

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
Willamette NF	Field monitoring of effects of silviculture on critical ecosystem components on the Willamette National Forest	University of Oregon	Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	\$ 36,000	Project funds multi-party monitoring of vegetation management restoration treatments on the Willamette National Forest with applicability to other western Oregon forests and has the potential to develop a shared understanding and agreement around a controversial issue: management/thinning of west-side forests. Letters of support from Forest Service and collaboratives indicated this work would be applicable to current/future project planning.
Willamette NF	Evaluating collaborative fire mitigation silviculture across productive federal lands of western Oregon	University of Oregon	Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	\$ 55,000	Project builds off previous research indicating disturbance from wildfire in western Oregon forests was more frequent than conventional wisdom would suggest. This project will continue to build on this research and develop robust outreach and engagement around the potential silviculture treatments have to mitigate fire risk in the productive forests of western Oregon.
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF	Public perceptions of efforts to accelerate the quality, pace, and scale of forest restoration in the Rogue Basin of southwestern Oregon	Southern Oregon University Research Center	Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative	\$ 35,000	Project seeks to understand public perception of the ongoing forest restoration and prescribed fire treatments in the Rouge Basin by surveying the public. This will inform the collaborative's and partnership's public engagement and communications work and allow them to prioritize their outreach. The project could be replicated by other groups and is supported by the Forest Service.
Blue Mountains NFs	Collaborative forest planning for the Blue Mountains Forest Plan revision	Silvix Resources and University of Oregon	Northern Blues Forest Collaborative, Blue Mountains Forest Partners, and Harney County Forest Restoration Collaborative	\$ 40,000	This project has potential to demystify the forest planning process for collaborative members and incorporate their input into the process.
Mt. Hood NF	Oaks on the Trailing Edge: Monitoring Habitat Restoration on a New Frontier	Columbia Land Trust	Wasco County Forest Collaborative	\$ 38,000	Project will conduct monitoring and analysis of Oregon white oak and ponderosa pine woodlands and investigate the affect forest density has on tree physiology and other factors. This analysis will allow for a common understanding of needed treatments in these forest types.

Blue Mountains NFs	Effects of riparian forest restoration activities on near-ground shading conditions: Phase I	USFS PNW Research Station	Northern Blues Forest Collaborative and Blue Mountains Forest Partners	\$ 55,000	Treatments in riparian areas are an area of particular concern to the forest collaboratives in the Blue Mountains and this analysis has the potential to develop common understanding and acceptance for treatments in these areas. The Forest Service has indicated this analysis will enhance the consultation process with National Marine Fisheries Service.
Deschutes and Ochoco NFs	Advancing Climate Adapted Forest Restoration in Central Oregon	Central Oregon Forest Stewardship Foundation	Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative and Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project	\$ 45,000	Convenes stakeholders to examine climate change, carbon sequestration vs. stabilization strategies, and other climate related tradeoffs. Forest Service and collaborative support indicated this would be useful for future planning.
Deschutes NF	Deschutes Trails Coalition Core Habitat Collaboration: Engaging Recreation Stakeholders in Holistic Forest Restoration Planning	Deschutes Trails Coalition	Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project	\$ 27,000	Forest Service indicated they will utilize the deliverables of this project and that it is relevant to current/future planning. Project is supported by a collaborative group with diverse participation and processes for developing shared understanding.
Eastside NFs	The Mature and Old Tree Network: A Proposal to Facilitate Conservation of Mature and Old Trees in Eastern Oregon	Oregon State University	Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP), Harney County Forest Restoration Collaborative (HCFRC), Northern Blues Forest Collaborative (NBFC), Blue Mountains Forest Partners (BMFP)	\$ 45,000	This project was supported by all the collaboratives within this geography and there is an urgency to this work given the timeline for the proposed Mature and Old Growth (MOG) forest plan amendment process. Applicable to current/future planning efforts.
Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla NFs	Northern Blues Science and Monitoring Summit	Wallowa Resources	Northern Blues Forest Collaborative	\$ 20,000	This summit will bring stakeholders together to learn and share new research and monitoring efforts resulting in shared and disseminated learning.
Siuslaw NF	Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative Forest Field Tour and Science Talks 2024	Triangle Associates	Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative	\$ 4,000	This project would host science panels and field tours for the collaborative. It was supported by the Forest Service and is tied to current planning efforts.
Total TASS Awards				\$ 400,000	

Proposals not receiving funding

Malheur NF	Assessing native bee community response to fuel-reduction treatments	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains Forest Partners	\$ -	The review team thought this project would conduct important analysis of the western bumblebee and flowering plant response to thinning treatments. However, the reporting and engagement portion of the project fell short of other projects. The proposal also did not articulate whether disagreement currently exists for dry forest thinning and how this project would function to develop common understanding to overcome that disagreement.
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Mt. Hood NF	Fire Science Pub Series: Exploring Applications for Emerging Research on Westside Wildfire Resilience Applying Westside Fire Research in Practice on Mt. Hood National Forest	TBD	Mt. Hood Corridor Wildfire Partnership	\$ -	The review team appreciated the intent of this project however there did not appear to be a clear engagement plan nor was there clear content/presentations lined up for the pub series. This work appeared to be more applicable to non-federal lands and was not tied to NEPA planning. It did not seem to lead to agreement among diverse stakeholders.
Ochoco NF	Wolf Watershed Restoration Monitoring	TBD	Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative	\$ -	The review team did believe this project was going to do good work by reestablishing monitoring plots however there did not appear to be a statement from the Forest Service nor a clear explanation in the proposal discussing how this work would inform future project planning. The scope/impact of the project was relatively small when compared to other projects.
Total Unmet Need (including unfunded portion of successful projects)				\$ 585,866	