

FFR Program Technical Assistance and Science Support (TASS) Funding Decisions

Proposals awarded funding

National Forest Unit, BLM District, or Statewide Project	Project Title / Name	Grant Agreement Awarded To	Collaborative Beneficiary	FFR Funds Awarded	Rationale for Selection
Malheur NF	Evaluating critical landscape-scale ecosystem functions across the Malheur National Forest	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains Forest Partners	\$ 60,000	Project builds understanding of salient issue: forest carbon storage potential across landscapes. Project builds towards execution of NEPA and delivers scientific analysis to achieve common understanding. Funding scaled down from \$68,086
Deschutes NF	Integrating Accurate Road and Trails Data into Multi-faceted, Landscape-scale Restoration Agreements	Incident Support, LLC	Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project	\$ 26,400	Project has strong support from diverse stakeholders and allows FS to conduct assessments of user-made roads and trails. Project concept is replicable.
Mt Hood NF	Fire histories for informing forest restoration needs on the east side of the Mt. Hood National Forest	Andrew Merschel, et al.	Wasco County Collaborative & Hood River Forest Collaborative	\$ 40,000	This fire history study in moist mixed conifer forest types works to achieve consensus around the appropriateness of different treatments and to satisfy NEPA legal requirements to base forest treatments in science.
Statewide Project	Oregon Forest Collaboratives Network (OFCN)	Sustainable Northwest	All	\$ 22,830	The OFCN convenes collaborative facilitators on a regular basis for statewide, efficient information sharing and problem solving. Allows for more strategic and higher functioning collaborative groups. Funding scaled down from \$45,659 supporting only 12 months of network

Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Medford District BLM	Resilient forest references to accelerate the quality, pace, and scale of forest restoration in the Rogue Basin of southwestern Oregon	Oregon State University	Rogue Forest Partners	\$ 50,000	Project leverages previously collected forest stand data to determine historic forest structure and condition to inform future management decisions and treatments. Funding scaled down from \$75,050
Ochoco National Forest & Malheur National Forest	Soils Research to Quantify Impacts of Tethered-Assist Ground-based Harvesting on Steep Terrain in the Dry Forest	Oregon State University	Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative	\$ 30,876	Project conducts research on the effects of tethered assist harvesting on steep terrain. Better understanding of these operations will lead to more restoration treatments across the landscape. Funding scaled down from \$62,277, funding research on Ochoco NF
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF and Coos Bay District BLM	Chetco River Road and Sediment Analysis Project	Curry Watersheds Partnership	Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative (WRCFC)	\$ 20,000	This project addresses road and sediment delivery concerns in the Chetco Bar fire area. Funding scaled down from \$40,000
Total TASS Awards				\$ 250,106	

Priorities for additional funding, if available

Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Medford District BLM, Wallowa-Whitman NF, and Umatilla NF	Providing avian science support to inform collaborative federal forest restoration efforts in Oregon	Klamath Bird Observatory	Rogue Forest Partners and Northern Bl	\$ 25,739	The project proposal was very strong and well articulated. However, the project link to contributing to increasing the pace and scale of NEPA analysis was unclear. Project has the potential to be funded from CFLRP.
Mt Hood NF	East Cascades Oak Partnership	Columbia Land Trust	Wasco Co. Forest Collaborative	\$ 23,800	This project implements the monitoring protocol developed with funding from TASS in 19-21. The review team thought this was important work but did not present as a highly complex or pressing challenge when compared to other projet proposals.

Statewide Project	Pacific Northwest Forest Collaboratives Workshop	Sustainable Northwest	All	\$ 62,322	The forest collaborative workshop is a valuable event and provides a forum for information exchange, similar to the forest collaborative network. Due to uncertainty associated with in-person events due to COVID, the OCFN was funded as a more frequent and virtual alternative. If funds become available and pandemic restrictions lift, this would be a candidate for funding.
				Potential additional funding	\$ 111,861

Proposals not receiving funding

Willamette NF	Conservation of legacy trees in dry forest types on the southern Willamette National Forest	Oregon State University & University of Oregon	Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	\$ -	The review team thought this was important monitoring work, but it was not clear how transferable this work was outside of a portion of one national forest. High overall project cost and indirect rate.
Willamette NF	Biomass Source Stock Assessment for the Willamette National Forest	Good Company	Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	\$ -	This project develops a model to quantify biomass production on the WNF. Although this is valuable work, the review team was uncertain that this study would lead to the creation of biomass market. It was more difficult to link this project to increasing pace and scale of restoration or NEPA planning.
Mt Hood NF	CSP TASS Project	Clackamas River Basin Council	Clackamas Stewardship Partners (CSP)	\$ -	The review team thought this project would be best suited for a Forest Collaborative grant. It was unclear on the difference between what the TA provider was achieving and the collaborative facilitator is working to achieve during collaborative meetings.

Mt Hood NF	Mt. Hood National Forest: Roadmap for Collaboration	Sustainable Northwest	Wasco County Forest Collaborative, Hood River Forest Collaborative, and Clackamas Stewardship Partners	\$ -	Although the review team thought this a good project, there was concern about the link between the workshop and how it will repair relationships that would not be achieved by regular meetings by collaboratives.
Deschutes and Ochoco NFs	Coordinating to Implement Climate-Appropriate Dry Forest Management Strategies	Central Oregon Forest Stewardship Foundation	DCFP, OFRC	\$ -	The review team thought this was a salient topic to tackle, but were concerned about benefit and applicability it would provide to the FS. Also TASS funds are intended for an outside TA provider.
Deschutes and Ochoco NFs	Mapping & Prioritizing Landscape Scale Forest Restoration Needs	Conservation Biology Institute	DCFP, OFRC	\$ -	The review team thought this mapping product would be beneficial, however there were concerns about the on-going maintenance cost (both time & money) associated with this project. There were also concerns of replicability and scalability.
Siuslaw NF	Mapping the Siuslaw Stewardship Watershed Restoration Program Projects from 2016-2021	Integrated Resource Management	Siuslaw Stewardship Watershed Restoration Program (SSRWP) (Stew. Groups)	\$ -	Although this off-forest mapping project would result in a great communications product, the review team did not rank this project as high as others because of the lack of a direct link to federal land restoration.
Total unmet need				\$ 518,885	