

# Climate Smart Award

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# What is it?

- Award that recognizes strategies that address carbon capture and reduction.
- Part of ODF's Climate Change and Carbon Plan

*Why...?*



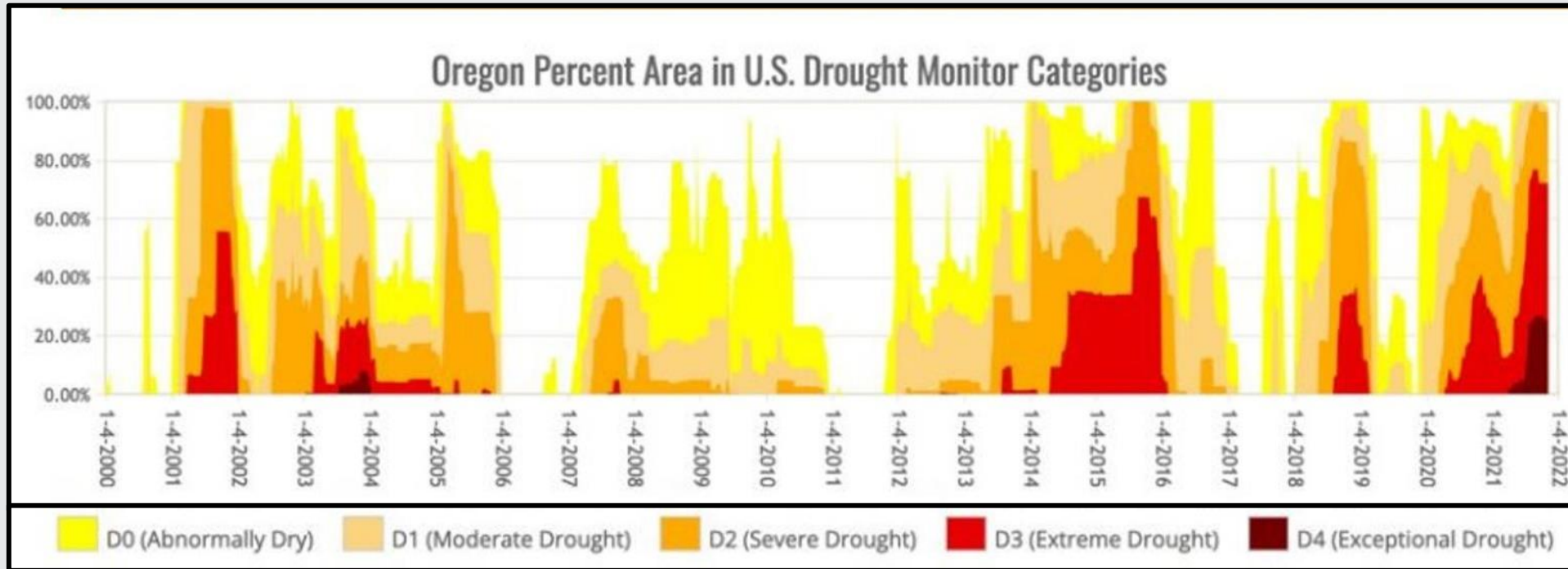
*"Firmageddon": over 1 million acres of dead true fir detected in 2022 aerial surveys*

Between ongoing hot droughts and wildfires

we are accumulating a lot of dead trees and carbon loss



# Climate Change in Oregon



- Below normal average annual precipitation in 16 of last 22 years
- 27% of the state in “Exceptional drought” (highest ranking) in 2022



# Objective

*Recognizes Landowners, Managers, and Researchers for:*

- “Climate smart” silviculture strategies
- Fire management, response, and fire / smoke adaption
- Enhancing forest climate resilience and restoring ecological function
- Carbon reduction or capture
- Innovative research or products



# Award Framework

Annual, statewide, two awards:

- Landowner category
- Research / innovation category

## Nomination

- May nominate others or may self-nominate
- Winners may not be nominated again for 3 years

## Process

- ODF CS committee selects nominees that fulfill criteria
- [Forest Legacy and Stewardship Program Working Group](#) makes recommendations to the State Forester
- State Forester selects two awardees





# Award Categories

## Landowners/Managers/Operators:

- Private non-industrial
- Private industrial
- Private non-profit
- Tribal
- Public non-federal

## Research/Innovation:

- Researchers
- Educators
- Fabricators
- Consultants
- Non-profits



# Landowner/Manager Requirements

- No Forest Practices Act (FPA) rule violations two years prior to award nomination



# Award Criteria

**Nominees for both categories must indicate how they did at least one of the following:**

- Enhanced carbon sequestration and storage
- Reduced carbon losses
- Reduced emissions
- Reduced forest industry waste
- Increased resilience of forest ecosystems

**Nominees for research/innovation must indicate:**

- Novelty of research results, products, or strategies
- Future implications of research results/product(s)





# Award Weighing Factors

- Benefit / acre (where applicable)
- Degree of difficulty
- Risk (i.e., money, time, or equipment, etc.)
- Innovation
- Overall good practices across areas and projects



# The Award

- Engraved plaque
- Recognized at BOF meeting



# Progress

## Incorporated feedback:

- Family Forestry and Regional Forest Practices Committees
- Climate Smarter Forestry event
- ODF Climate Smart committee
- ODF Executive and Leadership teams

## *Next steps...*

- Finalize criteria
- Implement the program

