



STATE STEWARDSHIP COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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The Plan



- Overview of ODF
- History & Overview of SSCC
- ODF-NRCS Working Relationship & Statewide Agreement
- FSA – Emergency Forest Restoration Program
- Discussion: Nexus between OTAC & SSCC?

Overview of ODF



- Protection: Coordinated protection system for prevention and suppression – 16M acres
- State Forests: Management for economic, environmental, social values – 800K acres
- Private Forests: Forest Health, FPA Implementation, Landowner Assistance
- Partnership & Planning – Federal Forest Restoration
- Administration

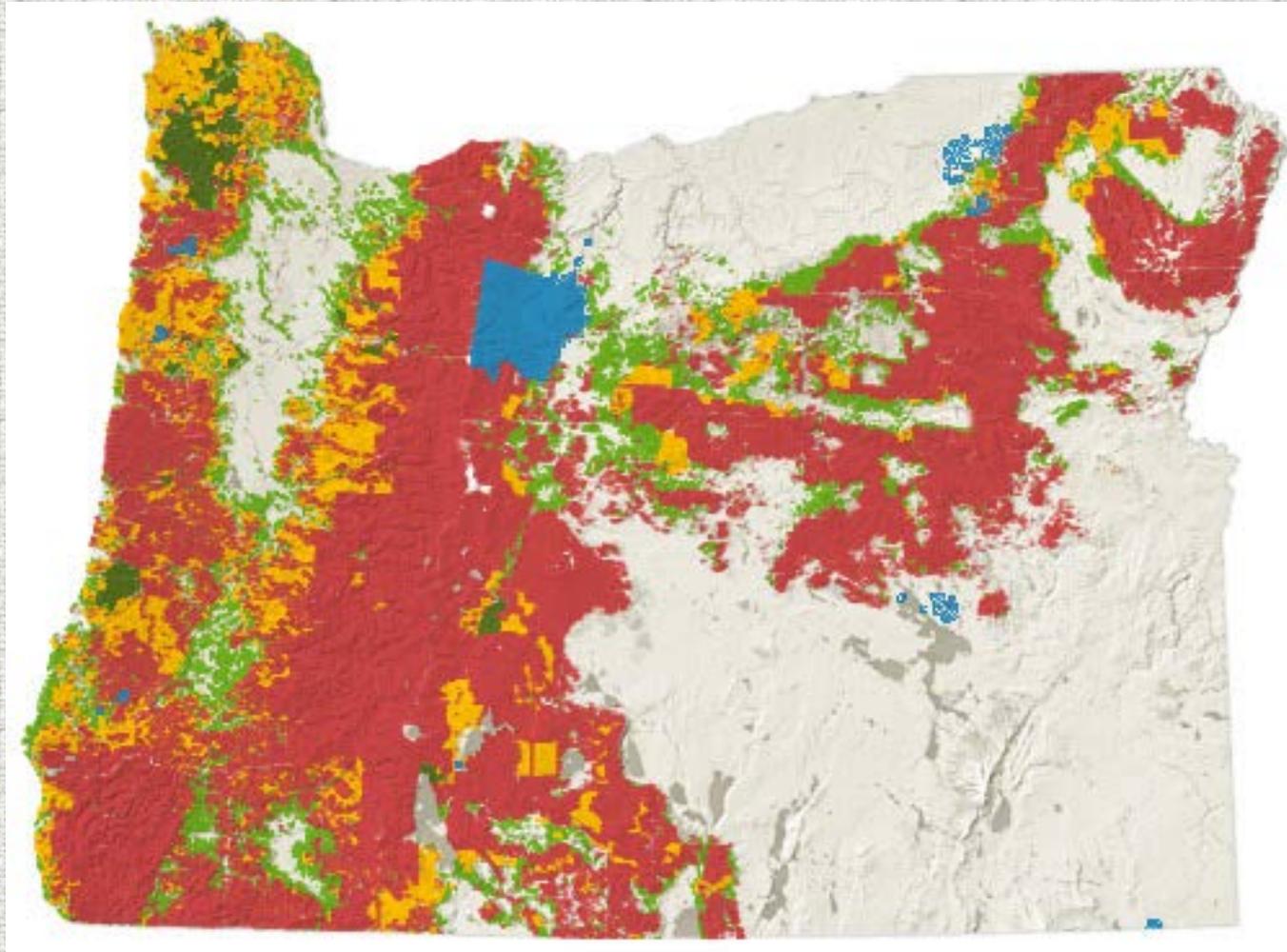
Overview of ODF



- ODF Programs Focus Primarily on Private and State Owned Lands – Fire Protection & FPA Implementation
- ODF Provides Technical Assistance for many Federal Programs that Support Private Landowners
- ODF Supports Active Management to Maintain a Working Landscape that Produces Economic, Environmental & Social Benefits

Forest Land Ownership

64% Public, 34% Private, 2% Tribal



Challenges



- Diverse state with federal, state, local & private ownerships – differing objectives
- How do we support the forest resource, local economies & serve social needs?
- How do we tie our programs together to provide maximum benefit at a landscape scale?
- How do we coordinate and collaborate to maximize limited resources?

State – Federal Connection



- Federal Forests are an Important Part of the State’s Portfolio
- All Lands Approach – Build Partnerships Across Boundaries
- NRCS – EQIP
- Joint Chiefs’ / RCPP
- Federal Forest Restoration Program

SSCC History



- Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (1978)
 - State committees established in early 1990s
 - USFS State & Private Forestry
- Advisory role to USDA and State Forester
- Changing programmatic and funding landscape
- Current Role:
 - Forest Legacy / Community Forestry
 - Stewardship Program
 - Oregon Forest Management Planning System
 - Resource assessments / priorities / action plans

SSCC Membership



- Federal: USFS, NRCS, FSA, USFWS
- State: OWEB, ODFW, SWCC, OSU Extension
- Conservation Community
 - Land Trusts
 - Urban/Community Forestry
- Industry / Consulting Foresters
- Landowner Representatives - Regional

Forest Legacy Program



- Protect forest lands from conversion to non-forest uses – working landscape
 - Restrict development, require sustainable forestry practices, and protect other values
- Fee title acquisitions; Conservation easements (75/25)
- Committee reviews applications & makes recommendations for national competition
- Project Examples
- Program Contact: Amy Singh - amy.s.singh@oregon.gov

Community Forests



- Acquisition of forest lands to be owned and managed for community benefit
- Fee title acquisitions only (50/50)
- Committee reviews applications & makes recommendations for national competition
- Project Examples
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Forest Stewardship



- Encourage the long-term sustainable management of family forestlands by engaging owners to actively manage their forest resources according to their goals and objectives.
- How? Collaboration.
Technical Assistance.
Incentives.
Trees.



Uniform Plan



- Oregon Forest Management Planning System, aka “Uniform Plan”
 - Property Description / Goals & Actions
 - Stand Characteristics / Forest Health
 - Resources & Management Tools
 - Protection, Other Forest Values
 - Tax & Business
 - Action Plan
- Guidance from USFS, ATFS
- SSCC Subcommittee
- Management Plan v. Woodland Discovery

Family Forestlands



- Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF)
 - Advisory to Board of Forestry
 - “Researches policies impacting family forestland viability, resource protection, and forestry benefits.”
- CFF Focuses on Issues, Needs
- SSCC Focuses on Programs, Resources
- Synergy, Joint Meetings

Collaboration & Coordination



- USFS State & Private Funds: Forest Health, Stewardship, Forest Legacy, CRP
- NRCS – Statewide Agreement (MOU)
- FSA – Emergency Forest Restoration Program
- Unique Initiatives – Joint Chiefs, RCPP + Federal Forest Restoration Program
- Partnership for Forestry Education

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**DISCUSSION: HOW CAN THE SSCC ASSIST
NRCS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND
DELIVERY OF FORESTRY PROGRAMS IN
OREGON?**