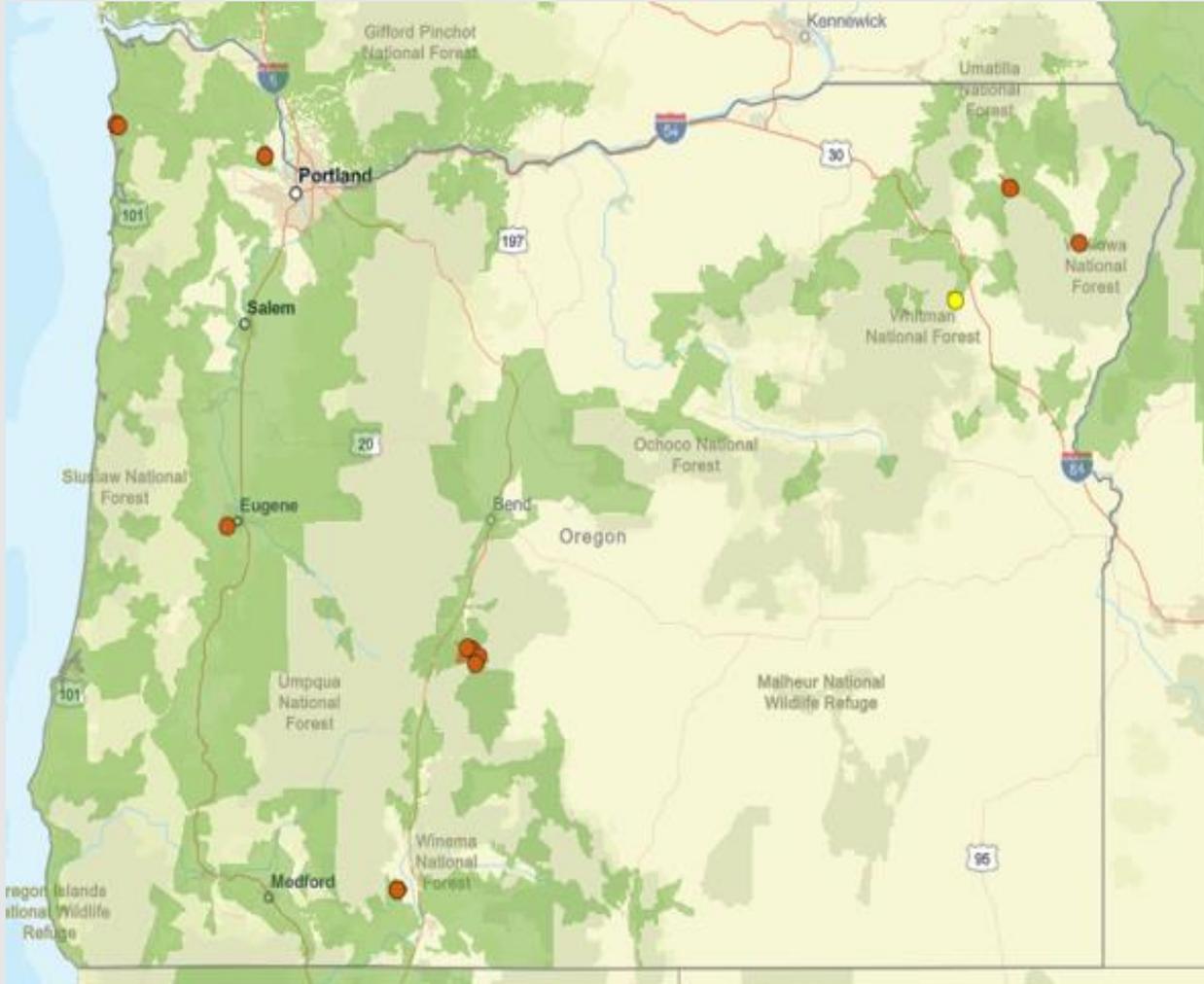


# Overview

- Oregon's Forest Legacy Accomplishments
- Acquisition methods
  - Fee title vs. Conservation Easement
  - Competitive funding vs. Non-competitive donation
- 2025 Accomplishments
  - OSU Tualatin Mountain Research Forest
  - VR field tour of the Minam River Wildlife Area
  - Assessment of Need review; preparing for 2030 update
- Upcoming
  - CFF involvement
  - NCLC Rainforest Reserve field tour
  - Approximate FY 2028 application timeline



# Oregon's Forest Legacy Accomplishments



Project	Acreage (~46,000)	FLP Contribution (~\$51,000,000)	Year Completed
South Eugene Hills	25	\$460,000	2007
Gilchrist State Forest	20,478	\$3,000,000	2015
Blue Mountain Heritage	1,360	\$1,335,000	2017
East Moraine Community Forest	1,739	\$3,500,000	2020
Arch Cape Watershed	1,441	\$3,500,000	2022
Spence Mountain	7,589	\$6,400,000	2022
Minam River	10,965	\$9,754,000	2023
Tualatin Mountain Forest	3,110	\$23,748,000	2025



# Acquisition Methods

## Fee-title

- Willing landowner divesting from forestland.
  - Purchaser must be non-federal, non-tribal government entity.
- Nationally competitive funding process.
- Project must promote working forests and public recreation (within reason).

## Conservation Easement

- Private landowner maintains ownership.
  - Title encumbrance restricting potential for development.
- Annual monitoring inspection conducted to ensure CE compliance.
- Nationally competitive funding process, or non-competitive donation.





# Conservation Easements

## Funding application

- Highly competitive.
- 75% federal funding. 25% non-federal cost-share required.
- Time consuming.
  - 2+ years from application to funding.
  - Many partners required for successful project.
- High risk
  - Lot of work with no assurance for funding.
  - Landowner's conservation value differs from yellow book appraisal.

## Donation

- Non-competitive
- Value is donated; no monetary compensation from Forest Legacy Program.
- Value counts as cost-share for larger FLP projects.
  - Provides smaller forestland owners opportunity to contribute to bigger conservation opportunities.
  - Increases impact of landowner's legacy.



# Tualatin Mountain Forest

- 3,110 previously owned by Weyerhaeuser; now owned and managed by Oregon State University as research forest.
- Funded by FLP, Metro, and Conservation Easement donation by North Coast Land Conservancy





# Minam VR

- **Goal:** Host a field tour of the Minam River Wildlife Area.
- **Challenge:** Extremely remote and rugged terrain. Multiple days necessary to see all viewpoints.
- **Solution:** 5-minute Virtual Reality field tour. Bring the forest to the people.





# Assessment of Need

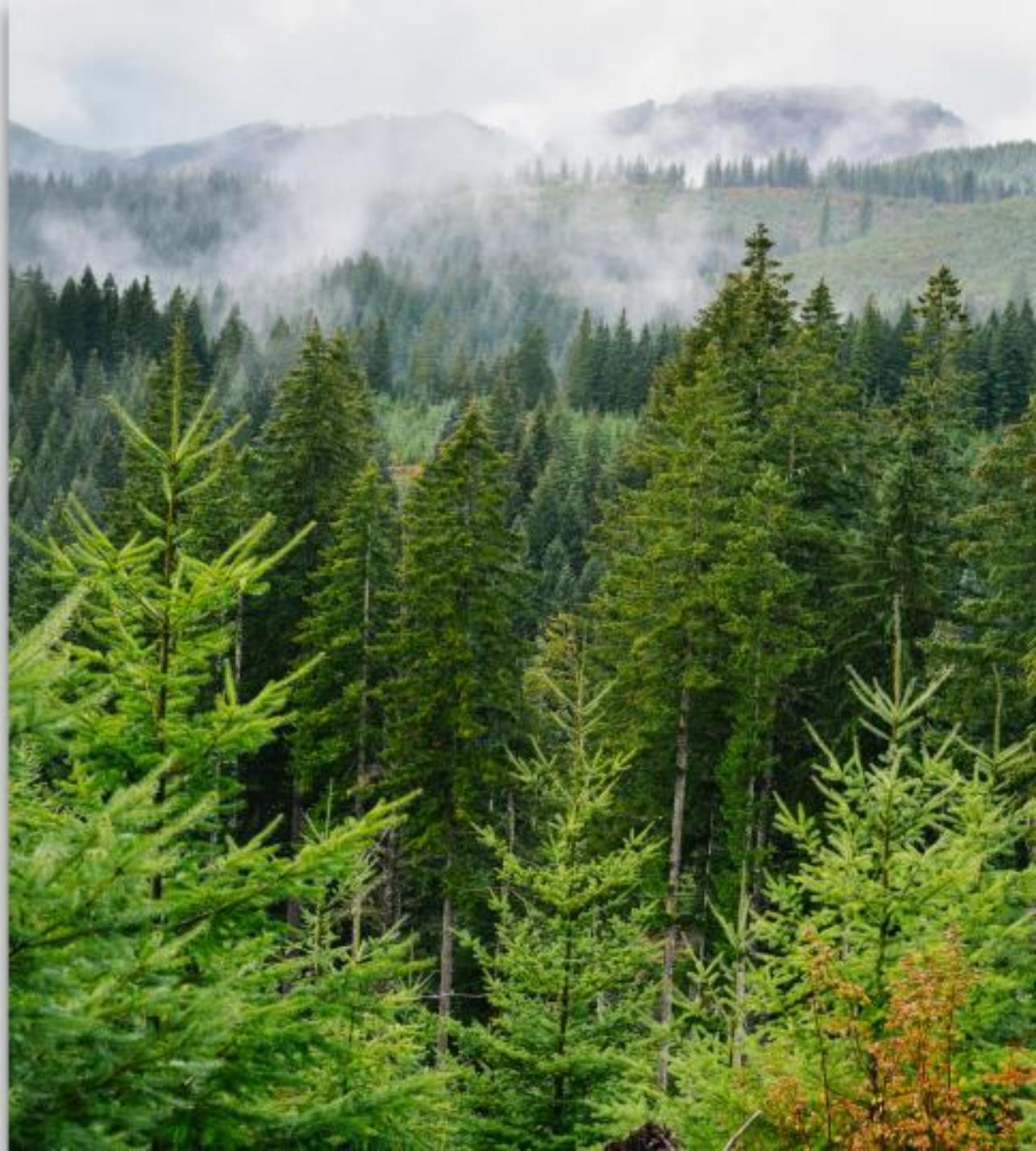
- Requirement for participation in FLP.
- Reviewed every 5 years, updated every 10.
- Oregon's is 20 years outdated and lacks relevance.
- Proper update for 2030 will require a significant amount of work.





# Upcoming

- CFF Involvement
  - Regularly updates at meetings.
  - Committee interest in reviewing and ranking projects?
- North Coast Land Conservancy celebration event and Arch Cape Rainforest Reserve field tour.



# Questions?

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