

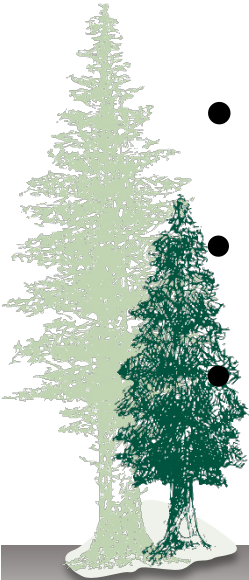
Information Session on SB 762 Grant Programs

Monday, October 25, 2021



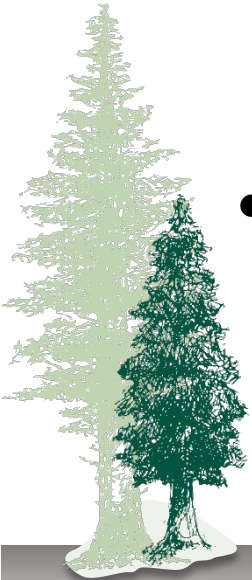
Agenda

- Welcome –Introductions
- Overview of the Department & SB 762
- Explain Public Engagement Process
- Small Forestland Grant Program
- Forest Restoration and Resiliency Investment Program
- Q & A
- Review Public Comment Deadline
- Closing Remarks



Overview of ODF

- Protection: Mitigation and coordinated protection – 16M acres
- State Forests: Management for economic, environmental, social values – 700K acres
- Private Forests: FPA Implementation, Forest Health, Landowner Assistance
- Partnership & Planning: Partnerships & Grants; Federal Forest Restoration Program



Overview of Senate Bill 762

- Section 18-20
 - Forest Restoration and Resiliency Incentives Program
 - \$20 million for Landscape-scale projects reducing wildfire risk
 - Develop a 20 Year Strategic Plan
- Section 24
 - Small Forestland Grant Program
 - \$5 million supporting landowner wildfire risk reduction



Small Forestland Grant Program Bill Language

- Small Forestland Owner defined as
 - Up to 160 acres west and 640 acres east of the Cascade Crest
- Prioritize high-risk areas
- Address multiple resource concerns
- Proximity to current or past fuel mitigation efforts
- Expended by June 30th, 2023



Program Components

- Small Parcel Fuel Reduction ~ \$1.5 million
 - ODF internal competitive
 - Landowner rebates and ODF fuels crews
- Small Forestland Grant ~ \$3.5 million
 - Competitively awarded grants to reduce wildfire risk
 - 75% of project funds must treat fuel on private properties
 - Requires project sponsors to apply



Small Parcel Fuel Reduction

- Rebates & ODF Fuel Crews
 - Vulnerable or under-protected populations
 - Projects complimenting Oregon Conservation Corps
- Firewise Communities
 - Established Firewise USA™ communities
 - Neighbor properties are eligible
 - Prioritize based on wildfire risk class
 - Using overall wildfire risk classes by watershed



Small Forestland Grant Sponsors

- Sponsor indirect expenses \leq 10%
 - Watershed Councils
 - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
 - OSU-Extension
 - 501.3C and Forest Health Partnerships
 - Other state or local government natural resource agencies
 - Land Trusts in the Coalition of Lands Trusts
- ODF technical assistance \leq 15%
 - If requested in project proposal



Small Forestland Grant Eligibility

- Proposal was submitted by a listed Project Sponsor
- Project reduces risk of high severity wildfire
- At least 75% of project costs supports fuel reduction treatment activities on small forestland owner properties,
- Total project sponsor and ODF service costs do not exceed 25% of total project cost,
- Total project cost is greater than \$10,000 and up to \$300,000,
- 25% match is recommended.
 - Landowner labor rates and non-state funds from project sponsors are eligible match sources



Small Forestland Grant

Priority	Draft Scoring Rubric	Total Points
1	Clearly describes treatment activities and how future condition reduces risk of high severity wildfire	20
2	Project treats or protects multiple properties	20
3 & 4	Project protects critical infrastructure, roadways, or is in a Wildfire Risk Class of High or Extreme (HUC 12 watershed)	20
5	Proposed treatment(s) benefit vulnerable populations or landowners	10
6	Proposed treatment(s) address insects and disease, drought mortality, invasive species, storm damage, utilizes non-commercial forest products or enhances wildfire habitat	10
7	Clearly demonstrates adjacency to previous or planned hazardous fuel treatments	10
8	Treatment area references a forest management plan or is located within a priority planning area listed in the funding priorities	10
	Maximum Score	100



Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

- Diverse working group will
 - Recommend criteria & identify strategic landscapes
- Landscape-scale projects
 - \$20 million for all lands restoration and resilience
- All-lands
- 21-23 Biennium
 - Projects must be completed by June 30, 2023



Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

- Assemble Diverse Working Group
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - US Forest Service
 - Oregon State University
 - Oregon Wild
 - Associated Oregon Loggers
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Sustainable Northwest
 - Ashland Fire and Rescue
 - Baker Sage-grouse Local Implementation Team



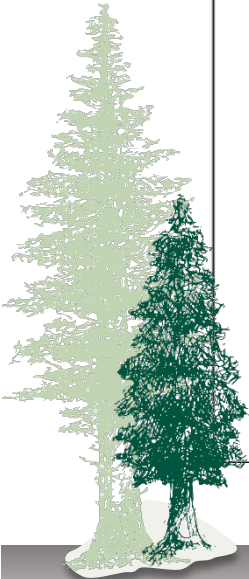
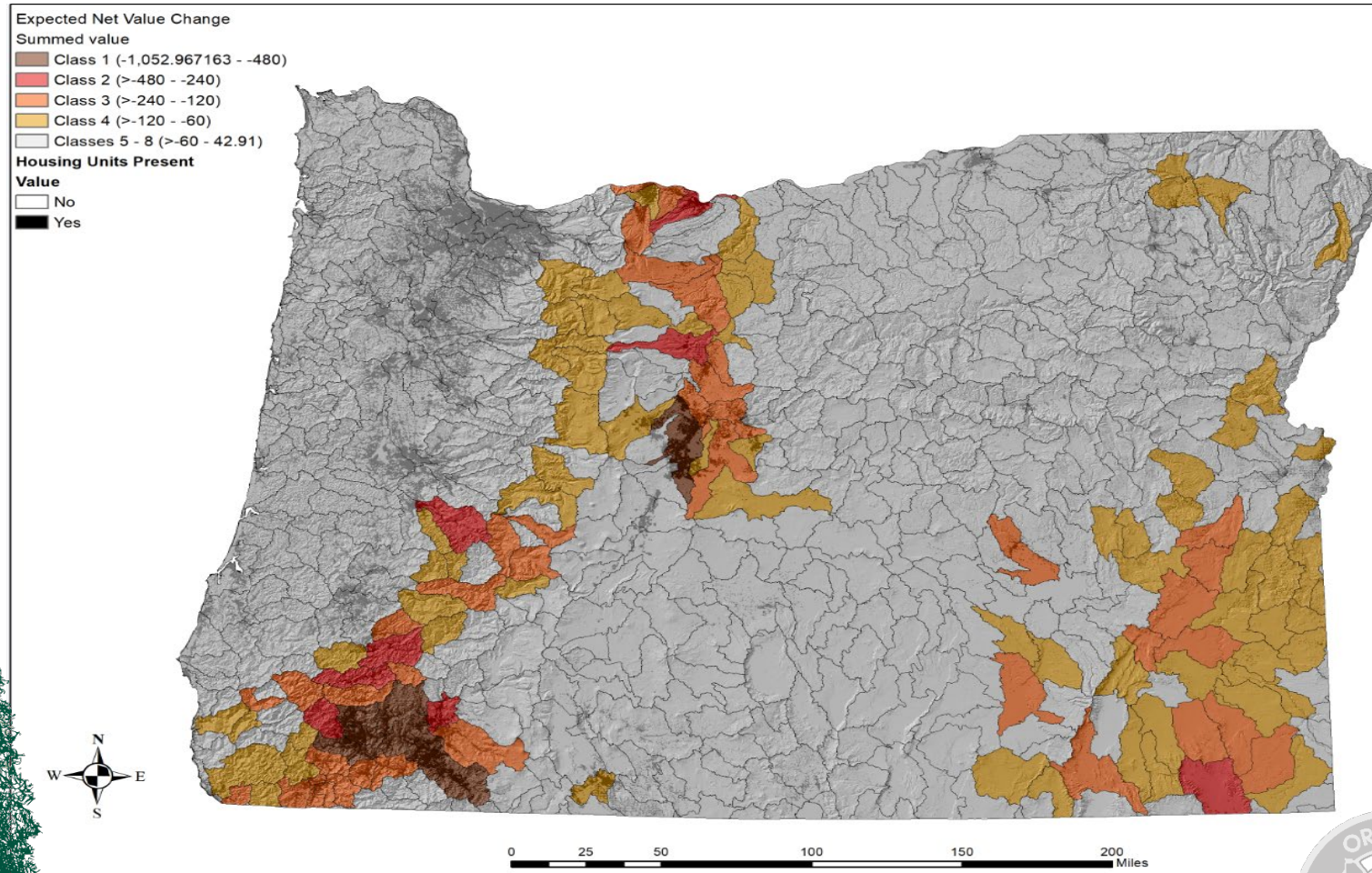
Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

- Assemble Technical Advisors
 - Oregon Department of Forestry
 - Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes
 - Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
 - OSU Extension
 - Ecosystem Workforce Program – Institute for a Sustainable Environment



Strategic Landscapes

Four Highest eNVC Risk Classes



Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

- Landscape-scale projects
 - \$20 million for all lands restoration and resilience
 - Joint Chiefs
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program
 - 2021 Eboard projects
 - Western States Fire Managers
 - Community Assistance



Investment Timeline

- November 2021 Call for Projects released
- December 2021 Project Proposals Due
- January 2022 Awards Announced
- October 2022 Interim Reporting
- June 2023 Final Reports Due



20-Year Strategic Plan

- Shared Stewardship Agreement – Prioritize actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction
- Blueprint for Investment
- All Lands, All Partners
- Connection to other strategic planning efforts



Discussion and Q & A

SB 762 landing page

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/sb762.aspx>

WUI rulemaking, prescribed fire, Small Forestland Grant Program and the Forest Restoration and Resiliency Investment Program (FFRIP)

