

2024 Wildfire Season

Board of Forestry October 16-17, 2024

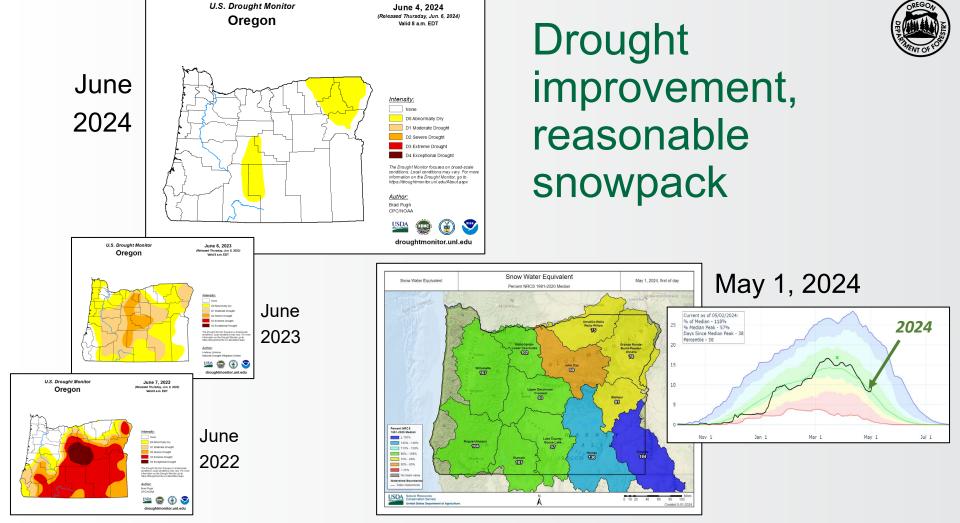
Chief of Fire Protection Chris Cline

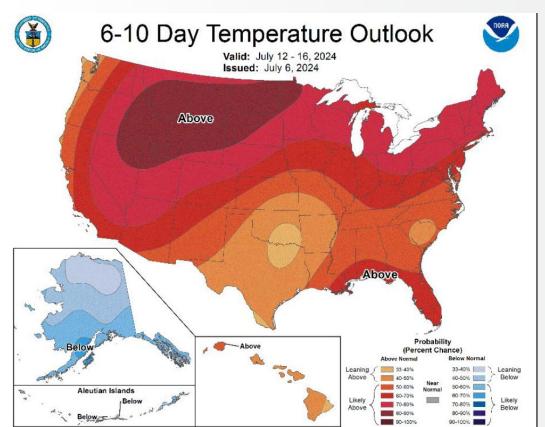
Deputy Director of Fire Operations

Kyle Williams

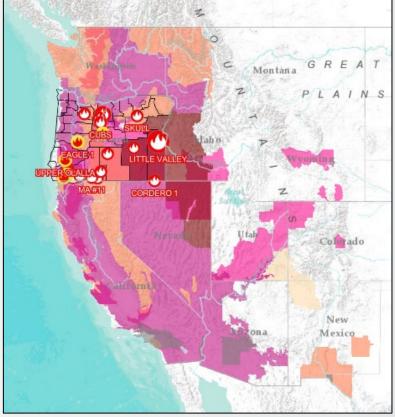
Incident Commander, IMT1
Joe Hessel

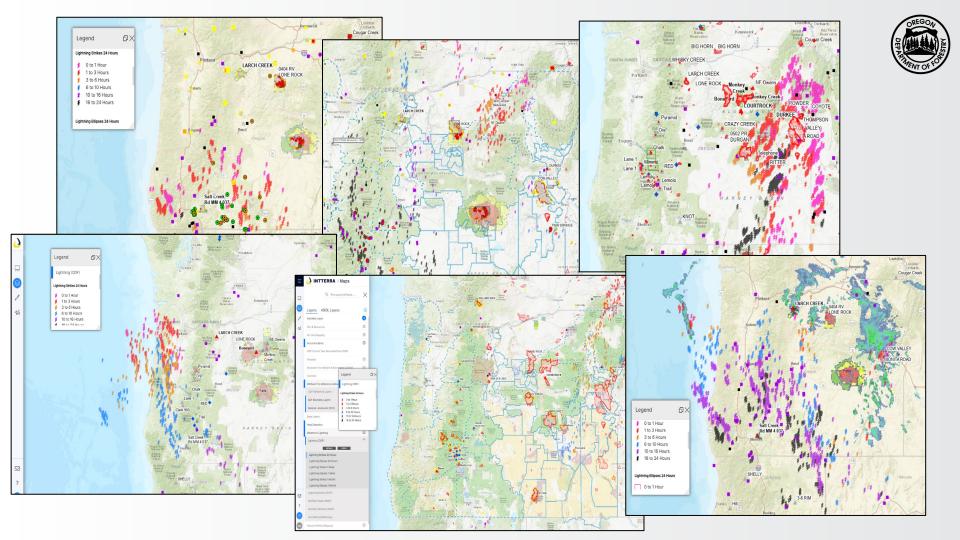
Incident Commander, IMT 2
Matt Howard

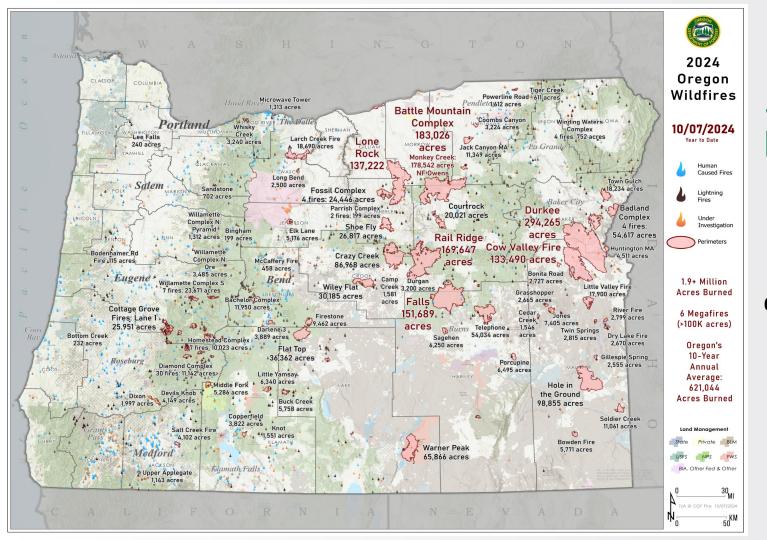












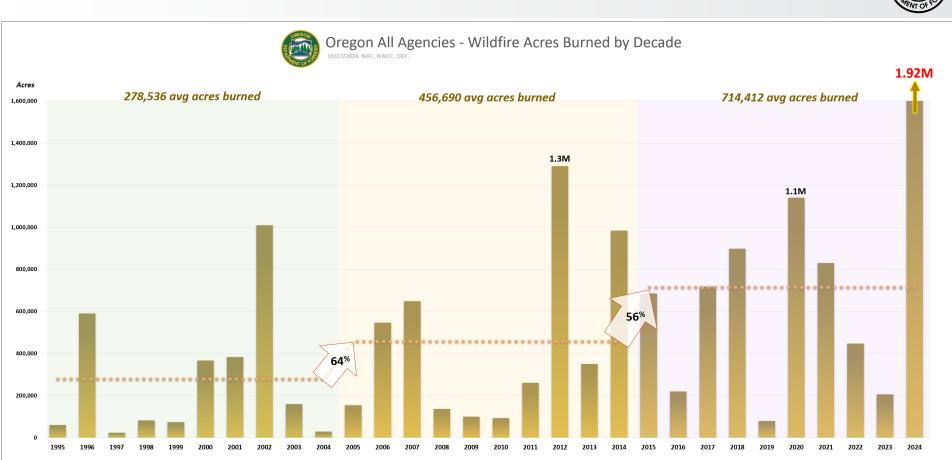


Statewide Fires Map

Year-to-date Oct 7, 2024

6 Megafires > 100K ac





ODF Fire Statistics

Oct 7, 2024

2024 Year To Date					
	Fires	Acres			
Lightning	223	189,717			
Human (and UI)	706	126,278			
Total	929	315,995			
10-Year Average (2014-2023 Year To Date)					
Lightning	234	42,096			
Human	725	68,718			
Total	959	110,814			



94%

fires kept at 10 acres or less to date in 2024

2024 vs 2023 YTD: 315,995 vs 17,398 acres ~18 times greater than 2023

2024 vs 10-year average YTD: 315,995 vs 110,814 acres ~3 times greater than 10-year average

Resources Imported by State

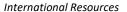
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ID	7
IL	1
KS	1
ME	1
MN	6
NC	4
ND	2
NH	1
NM	12
NV	1
RI	1
SC	3
SD	3
TX	2
WA	4
WI	10

Total Persons Imported:	455
Total States Imported:	22
International Resources:	5
Total Resources:	126
Total Command:	18
Total Operations:	87
Total Management:	21

Resources helping ODF with the firefight







Total Persons Assigned:	5
Saskatchewan	2
Northwest Territories	3



2024 ODF Statewide Support Team



NC IMT on Lane 1 fire

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OR Natio	nal	Guai	rd

693

Total Persons Assigned: 152 Total Crews: 7

Incident Management Teams

Challenges & Successes

IMT 1 – IC Hessel

Total # of deployments: 4

IMT 2 – IC Howard

Total # of deployments: 4

IMT3 – IC McCarty

Total # of deployments: 3













OREGON WILDFIRE FUNDING WORKGROUP

October Board of Forestry Retreat



ODF Large Fire Costs 2014 - 2024

ODF Protection Finance and EFCC Data 10/03/2024. Values include non-jurisdictional fires for 2013-2023.

■ Gross Costs

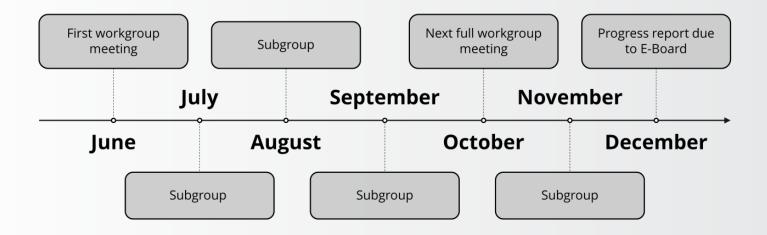




TIMELINE

Oregon Wildfire Funding Workgroup





PRINCIPLES

Oregon Wildfire Funding Workgroup

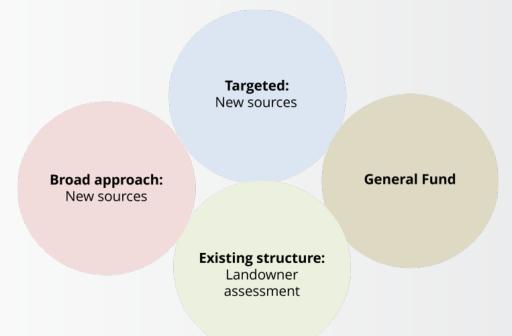


- Long-term and durable funding for wildfire response and mitigation should be a priority investment for the state.
- Funding solutions should ensure financial solvency of agencies' wildfire programs.
- Mitigation and response are interdependent functions of the cohesive wildfire strategy, and both need to be adequately funded.
- Funding solutions should align with response and mitigation costs and reflect shared responsibility and benefits among all Oregonians and visitors to the state.
- Wildfire response and mitigation strategies should consider equitable, affordable, and sustainable contributions from payees into the system, including in-kind contributions.
- Funding strategies should aim to maintain high standards of service (meeting missions for protecting life, property, and natural resources.

Oregon Wildfire Funding Workgroup



Comprehensive Funding Concept



LOOKING AHEAD

Oregon Wildfire Funding Workgroup



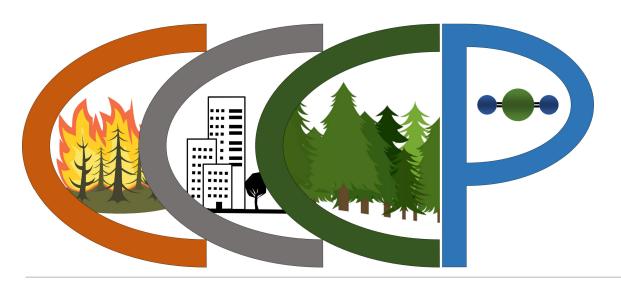
October, November, and December:

- Group will review potential solutions
- Examine opportunities from the four source buckets
- Cross-walking over to the agencies' stated needs
- Articulate the group's findings and recommendations
- Draft report to:
 - Capture the process and ideas
 - Group's recommendations
 - Items that need further analysis
- Legislators will be invited to offer feedback to the group



THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS?



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON PLAN

Todays Conversation

-Intro/Background:

- Origin of plan as refresher
- Process for development
- High level overview of content
- Intended interaction with VFOF
- Update on progress

-Forest Resources Update

-Where are we going:

- Metrics
- Revision intent and timeline
- Other active areas in state government around climate and carbon

-Discussion and Q&A

ODF has been engaged with global warming and climate change for three decades:

Milestones in ODF Climate Change Work

Oregon Task Force on Global Warming Report

The Climate Trust was founded

Forest Resource Trust established

2001
House Bill 2200 is passed
2003
2003 Forestry Program for Oregon
2005
Forest Biomass Working Group
2007
Establishment of the Oregon Global
Warming Commission
2008
The Department of Forestry hosts a

The **Department of Forestry** hosts a meeting at request of the Global Warming Commission

The State of Oregon issues the
Climate Change Adaptation
Framework.

2011 Forestry Program for Oregon

The **Board of Forestry** approves the Climate Change section of work plan.

The **Board of Forestry** adopts climate change recommendations

The Oregon **Department of Forestry** completes the Forest
Ecosystem Carbon Report

2020

The Oregon **Department of Forestry** provides report to the
Governor's office in response to
E.O. 20-04. Begins work on climate
change plan and revision of BOF
climate change goal in FPFO.

2021

Oregon Global Warming Commission develops its Natural and Working Lands Proposal

2021

The Oregon Department of Forestry develops the Climate Change and Carbon Plan

2023

HB 3409 passes through legislative process, providing funding for climate mitigation actions on Natural and Working Lands.

Brief legislative efforts over time:

- 1997: HB 3283 regulates carbon dioxide emissions; paves way for The Climate Trust
- 2001: HB 2200 establishes carbon offset statutes in forestry, includes sequestration as an environmental service
- 2007: HB 3543 establishes the Oregon Global Warming Commission and Oregon Climate Change Research Institute
- 2019-20: Efforts towards cap and invest legislation fail.
- 2023: HB 3409 passes and provides funding for NWLs climate efforts as well as a framework for reporting and inventory

In March of 2020, Governor Brown signs Executive Order 20-04.

Executive Order 20-04 tasked ODF to put climate change and its impacts front and center in its planning and operations.

Outlines many requirements for state agencies including reports due in May 2020 including the current and anticipated actions within the Department's statutory authorities.

Following the May 2020 report, the Governor's office requested that ODF draft a climate change plan.

This plan embeds climatesmart forestry as the vision for the department and provides a road map to place Oregon forestry as a leader in the region related to addressing climate change. KATE BROWN GOVERNOR



SENT VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

July 20, 2020

Peter Daugherty State Forester Oregon Department of Forestry

Dear State Forester Daugherty,

Thank you for submitting the Oregon Department of Forestry's report on Proposed Actions for Veneurine Ordine 20-08. Recogning the enormous risks of climate change, especially for vulnerable communities, and the significant economic opportunities inherent to transitioning to a low-carbon economy. Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-04 directing state agencies to exercise any and all actions within their statutory authority to reduce emissions and help achieve new statewide science-based emissions reduction goals. We have reviewed the Department of Forestry's proposed executive order implementation plan, and in consultation with Governor Brown, provide the following guidance to ensure the agency's plans align with the Governor's expectations.

Climate change is significantly impacting Oregon's forest resources, through the increased severity and incidence of wildfire, drought, and changes in forest growth. Oregon's forests also play a significant role in multipating climate change, by sequestering and storing carbon. The Department of Forestry's proposed plan outlines important research the Department will pursue to further quantify the carbon sequestration and storage potential of Oregon's forests and forest products. This data is important to inform the proposal of new state goals for carbon sequestration and storage, as directed by Executive Order 20-04. This data may also support implementation of climate-sunst strategies the Department outlined, including forest conservation, reforestation, afforestation and expansion of the urban tree canopy, and fuels reduction on defental lawfs.

Oregon's forest resources are one of the state's greatest assets in the fight against climate change Governor Brown expects the Oregon Department of Forestry to become a regional leader in climate-smart forestry to ensure the health of our climate and the long-term viality of our forest products industry. To accomplish this, and in alignment with Executive Order 20-04, the Department should prioritize the goal of improving carbon sequestration and storage and reducing greenbouse gas emissions. This goal should be prominent in the agency's vision, culture, and presentation, and specific actions should be identified to more fully and ambinously integrate climate change considerations into the agency's management plans and actions. Director Daugherty

The urgency of climate change demands a departure from business-as-usual for the Department of Forestry and all state agencies.

The Governor envisions that the Department will lead on climate-smart forestry both through is so onw mork and in bringing leadership opportunities to the Board of Forestry, Leadership can be gained through innovation, creativity, and regular review and adoption of best climate-smart forestry practices globally. Specific goals need to be identified and systems for tracting and reporting outcomes and incentivizing climate-smart forestry practices and new markets for climate-smart moved products can be adopted. Greater energy efficiency and efforts to decarbonize the forestry sector can yield additional benefits not currently anticipated in the Department's proposed action plan.

The Governor requests that the agency prepare a Climate Change Plan for Board of Forestry review that builds on the agency's executive order implementation report and reflects a broader strategy for establishing Oregon's leadership in climate-smart forestry and greater accountability toward achievement of goals.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Department of Forestry in pursuit of the state's climate goals and Executive Order 20-04.

Sincerely,

Jason Miner Natural Resources Policy Director Governor Kate Brown Kristen Sheeran Energy and Climate Policy Adviso Governor Kate Brown

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ODF Policy

The Vision for Oregon's Forests (formerly the Forestry Program for Oregon) has been revised, with some work still continuing.

• It is not a statute or rule, it is a document and process that provides a coherent foundation for establishing the Board's and Department's priorities, policy deliberation, and guidance to Department staff, initiatives, and planning.

The goals from the CCCP were incorporated into the Vision as the core of the "Climate Leadership" priority.

CCCP Purpose, Vision, Principles

Purpose:

- Make Oregon forestry a leader in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- The department will be a leader in promoting climate-smart forest policies and actions that achieve our vison by operationalizing goals, implementing actions, and measuring progress to achieving climate goals.

Vision:

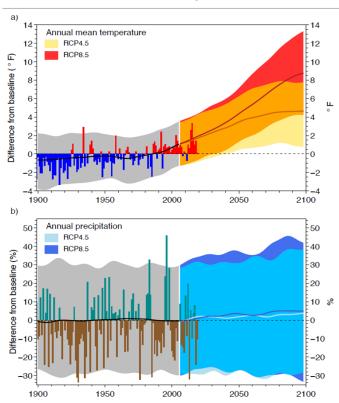
 Oregon's Board of Forestry and Department of Forestry are national leaders in climate-smart and socially equitable forest policies that promote climate health, resilient forests and watersheds, community wellbeing, and a viable forest products industry.

Purpose, Vision, Principles

Principles:

- o Climate change is a serious threat.
 - We have less than a decade to alter behaviors if we want to avoid catastrophic impacts. We must be innovative, creative, and proactive in working towards solutions, not simply react to the results of climate change.
- o <u>Black</u>, <u>Indigenous</u>, and <u>People of Color (BIPOC)</u>, natural resource dependent communities, and those growing up in intergenerational poverty have been and continue to be among the most climate-impacted communities.
 - Forest policies will be shaped through the lens of social justice and equity. Actions will prioritize benefits to historically and currently underserved communities as they adapt to a changing climate.
- Oregon's forest sector offers opportunities for significant sequestration and storage both in the forest and harvested wood products.
 - As well as opportunities to promote clean water and air, while preserving forest resilience in the form of flood control, biodiversity, thermal refugia, etc.
- As changing climates affect forests, incorporation of the best available science and practices will be key to <u>adaptive management and planning</u> across ownership type, size, and goals.

Need for plan



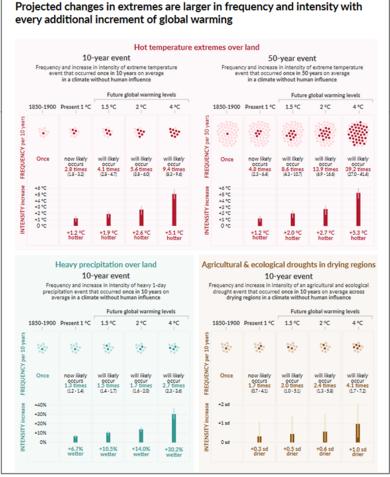


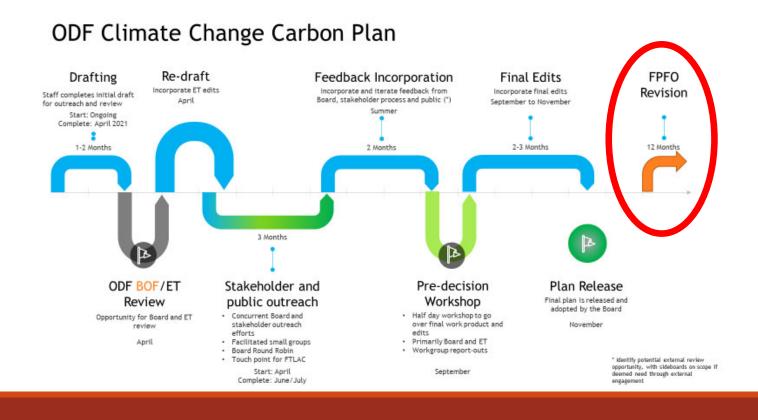
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Need for plan -- IPCC

"It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred."

"Evidence of observed changes in extremes such as heatwaves, heavy precipitation, droughts, and tropical cyclones, and, in particular, their attribution to human influence, has strengthened since AR5."

Plan Development: What we did



Opportunities

Oregon's forests have amongst the highest sequestration potential on the planet.

Landowners and managers can capitalize on increasing sequestration.

Harvested wood products can store a substantial amount of carbon.

• The forest sector can work with other sectors to increase the utilization of HWP (built environment) and decrease emissions (energy and transportation).

Integration of climate change into Department planning processes will inform the work of the agency.

Barriers

Identified environmental, structural, and capacity limitations.

Includes issues include, but are not limited to:

- Statutory authorities
- Public perceptions
- Staffing capacity
- Biological constraints

What is Climate-Smart Forestry

Climate-smart forestry is anchored in sustainable forest management and evolved from climate-smart agriculture concepts in the early 2010s.

At its core, climate-smart forestry has three main areas:

- Forest adaptation,
- Climate mitigation, and
- Social dimensions of community and economy

Climate-Smart Forestry is sustainable adaptive forest management and governance to protect and enhance the potential of forests to adapt to, and mitigate climate change. The aim is to sustain ecosystem integrity and functions and to ensure the continuous delivery of ecosystem goods and services, while minimising the impact of climate-induced changes on mountain forests on well-being and nature's contribution to people.

Adaptation measures of forests that maintain or improve their ability to grow under current and projected climatic conditions and increase their resistance and resilience. The adaptive capacity to changes in climate and to the timing and size of climate-induced disturbances (e.g., fire, extreme storm events, pests and diseases) can be enhanced by promoting genetic, compositional, structural, and functional diversity at both stand and landscape scales. This includes facilitating natural regeneration and planting of native as well as non-native tree species, genetic variants and individuals that are considered to be adapted to future conditions. Increased connectivity assists the migration of forest species.

Mitigation of climate change by forests is a combination of carbon sequestration by trees, carbon storage by forest ecosystems, especially soils, and forest derived products, such as structural timber, and by carbon substitution - directly by replacing fossil fuels with bioenergy and indirectly through use of wood to substitute for higher carbon footprint materials.

The *social dimension* of forestry holds many aspects, from the involvement of stakeholders from local communities, and their conflicts over land use or for the access to skills and technology, to global forest governance challenges. Climate change may jeopardize forest ecosystem functioning and brings social and economic consequences for people, which may modify priorities of ecosystem services at various scales. Assessment for ecosystem services could be a tool making this process more efficient with respect to indicators relevant for governance regime and actors involved.

In summary, **Climate-Smart Forestry** should enable both forests and society to transform, adapt to and mitigate climate-induced changes.

Adaptation

Require active measures and seeks to build resilience to the effects of climate change:

- · Different tree species or genetics,
- Changes to the structure of the forest stand and landscape, and
- Utilizing a mix of management approaches

Adaptation means that forest managers are looking at future climate rather than relying historic norms and practices.

Requires bold steps to ensure that forests remain forests and do not shift to an alternative vegetation type due to climate induced mortality events, increasing insect and disease pressure, and increasing destructive wildfire season.

Mitigation

Leaving trees in place until sequestration is maximized, followed by harvest will likely provide the greatest mitigation benefit.

Wood products can continue carbon storage in lower-embodied-carbon wood products (e.g., mass timber) and displace high-carbon cost materials (e.g., cement, steel, non-wood flooring) and fuels.

• However, more work supporting and advancing long-lived wood products, development, and utilization needs to be done to ensure that the harvested fiber is sequestered long-term.

Reducing the emissions from the harvest and manufacturing of wood products will need to be addressed.

Additional methods and technologies will need to be explored to meet these mitigation needs.

Social and Economic Dimension

Utilization of the state's forests for harvest of traditional foods, recreation, tourism, and wood fiber all support a diverse set of communities.

- Climate-smart forestry will require careful coordination and communication to ensure all voices are heard and incorporated.
- Natural resource dependent, disproportionally climate impacted, and traditionally underserved communities are important parts of Oregon's culture and economy and are at great risk from climate change impacts.
- Ensuring they are included in the planning and decision-making process and are not left behind as the forest sector works to adjust and transition to a changing environment and landscape is key.

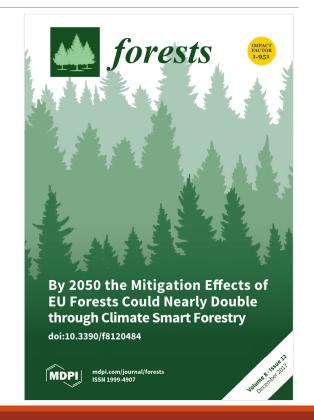
The cultural significance of forests (wildland, community, and urban) and forest products, timber and beyond, is highly important.

Forestry Climate Action Goals

- 1. Climate-Smart Forestry in Silviculture
- 2. Fire Management, Response and Fire / Smoke Adapted Communities
- 3. State Forests Management
- 4. Forestlands Climate Resilience and Ecological Function Restoration
- 5. Urban and Community Forests
- 6. Reforestation and Afforestation
- 7. Maintain and Conserve Forests
- 8. Research and Monitoring

Climate-Smart Forestry in Silviculture

Goal: Establish a just and equitable transition to climate-informed silviculture and climate-smart forestry that optimizes climate mitigation and adaptation, while maintaining a sustainable flow of wood products to ensure long-term resource benefits and viability of the forest products industry and flow of long-lived forest products.



Fire Management, Response and Fire / Smoke Adapted Communities

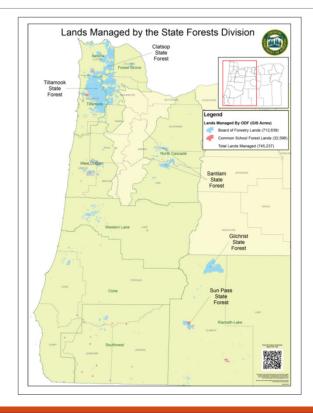
Goal: Modernize Oregon's complete and coordinated wildfire protection system to respond to the increased severity of wildfire.

Promote fire and smoke adapted communities in the wildland-urban interface, to mitigate the impacts of climate-induced increases in wildfire severity.



State Forests Management

Goal: Lead by example and demonstrate climate-smart forest management on State Forests to achieve adaptation, mitigation, and the achievement of forest resource goals.



Forestlands Climate Resilience and Ecological Function Restoration

Goal: Accelerate the pace, scale, and quality of forest restoration to increase the resilience to increased wildfire severity and incidence. Support implementation of the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response.



Urban and Community Forests

GOAL: Increase the extent and resilience of urban and community forests to maximize the climate mitigation and health benefits of urban forests canopy.

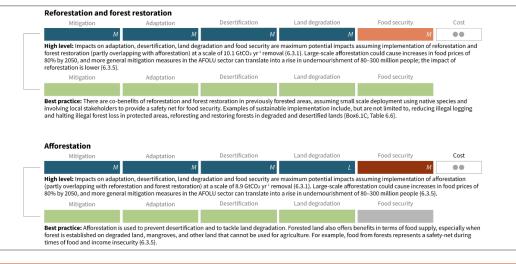


Reforestation and Afforestation

Goal: Facilitate and encourage the reforestation of areas burned by wildfire and afforestation of low-productivity lands that are understocked or not in forest use.

Potential global contribution of response options to mitigation, adaptation, combating desertification and land degradation, and enhancing food security

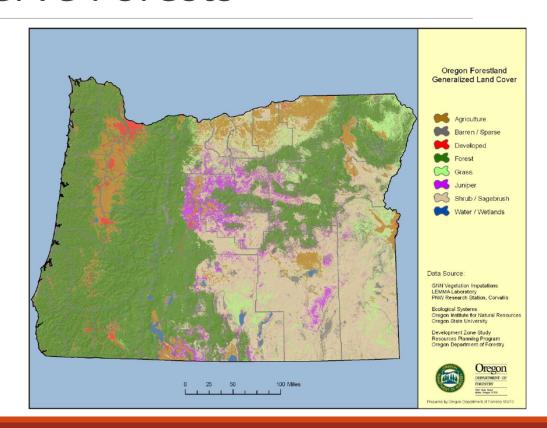
Panel B shows response options that rely on additional land-use change and could have implications across three or more land challenges under different implementation contexts. For each option, the first row (high level implementation) shows a quantitative assessment (as in Panel A) of implications for global implementation at scales delivering CO₂ removals of more than 3 GtCO₂ yr¹using the magnitude thresholds shown in Panel A. The red hatched cells indicate an increasing pressure but unquantified impact. For each option, the second row (best practice implementation) shows qualitative estimates of impact if implemented using best practices in appropriately managed landscape systems that allow for efficient and sustainable resource use and supported by appropriate governance mechanisms. In these qualitative assessments, green indicates a positive impact, grey indicates a neutral interaction.



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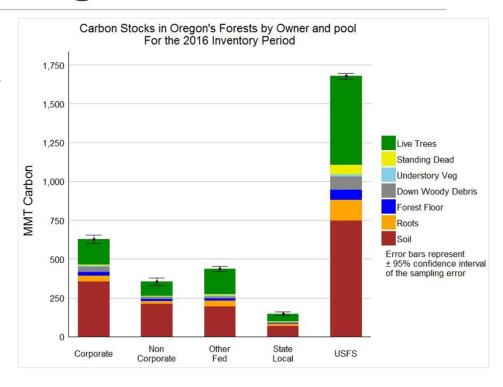
Maintain and Conserve Forests

Goal: Support a strong, but flexible, Land Use Planning System as a cornerstone of maintaining Oregon's forests on private lands.



Research and Monitoring

Goal: Maintain a research and monitoring program to track the status and trends of ecological, economic, and social indicators and the effects of climate change and to track progress related to this plan.



Supporting actions

Supporting actions are linked to multiple goals.

Depending on the action, impacts can and will extend to several goals, they are not limited to a one-to-one goal relationship.

These supporting actions will be incorporated into agency planning, which includes documents and processes like the Forest Management Plan, Implementation Plans, and Annual Operating Plans, among others.

 Many of these other plans and processes lay out in short time segments (e.g., biennium) what the Department's work will be.

Forest Resources Update

How are we doing?

Mixed bag

A wide variety of unforeseen changes have made some goals and actions unachievable or difficult.

Tracking not there.

- Vision interaction
- Vision Metrics

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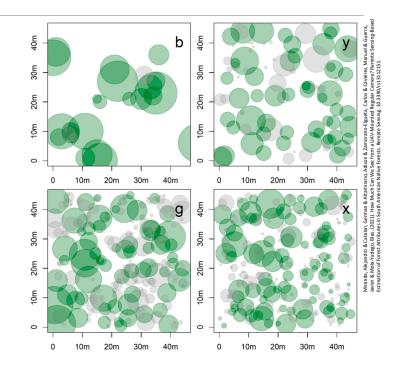
Where are we going?

Metrics:

- Worked stopped when Vision for Oregon's Forests work began
- Detachment from Vision means we need to reassess.
- What will Vision metrics look like?

Revision Intent and Timeline

- Anticipation of revision beginning in late 2025
- Incorporation of recent statute, organizational shifts, latest climate projections and information.



Other Active Climate Change Efforts

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan—DLCD

Climate Change Adaptation Framework to be integrated

Natural and Working Lands—OCAC, OWEB, ODA, ODFW, ODF

Various on-going work at OCCRI

Environmental Justice Mapping Tool—EJC, OHA, DLCD

Climate Change Social Vulnerability Assessment—DLCD

Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities—DLCD

Elliott State Research Forest—DSL

And many more!

Questions and Resources



ODF Climate Change Page: www.oregon.gov/odf/ForestBenefits/Pages/Climate-Change.aspx

Board of Forestry Page: www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/default.aspx