

Forest Stewardship Program

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Forest Stewardship Program - USFS

- NIPF LOs
- Annual grant from USFS to state forestry agencies
- Monitoring & Reporting
- Funding Trends

Forest Stewardship Program Standards and Guidelines

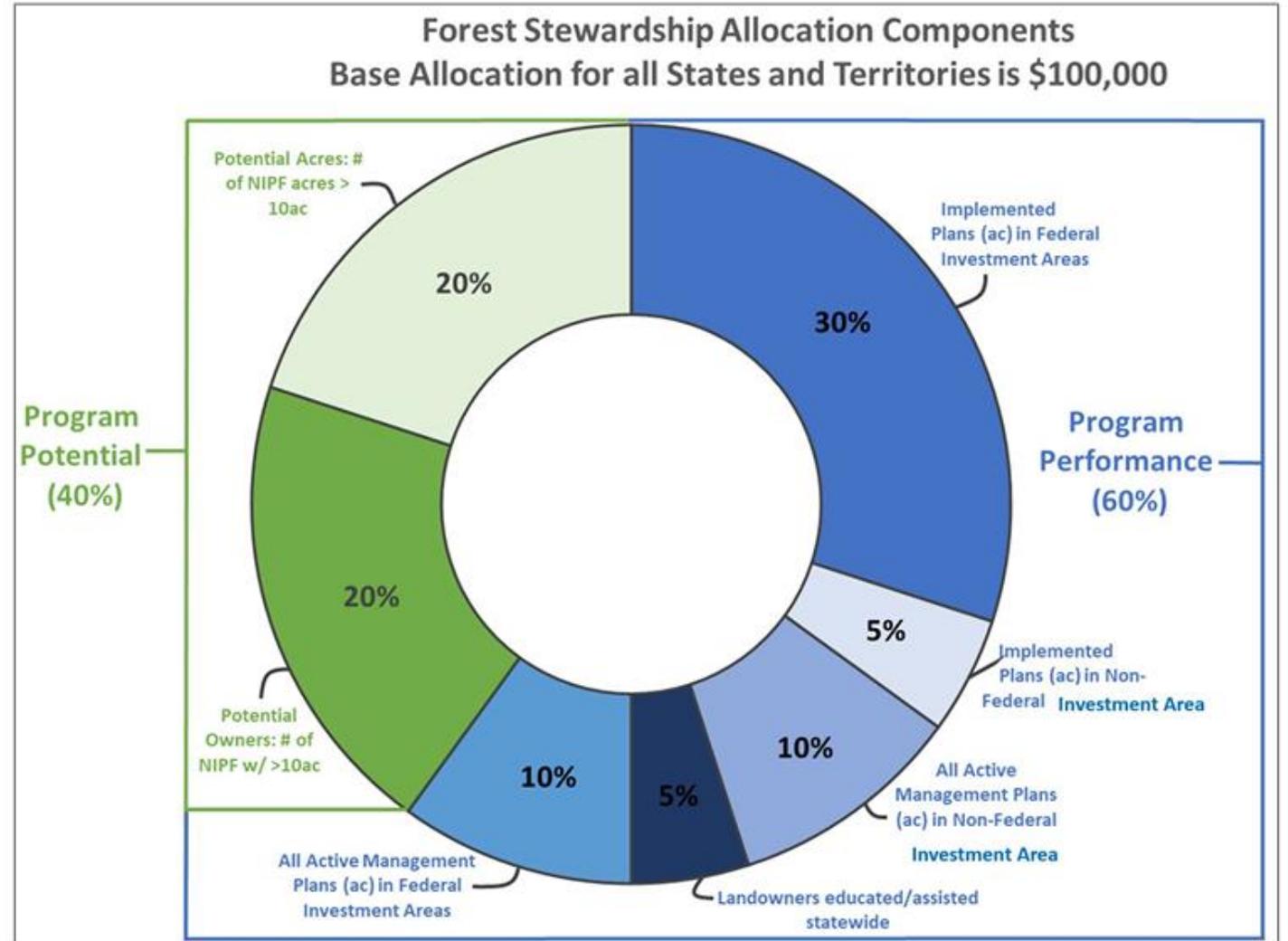
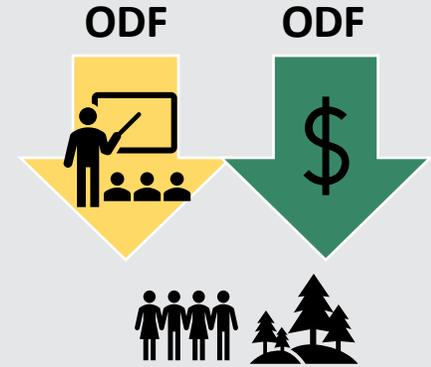


Figure 2. Forest stewardship allocation components

Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)

- Program funded by **USDA - US Forest Service (USFS)**

*Facilitate long-term stewardship of private forest landscapes by **assisting, educating, and inspiring forestland owners** to actively manage their forests sustainably. **Actively managed forests are healthy forests** and are less likely to be converted to other uses*



FSP Technical Assistance

ODF foresters offer site visits, consultations or other forms of assistance working with non-industrial private forestland owners on forest health and forest management topics

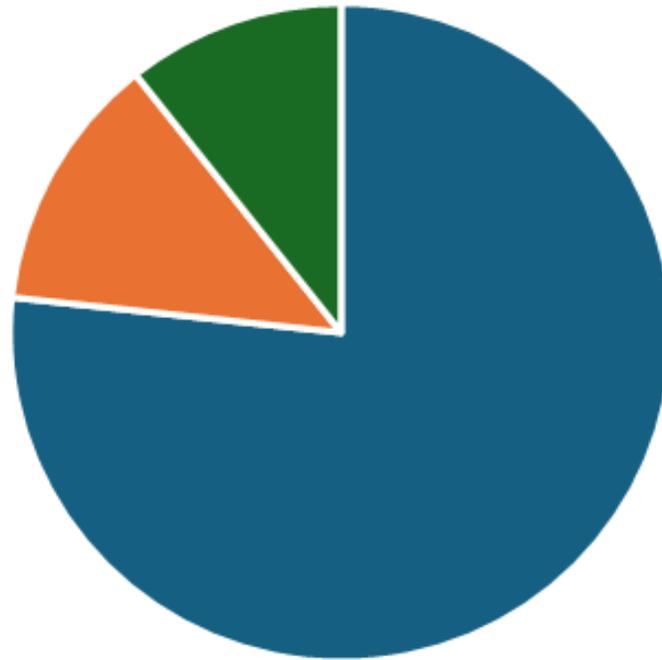
FSP Financial Assistance

ODF provides cost-share opportunities to Non-Industrial Private Forest (NIPF) landowners to have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan created for their property



Program Implementation

Forest Stewardship Program: 2020-2025



■ ODF TA for SFOs ■ LO plans ■ Contractual



Forest Legacy and Forest Stewardship Working Group



Committee for Family Forestlands
Forest Legacy and Stewardship Program Working Group

Charter & Operating Principles

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I. Background & Purpose

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (Act, 16 U.S.C. 2103A), as amended, empowered the USDA Forest Service to partner with state forestry agencies to provide technical and financial assistance to private forest landowners. These programs help landowners balance timber management with the conservation of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, wildfire management, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Among others, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) administers the Forest Stewardship and Forest Legacy Programs.

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a conservation program that supports the protection of privately owned forest lands through conservation easements or land purchases. Protection of private forests through the FLP maintains public benefits, including opportunities to hunt, fish, and camp, clean and abundant drinking water, habitat for fish and wildlife, and timber, fuel wood, and other forest products.

The Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) provides assistance to owners of nonindustrial private forestland (NIPF) where good stewardship, including agroforestry practices, will enhance and sustain multiple forest resources and contribute to healthy and resilient landscapes. The Forest Stewardship Program focuses on three main areas:

- 1) Assisting landowners to actively manage their land and related resources;
- 2) Keeping land in a productive and healthy condition for present and future owners; and
- 3) Increasing the economic benefits of land while conserving the natural environment.

The Act stipulates that each State Forester or equivalent state official must establish a State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. The Committee shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals representing the following:

- The Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and the Cooperative Extension Service
- NRCS State Technical Committee
- Local Government
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Consulting foresters
- Environmental organizations
- Forest products industry
- Forest landowners
- Land trust organizations
- Conservation organizations

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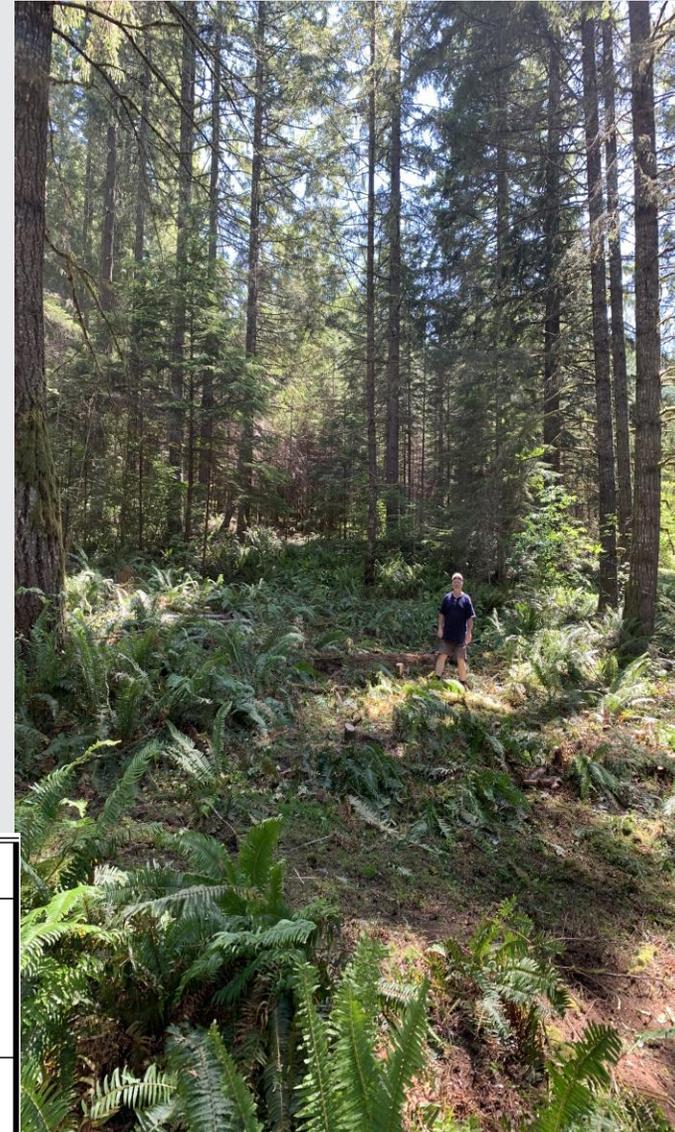
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| Environmental organizations | Tribal representatives |

Implemented FSMP Example

Pre



Post



Goal #5	Wildfire Mitigation – Property-Wide
Completed Actions	<i>Limited thinning and clearing of debris and ladder materials, removal of small, dead trees, mowing of tall grasses on property and clearing of roadsides along the property bordering Tumala Mt Rd. All debris will be chipped/shredded as it is cut. Work done by landowner.</i>
Planned Actions:	<i>Clearing of all brush and trees of less than 6 inches in diameter 20ft out from center of all roads. Continued thinning and chipping of small dead trees, downed trees, and ladder fuels property-wide.</i>





Thank you!

