

762 Bill Summary for Sections 18-20

Please note the language below has been abbreviated for clarity. For explicit language, please reference SB 762 here:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB762/Enrolled>

SB 762 Section 18-20

- Design and implement a program to **reduce wildfire risk through restoration of landscape resiliency and the reduction of hazardous fuel on public or private forestlands and rangelands and in communities near homes and critical infrastructure**
- Consult with state and federal agencies, counties, cities and local government, private forest and rangeland owners, collaboratives and community organizations
- **Project selection (3)**
 - OSU and others, identify strategic landscapes ready for treatment
 - (5) give public notice and allow reasonable opportunity for public input when identifying and selecting landscapes under section 18.
 - **(a) Prioritize**
 - 4 highest eNVC risk classes
 - Federal NEPA approved lands ready for treatment
 - Treatments that protect life, property, critical infrastructure, h2o health, forest/range habitat restoration
 - Innovated landscape scale solutions to address causes of poor wildfire resilience
 - **(b) Identify and select**
 - Projects that evaluate varying types of fuel treatment methods
 - Leverage public/private partnerships and funding
 - Optimize receipt of federal government investments
 - **(c-f) Design projects to**
 - **(c)** Involve existing forest and range contracting entities
 - **(d)** Compliment OWEB, **(e)** Oregon Conservation Corps Program **(f)** affirmatively seek and enhance opportunities for collaboration and community involvement
 - **(g) Engage in useful monitoring that result in legislative recommendations**
- **(4) Not include commercial thinning in:**
 - **(a)** inventoried roadless areas
 - **(b)** riparian reserves identified in NW Forest plan or BLM resource management plans
 - **(c)** Late Successional Reserves (except to extent consistent with 2011 USFW Service Revised Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl,
 - **(d)** Lands protected under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, recreational areas, national monuments, or areas protected under ORS 390.805 to 390.925

- **(e)** Critical Habitat for listed T or E species
- **(f)** Critical environmental concern areas nor wilderness study areas

Section 20

- Complete above by June 30th, 2023 **(1)**
- Report progress **(2)**
 - January 15th, 2022
 - Explanation of how landscapes were selected
 - Summary of selected projects
 - Initial outcomes
 - Anticipated time frame for completion of projects
 - Recommendations concerning landscape identification and projects selected
 - Description of funding sources, types and amounts secured by department as matching funds
 - Summary of outreach and coordination with state and federal agencies, counties, cities and local government, private forest and rangeland owners,
- Final Report to legislature
 - July 15th 2023
 - Qualitative and quantitative summary of project outcomes that state
 - Acres treated and
 - anticipated change to landscape resiliency
 - Identification of barriers to more efficient implementation
 - Qualitative and quantitative summary of prescribed fire activities and invasive annual grass treatment
 - Number of acres burned
 - Anticipated changes in landscape conditions
 - Recommendations for creating optimal working relationships
 - Description of Funding sources, types and amounts secured by department as matching funds to carry out projects
 - Recommendations for investment in future wildfire risk reduction projects for 23-25 biennium
- **Develop 20 year strategic plan for Shared Stewardship**
 - Though not the charge of this workgroup, please see the details below regarding the development of a strategic plan for Shared Stewardship
 - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Oregon-Shared-Stewardship-Agreement.pdf>
 - **(A)** Plan to focus on fire-prone forests and ecosystems of eastern and southwestern Oregon
 - Priority treatment areas using values at risk and scenario planning
 - Financial Implementation Plan that incorporates public private partnership including conservation finance to increase scale

- **(B)** Help develop set of metrics that measure progress on creating the outcomes of healthy, resilient forests, vibrant local communities, healthy watershed with functional aquatic habitat and quality outdoor opportunities for all Oregonians
- **(C)** work collaboratively with state and collaborative groups at the local level to design treatments that meet priorities and outcomes of 20 year plan
- **(D)** Collaborate with Stakeholders to develop science-based and tractable monitoring and accountability to measure outcomes and adjust accordingly
- **(E)** Design and implement treatments that establish anchor points and control lines to aid in suppression of wildfire
- **(F)** Use every available authority and tool to do more work on the ground including timber sales, mechanical treatments and carefully managed fire
- **(G)** inform FS PNW region budget priorities based on 20 year plan
- **(H)** Revise/develop 5 year plans to accommodate priority geographies in 20 year plan
- **(I)** Pursue additional investments beyond USFS PNW region annual budgets