

Developing Oregon's 20-year Landscape Resiliency Strategy

**Stakeholder Meeting #2
October 11, 2022**

Welcome, Introductions, Updates

- Name and Organization
- If you were not here right now and could be anywhere, where would you be?

Please try and be precise – keep to 1 min

Our Task

“20-year strategic plan that prioritizes restoration actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction that can be used to direct federal, state, and private investments in a tangible way”

Path to Oregon's 20-Year Strategic Plan

Phase 1: → July 2022

Build the Foundation

- Shared vision
- Governance structure
- Engagement with Sovereign Nations
- Stakeholder engagement
- Framework for plan development

Phase 2: July - Dec 2022

Compile Information

- ID and gather reports, maps, data, etc.
- Priorities from existing plans
- Produce supporting materials (priority maps, capacity & readiness assessment, etc.)
- Develop goals and targets
- ID steps to achieve goals
- Develop metrics and accountability mechanisms

Phase 3: Jan - Jun 2023

Draft the Plan

- Draft
- Review
- Finalize and endorse
- Publish

Phase 4: July 2023 →

Implement the Plan

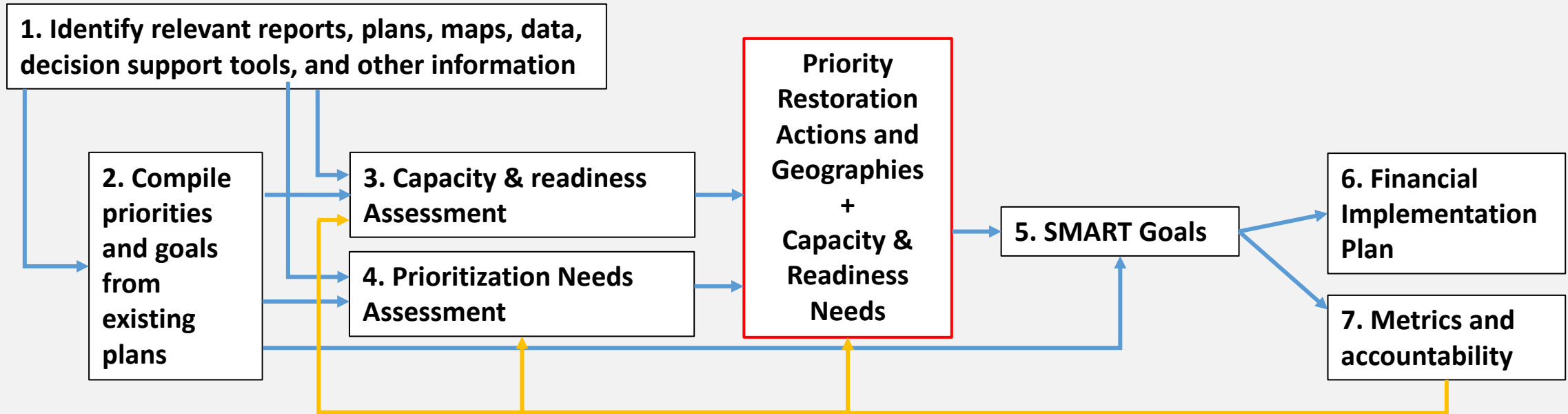
- Plan roll-out
- S2 conference?
- Governance meetings
- Accountability reviews
- Adaptive management

Products Needed to Produce the 20 year Plan

July-December 2022

- 1. Relevant reports, plans, maps, data, decision-support tools, etc.**
- 2. Compilation of priorities from existing plans**
- 3. Prioritization Mechanism and resulting priorities**
- 4. Capacity & readiness assessment**
- 5. Process for setting goals targets and actions, and results**
- 6. Investment Strategy**
- 7. Metrics and accountability mechanisms**

How the Workstreams Fit Together



1. Relevant reports, plans, maps, data, decision support tools, and other information

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- ODFW Oregon Conservation Strategy
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- OR's Integrated Water Resources Strategy
- Master Good Neighbor Agreement
- ODFW State Wildlife Action Plan
- 2021 State Agency Climate Change Adaptation Framework
- USDA Equity Action Plan
- EPA Equity Action Plan
- State of Oregon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan

3. Capacity & Readiness Assessment

Purpose

- Identify where conditions are in place for near-term implementation
- Identify where conditions are not in place and what the gaps are
- Identify what needs to be done to create the necessary conditions for implementation

Considerations (examples)

- Human
- Legal
- Planning and Implementation
- Infrastructure
- Community/social

4. Prioritization Needs Assessment

- A. Proposed approach to prioritization
- B. Prioritization Criteria
- C. Restoration Needs Assessment (Near-term)
- D. Restoration Needs Assessment Decision-Support Tool
- E. Identifying priorities

A. Proposed Approach to Prioritization

Key questions to resolve include:

- **What types of priorities are included?**
 - Proposed: locations; actions; local capacity; monitoring; research; data collection; decision support tools; development of new funding mechanisms. Planning (NEPA, mgmt. plans, etc.)
- **How are priorities presented?**
 - Proposed: fuzzy heat map and narrative; no bright lines.
- **What criteria is used and how is it weighted?**
 - See criteria list, next slide
- **What data and decision-support tools are used?**
 - See criteria list, next slide
- What process is used to establish priorities?
- How can priorities be altered over time?
- How can interested parties provide input at each stage of the process?

B. Geographic Criteria for Prioritization

- **Wildfire Risk**

- Fire-prone forests and ecosystems of eastern and southwestern Oregon
- Restoration around communities at highest risks of wildfire
- Lands in the four highest eNVC risk classes identified in... QWRA

- **Restoration Need**

- Federal lands with treatment projects currently approved under the National Environmental Policy Act
- Focusing on treatments protective of watershed health
- Focusing on treatments protective of forest or rangeland habitat restoration

- **Social and Economic Values**

- Communities at high risk of losing wood processing infrastructure and/or workforce
- Underserved communities in rural Oregon
- Focus on treatments protective of human life, property, critical infrastructure, watershed health and forest or rangeland habitat restoration
- Communities with capacity and/or a track record for success and innovation, while supporting communities to build capacity where needed
- Involve existing forest-based and range-based contracting entities
- Outdoor opportunities

- **Proximity to Existing or Recent Resilience Work**

- [Geographies that are] Part of a collaborative partnership
- Complement programs and projects of the OWEB or other state agencies
- Involve the Oregon Conservation Corps Program
- FFRP; Joint Chiefs LRP; Landscape Scale Restoration Projects; GNA Projects

B. Actions Criteria for Prioritization

- Reduce wildfire risk through the reduction of hazardous fuel
- Evaluate varying types of fuel treatment methods
- Engage in monitoring of the projects to produce useful information on which to base recommendations to the Legislative Assembly
- Use adaptive management approaches that include: experimenting, learning, and implementing work to achieve outcomes at scales that are meaningful
- Leverage the collective power of public-private partnerships and federal and state funding, including leverage of the coordination of funding to support collaborative initiatives that address the underlying causes of elevated forestland and rangeland wildfire risk across ownerships

(4) A project under this section may not include commercial thinning on:

- Inventoried roadless areas
- Riparian reserves identified in the Northwest Forest Plan or in federal Bureau of Land Management resource management plans
- Late successional reserves, except to the extent consistent with the 2011 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Revised Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl
- Areas protected under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542), national recreation areas, national monuments or areas protected under ORS 390.805 to 390.925
- Designated critical habitat for species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205) or by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission under ORS 496.172, unless commercial thinning is already allowed under an existing environmental review or recognized habitat recovery plan
- Federally designated areas of critical environmental concern or federally designated wilderness study areas

Prioritization Topics

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6. Financial Implementation Plan

MOU and SB 762:

- Develop a 20-year strategic plan that prioritizes restoration actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction that can be used to direct federal, state, and private investments in a tangible way.

MOU:

- Develop a financial implementation plan that incorporates public-private partnership, including conservation finance to increase scale, by investing in appropriately-scaled infrastructure in rural communities.”

Governor’s Council On Wildfire Response

- The state should build a long-term sustainable funding model....
 - These funds should be obtained from multiple sources, including federal and state investments, and timber and other revenues.
 - The strategic financial plan should incorporate state parameters for investment, to ensure optimal return-on-investment

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Proposed Tasks

1. Identify **existing** funding sources, programs, and authorities that can be directed to priority actions and geographies.
2. Identify opportunities for **new** (or expanding existing) funding programs, sources or authorities.
3. Link existing and new funding to priorities, readiness/capacity, and goals.
4. Engage with federal and state partners to integrate shared priorities and goals into funding programs and activities.

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- Tribal Forest Protection Act
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Additional Financing Opportunities

- How do we look at timber and other revenues?
- Who should we be partnering with to bring in additional financing opportunities?

How do Engage Broader Stakeholder Community

- Is this group just for the development of the 20-year strategy or is it long lasting over the next 20-years?
- Do we want to keep this group small or do we want to open it up?
- Do people come in and out when they want to?
- Do we partner with other preexisting stakeholder groups?

Thank you!